

## Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez endorses Nina Turner for Congress in Ohio's 11th congressional district

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**Pictured are U.S. Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-14) (wearing blue), a New York Democrat, and U.S. Congressional District Candidate Nina Turner, a Cleveland Democrat**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio-** U.S. Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), a progressive New York Democrat and Sen. Bernie Sanders ally, and a member of the "Squad," a nickname given to AOC and a group of three other progressive congresswomen of color who are not afraid to challenge the status quo in Washington, has endorsed Nina Turner for the congressional seat up for grabs in Ohio's 11th congressional district, and on the eve of the May 3, 2022 primary election.

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A former Ohio senator and Bernie Sanders surrogate who co-chaired his 2016 and 2020 campaigns for president, Turner has been endorsed by AOG, 32, among a host of others, including Sanders himself.

"Nina is *exactly* the kind of progressive leader we need more of in Congress," said Ocasio-Cortez, who represents New York's 14th congressional district. "She has spent her entire career advocating for working people — on the Cleveland City Council, in the Ohio State Senate, and on Senator Bernie Sanders' 2016 and 2020 presidential campaigns, serving as National Co-Chair in 2020."

The congresswoman went on to say, via a spokesperson, that Turner "will be a powerful voice for policies that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of working people across this country — like Medicare for All, a \$15 minimum wage, and a Green New Deal."

Turner faces current Congresswoman Shontel Brown, a former county councilwoman, for a rematch, via Tuesday's election, of last year's special primary election that Brown won over Turner by less than 5,000 votes. Brown then went on to beat Republican opponent Lavern Jones Gore in last year's general election.

Rep. Brown replaced U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, who vacated the congressional seat in March of 2021 when Biden tapped her to become a member of his cabinet, and after she was confirmed by the Senate for the post. Fudge's departure opened up the congressional seat as to her unexpired term. This year's election is an election relative to the two-year full congressional term for Ohio's 11th congressional district that begins in January of next year.

The congressional district includes the majority Black city of Cleveland and several of its eastern suburbs of Cuyahoga County. It is heavily Democratic and is roughly 53 percent Black, and it is one of two majority minority districts in Ohio impacted by the redistricting provisions under the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

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