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2002 November Election Results

Voters approved 71% of Ohio's school district levies in the November 5, 2002 election. Of the one hundred thirtyfive (135) school district tax levies on the ballot, ninety-six (96) were approved while thirty-nine (39) were defeated.

Of the fifty-seven (57) bond issues on the ballot, school districts represented the majority with fifty-one (51) followed by municipalities with four (4) and counties and townships each with one (1) issue. Of these, thirty-seven were considered large - \$10,000,000 or greater, eight (8) were considered

intermediate - \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999 and twelve (12) were considered small – less than \$5,000,000. Voters approved twenty-four (24) of the \$1,270,870,599 in bond issuance while rejecting thirty-three (33) or \$1,224,789,113.

The following tables show the results of the bond issues and school tax levies submitted at the November 5, 2002 election. The results were compiled with the assistance of the County Boards of Election, and the office of the Secretary of State.

Bond Issues

The following table shows this years general election results with those of the past four years.

| | TABLE I | | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| | VOLUME | VOLUME | PCT. | NUMBER | NUMBER | PCT. | | | |
| YEAR | SUBMITTED | APPROVED | <u>APP.</u> | SUBMITTED | <u>APPROVED</u> | <u>APP.</u> | | | |
| 2002 | \$ 2,495,659,712 | \$ 1,270,870,599 | 50.9% | 57 | 24 | 42.1% | | | |
| 2001 | 847,240,822 | 354,117,000 | 41.8 | 57 | 35 | 61.4 | | | |
| 2000 | 1,403,431,273 | 954,302,636 | 68.0 | 101 | 73 | 68.2 | | | |
| 1999 | 1,482,687,135 | 1,059,338,485 | 71.4 | 107 | 73 | 71.4 | | | |
| 1998 | 1,315,200,897 | 525,045,131 | 39.9 | 79 | 39 | 49.4 | | | |

The second table shows by issue size, the volume and number of each submitted, and the volume and number of each approved (including ratio approved).

| | | | TABLE II | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | SUBMIT | TED APP | ROVED | | |
| Issue Size * | Volume | <u>No.</u> | Volume | <u>% Vol.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>% No.</u> |
| Large | \$ 2,400,135,712 | 37 | \$ 1,215,062,599 | 50.6% | 14 | 37.8% |
| Intermediate | 60,116,000 | 8 | 45,243,000 | 75.3 | 6 | 75.0 |
| Small | 35,408,000 | 12 | 10,565,000 | 29.8 | 4 | 33.3 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,495,659,712 | 57 | \$1,270,870,599 | 50.9% | 24 | 42.1% |
| | *Large - \$10,000,000 |) or greater; In | termediate - \$5,000,000 to \$9 | 9,999,999; Small - less | \$5,000,000 | |

The third table shows by subdivision classification the volume and number of issues approved.

| | | TAB | LE III | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| | Submitted | Approved | <u>% App.</u> | Submitted | Approved | <u>% App.</u> | | | | | |
| County | \$ 4,000,000 | \$0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | | | | | |
| Muni. | 43,528,000 | 2,528,000 | 5.8 | 4 | 2 | 50.0 | | | | | |
| School | 2,446,431,712 | 1,268,342,599 | 51.8 | 51 | 22 | 43.1 | | | | | |
| Twps. | 1,700,000 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$2,495,659,712 | \$1,270,870,599 | 50.9% | 57 | 24 | 42.1% | | | | | |

The fourth table shows further breakdown of the volume and number of issues approved for school districts

| | TABLE IV | | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|--|--|
| | | VOLUME | NU | JMBER | | | | |
| | Submitted | Approved | <u>% App.</u> | Submitted | Approved | <u>% App.</u> | | |
| City | \$ 1,861,966,923 | \$ 1,041,917,599 | 55.6% | 19 | 10 | 52.6 % | | |
| Local | 577,464,789 | 226,425,000 | 39.2 | 31 | 12 | 38.7 | | |
| Jt. Voc. | 7,000,000 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,446,431,712 | \$ 1,268,342,599 | 51.8% | 51 | 22 | 43.1% | | |

School District Tax Levies

The first table shows the total new millage levies submitted (number and volume), and also the results thereof.

| TABLE I | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------------|------|------------|------|----------------|------|
| | | -Submitted- | | Approve | ed | | Defeat | ed | | |
| Type | <u>No.</u> | Millage | <u>No</u> | Pct. | <u>Millage</u> | Pct. | <u>No.</u> | Pct. | <u>Millage</u> | Pct. |
| Current Expense* | 28 | 157.70 | 15 | 53.7 | 80.80 | 51.2 | 13 | 46.4 | 76.90 | 48.8 |
| Emergency | 17 | 82.40 | 7 | 41.2 | 31.52 | 38.3 | 10 | 58.8 | 50.88 | 61.7 |
| Permanent Improvement | 13 | 30.90 | 9 | 69.2 | 17.85 | 57.8 | 4 | 30.8 | 13.05 | 42.2 |
| TOTAL | 58 | 271.00 | 31 | 53.4 | 130.17 | 48.0 | 27 | 46.6 | 140.83 | 52.0 |
| *Includes Current Operating | g | | | | | | | | | |

The second table shows the total renewal millage levies submitted (number and volume), and also the results thereof.

| TABLE II | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|--|------|------------|------|----------------|------|
| | SubmittedAppro | | | Approve | oved———————————————————————————————————— | | | | | |
| Type | <u>No.</u> | <u>Millage</u> | <u>No</u> | Pct. | <u>Millage</u> | Pct. | <u>No.</u> | Pct. | <u>Millage</u> | Pct. |
| Current Expense* | 25 | 119.86 | 20 | 80.0 | 91.96 | 76.7 | 5 | 20.0 | 27.90 | 23.3 |
| Emergency | 16 | 82.66 | 14 | 87.5 | 65.37 | 79.1 | 2 | 12.5 | 17.29 | 20.9 |
| Permanent Improvement | 36 | 55.60 | 31 | 86.1 | 49.80 | 89.6 | 5 | 13.9 | 5.80 | 10.4 |
| TOTAL 77 258.12 65 84.4 207.13 80.2 12 15.6 50.99 19. | | | | | | 19.8 | | | | |
| *Includes Current Operating | | | | | | | | | | |

The third table gives a three year comparison (General Election) by levy type, the total new millage submitted and approved, with the ratio approved.

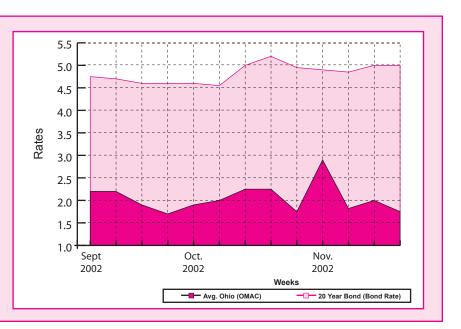
| TABLE III | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | 2002 | | | 2001 | | | 2000 | | | |
| | <u>Subm.</u> | <u>App.</u> | <u>% App.</u> | Subm. | <u>App.</u> | <u>% App.</u> | Subm. | <u>App.</u> | <u>% App.</u> | |
| Current Expense | 157.70 | 80.80 | 51.2 | 89.05 | 42.90 | 48.2 | 181.27 | 121.20 | 66.9 | |
| Emergency | 82.40 | 31.52 | 38.3 | 54.10 | 24.56 | 45.4 | 39.45 | 15.65 | 39.7 | |
| Permanent Improvement | 30.90 | 17.85 | 57.8 | 19.65 | 14.90 | 75.8 | 82.24 | 54.39 | 66.1 | |
| TOTAL | 271.00 | 130.17 | 48.0 | 162.80 | 82.36 | 50.6 | 302.96 | 191.24 | 63.1 | |

MARKET UPDATE

GENERAL OBLIGATION

Note and Bond Interest Rates for September thru November

The following graph compares Ohio short-term note rates with the Bond Buyer's 20 year bond index. The shortterm rates represent actual rates reported to OMAC by Ohio purchasers and reported on OMAC's weekly calendar.



Year End Statistics

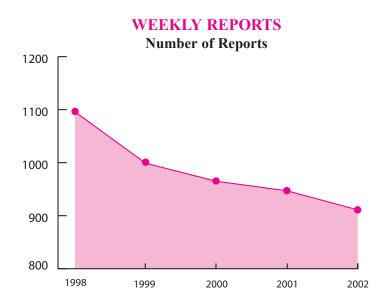
2002 proved to be a very busy year for OMAC. During the year, OMAC produced approximately 911 reports. A breakdown of the 2002 reports is as follows:

| | Number of |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Description | Reports |
| Weekly (Competitive) Notes | 110 |
| Weekly (Competitive) Bonds | 15 |
| Post Sale Bonds (Purchasers) | 36 |
| Special Notes (Requested) | 491 |
| Special Bonds (Requested) | 196 |
| Mortgage Revenue | 15 |
| Hospital Reports | 16 |
| IDR's | 26 |
| Election Reports | 33 |
| Public Utility | 6 |

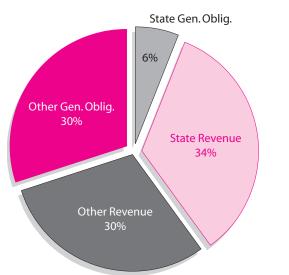
of Ohio was Primary Issuer with approximately 47% of the overall volume. The 2002 Bond and Over One Year Note Sales decreased

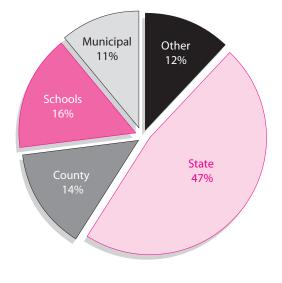
approximately 33% from 2001 levels. This was somewhat expected considering the unusually high levels of issuance in 2001. OMAC does however, continue to see a healthy level of issuance as interest rates remain at lower levels.

Volume of Bond Sales in 2002 - SUBDIVISION

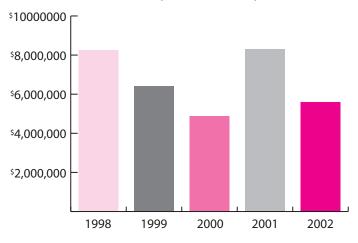


Volume of Bond Sales in 2002 - DEBT TYPE





Bond and Over One Year Note Sales (-000- omitted)



The graphs below highlight the 2002 Ohio Bond Sales

by Subdivision and Debt Type. Similar to 2001, the State



CALENDAR

Calendar of Issuer Conferences & Outings for 2003

| Name | Event | Date | Location |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| GFOA | National Conference Annual Golf Outing Annual Fall Conference | May 18 - 21 July 28 September 16 - 18 | Hilton Hotel New York – New York, New York Dornoch Golf Club – Delaware, Ohio Cincinnati Marriott North, Cincinnati, Ohio |
| MFOA (OML) | Spring Conference Annual Conference Northeast Ohio Golf Outing North-Central Ohio Golf Outing | April 23 - 25 October 1 – 3 TBD August 27 | Embassy Suites – Dublin, Ohio Hyatt Regency Hotel - Cincinnati, Ohio TBD Woussickeet Golf Course – Sandusky, Ohio |
| CCAO | Summer Conference Winter Conference Annual Golf Outing | June 1 – 3 Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 August | Crown Plaza Hotel/Convention Center - Dayton Ohio Hyatt Regency – Columbus, Ohio Wooldridge Golf & Swim Club – Mansfield, Ohio |
| OASBO | Annual Workshop | April 13 – 16 | Hyatt Regency Hotel - Columbus Convention Center |
| OMCA | Spring Conference | April 1 - 3 | Adam's Mark Hotel – Columbus, Ohio |
| OSBA | Conference | November 9 - 12 | Hyatt Regency - Columbus Convention Center |
| NACO | National Conference | July 11 – 15 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| OPFOTP | Ohio Public Finance Officers Training Program CMFA Maintenance Program Golf Outing | June 23 – 27 June 26 – 27 June 25 | Holiday Inn – Hudson, Ohio Holiday Inn – Hudson, Ohio To Be Announced – Hudson, Ohio |
| OMTA | Annual Conference National Conference | October 8 – 10 August 10 – 13 | Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza – Cincinnati Ohio Washington DC – United States |
| CAAO | New & Veteran Auditors Conference Summer Conference Winter Conference | April 7 – 10 June 9 – 12 November 18 - 20 | Hyatt on Capital Square – Columbus, Ohio Quail Hollow – Lake County, Ohio Embassy Suites - Dublin, Ohio |
| BMA | Annual Meeting | April 10 – 11 | Waldorf-Astoria Hotel - New York, New York |
| OPEC | Annual Meeting | TBD | Columbus, Ohio |

CCAO – County Commissioners Association of Ohio – (614) 221-5627 GFOA – Government Finance Officers Association – (614) 221-1900 MFOA – Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ohio – (614) 221-4349 NACO – National Association of Counties – (614) 221-5627 OASBO – Ohio Association of School Business Officials – (614) 431-9116 OMCA – Ohio Municipal Clerks Association – (614) 221-4349 OSBA – Ohio School Boards Association – (614) 540-4000 OMTA – Ohio Municipal Treasurers Association – (440) 885-8812 CAAO – County Auditor's Association of Ohio – (614) 228-2226 OPFOTP – Ohio Public Finance Officers Training Program – (330) 672-7148 BMA – Bond Market Association – (212) 440- 9429 OPEC – Ohio Public Expenditure Council – (614) 221-7738

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