# 2020 GENERAL Election

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Information about election contests is also available online at the League of Women Voters Oakland Area website: [my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area](http://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area)

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On the **PARTISAN SECTION** of the ballot, you may vote for all candidates of any one party OR you may vote for candidates from different parties in different races. In any case, be sure to ALSO VOTE the [NONPARTISAN](http://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area) and [PROPOSAL SECTIONS](http://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area) of the ballot.

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About This Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the stated word limitations. When a candidate exceeded the word limit, the answer is ended with an ellipsis (…). Spelling and grammar were not corrected. When a candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words “DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION” appear by the candidate’s name.

Publication of statements and opinions of candidates is solely in the interest of public service and is, in no way, to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters takes no responsibility for any of the views or facts stated by the candidates.

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a national, nonpartisan organization established in 1920 to encourage citizen participation in government. It neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Join the League and be directly involved in shaping the important issues in our community.

Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 94 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates in all 50 states, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.

Absentee Voter Ballots

Who Can Apply?
As of 2018, all Michigan voters are eligible to vote with an absentee ballot.

How Do I Vote Absentee?
Step 1: You first must submit an absentee ballot application. You can download one online, or call your Township or City Clerk to have one mailed to you. Return it by mail (make sure the envelope has proper postage and is addressed to your local clerk), or e-mail it (take a picture of the form or scan it and e-mail it to your clerk. Make sure your signature is visible), or deliver it in person to the the clerk’s office.

You can find your local clerk’s contact information here: https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us

Step 2: You will receive an absentee ballot in the mail. When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

What is the Application Deadline?
Application for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m., Friday, October 30.

What is the Return Deadline?
By 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

Did my ballot arrive?
All registered voters can track their ballot by looking up their information here: https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index

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President/Vice President of the United States

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

Duties: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress. Base Salary: $400,000 per year

ALL CANDIDATES WHO WILL APPEAR ON YOUR STATE’S BALLOT ARE LISTED BELOW BUT ONLY THOSE THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WERE INVITED TO RESPOND TO THE LEAGUE’S QUESTIONS IN THIS GUIDE.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act’s minimum contribution requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes

JOE BIDEN
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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Campaign Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/
Campaign YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWNpXixY8E-Ku6Mw-25Mkw

Q: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?
A: It’s a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they’re linked. On Day One, I’ll implement the COVID strategy I’ve laid out since March – surge testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I’ll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I’ll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I’ll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

Q: What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?
A: Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We’re facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I’ll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we’re never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I’ll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I’ll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I’ll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I’ll work as hard for those who don’t support me as for those who do. That’s a president’s job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

Q: How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?
A: America is at an inflection point. It’s past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation’s promise to too many for too long. I’ll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies, and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I’ll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I’ll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

Q: What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?
A: My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It’s past time to close the immigration port. We must end family separation, reunify children with parents, and restore dignity to our immigration system. And I’ll expand protections to migrants and asylum seekers alike. We need a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong.

Q: What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?
A: This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That’s why I’ll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I’ll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I’ll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

DONALD J. TRUMP
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

Campaign Website: Campaign Email:
Campaign Facebook:
Campaign Twitter:
Campaign Instagram:
Campaign YouTube:

Q: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?
A: - Candidate has not yet responded.

Q: What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?
A: - Candidate has not yet responded.

Q: How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?
A: Candidate has not yet responded.

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A: Candidate has not yet responded.

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A: Candidate has not yet responded.

Other Presidential Candidates

The following candidates have qualified for the Michigan state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Michigan, but did not meet the LWVEF criteria for participation in the voter guide questionnaire:

JO JORGENSEN
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN
Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Jeremy Cohen
Website: j20.com

DON BLANKENSHIP
PARTY: U.S. TAXPAYERS
Vice-Presidential Running Mate: William Mohr
Website: www.donblankenship.com

HOWIE HAWKINS
PARTY: GREEN
Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Angela Walker
Website: howiehawkins.us

ROCKY DE LA FUENTE
PARTY: NATURAL LAW PARTY
Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Darcy Richardson
Website: rocky101.com
U.S. Senator

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

GARY PETERS
PARTY: DEMOCRAT
Website: http://petersformichigan.com/
Facebook: http://facebook.com/PetersForMichigan
Twitter: twitter.com/GaryPeters
Education: After Alma College, I put myself through night school, earning degrees from Michigan State University, Wayne State University Law School and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy.
Qualifications and Experience: Michigan native, 20+ years experience in business, served in the U.S. Navy Reserve rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, served in elected positions in local, state, and federal governments.

JOHN JAMES
PARTY: REPUBLICAN
Website: http://www.johnjamesforsenate.com
Twitter: twitter.com/JohnJamesMI
Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senate Candidate, former Army Captain, President-James Group International Education: Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems from Penn State University, Masters of Business Administration from the University of MI
Qualifications and Experience: Ranger-qualified aviation officer, served in Operation Iraqi Freedom earning a Combat Action Badge (CAB) and two Air Medals while logging over 750 flight hours, leading 2 Apache Helicopter Platoons

VALERIE L. WILLIS
PARTY: US TAXPAYERS
Website: http://willisforcongress.com
Twitter: twitter.com/ValerieWillisMI
Occupation / Current Position: Licensed Insured Agent-11 years; Wealth Advisor, IRA, Pensions, Annuities, Medical Care, More Education: AA-Associate Degree in Fine Arts BA-Bachelor Degree Liberal Arts/Minor English MAC-Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Community Leadership BS-(unf) Business/English Lang & Lit Qualifications and Experience: 11 years licensed insurance agent; wealth advisor; medicare, medical coverage, health saving accounts; medicaid; social security pensions; annuities and ira rollovers; farmer 19 years navy wife 16 yrs

MARcia SQUIER
PARTY: GREEN
Website: http://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/395494/marcia-t-squier
Twitter: twitter.com/triple_marcia
Occupation / Current Position: Valet Supervisor for a local, Michigan-based company Education: Bachelor of Science Degree Wayne State University Class of 1997 Psychology Major Qualifications and Experience: 2 terms on local park association (IGPA) Board of Directors-Chairman & 2nd Vice President 1 term as secretary for local middle school parent-teacher committee

DOUG DERN
PARTY: NATURAL LAW

HEALTH CARE:
What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

As we continue to work through the pandemic, it’s never been more critical that Michiganders have access to quality, affordable health care. I have worked to protect and strengthen the Affordable Care Act and oppose the GOP-led lawsuit to overturn it in the Supreme Court which would gut protections for pre-existing conditions for over 1.7 million Michiganders and raise health care costs. I’ve fought to ensure Medicare and Medicaid are fully funded and worked to bring down the cost of prescription drugs by passing legislation to fight big pharmaceutical companies’ from monopolizing the lower cost, generic drug market.

ECONOMY:
What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

My top priorities include rebuilding our economy and creating good-paying jobs in Michigan to strengthen our middle class. I’ve passed legislation to promote manufacturing in Michigan, support small businesses and expand opportunities in the skilled trades and am working to bring back manufacturing of critical medical supplies. Before entering public service, I worked in business for over 20 years, and understand the unique challenges that small businesses face and their critical role in our economy. That’s why I helped pass the Small Business Jobs Act which provided tens of millions of dollars to Michigan.

The government has a limited role in health care! This is the states right to create laws on medical coverage for all. Let the experts handle the health care system. Let the states handle the pre-existing conditions, lower drug prices, and protect seniors. We must also protect Medicare/Medicaid and work to ensure their long-term sustainability. We need a patient-centered, market-based approach that works for everyone. We need to keep the parts of the Affordable Care Act that work and replace the parts that don’t, including those that increase prices. We must empower doctors & patients, not insurance companies and the federal gov.

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We all deserve to have universal basic healthcare, especially with an ongoing global pandemic. We also need more healthcare providers, which is why my #HIRe jobs program focuses on Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We would also need more educators in order to accomplish this goal. And we could absolutely afford this if we just simply ended the endless wars and enacted a GI Bill for All type legislation. People could do voluntary community service instead of military service. Working towards peace instead of more costly wars, death and destruction.

We believe that our state is our country by state, with pre-existing conditions for over 1.7 million Michiganders and raise health care costs. I’ve fought to ensure Medicare and Medicaid are fully funded and worked to bring down the cost of prescription drugs by passing legislation to fight big pharmaceutical companies’ from monopolizing the lower cost, generic drug market.

I believe that if we are our best, healthiest, most educated selves, not only would our economy be improved, but also the quality of life overall, in addition we need a significant reduction in crimes of desperation. If we invest into ourselves, our healthcare and education, by expanding already existing legislation to include everyone, regardless of age or military status, we could ensure lifelong basic healthcare and higher education beyond high school. Skilled trades and STEM fields to be a crucial in today’s day and age, and we’re only hurting ourselves if we fail to achieve this goal.

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ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding, and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

From police violence to the impact of COVID-19 on minority communities, it’s clear Black and Brown Americans face institutional racism. We must address inequities in our society including fixing economic, health and educational disparities in addition to reforming our criminal justice system. That’s why I’m leading legislation to improve community policing, support commonsense policing reforms, and fought to increase access to unpaved minority-owned businesses amidst the pandemic. I will continue fighting so every Michigander can achieve our nation’s promise of justice, prosperity and equality for all.

I, Valerie Willis, support the willis plan for immigration and will take this plan with me to the Senate because somebody marched before him. My father grew up in the Jim Crow South. I’m in the position to run for US Senate because somebody marched for me. My father moved to MI, started a family business and I’m looking forward to using my platform and opportunity to fight for anybody else who wants to work for an opportunity to achieve the American dream. We need to offer all in Michigan, who wish to achieve it, a path to prosperity. This path will tear down barriers, increase access, and provide economic opportunity.

I support taxpayer-funded elections as opposed to taxpayer-funded major primary parties (especially ones that use superdelegates—the single largest form of voter disenfranchisement in existence today). I support taxpayer-funded general elections with Ranked Choice Voting (and/or Approval Voting). I do believe that there is systemic racism, economic disparity and social injustices that should be addressed by Congress. This includes breaking up corporate monopolies, increasing the minimum wage, stricter penalties for law enforcement and elected officials that abuse their positions, and ending the War on Drugs by retroactively legalizing cannabis and decriminalization of drugs in general. If we had universal healthcare and education, less people would self-medicate their problems away and seek proper treatment instead.

SOCIAL INJUSTICE: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

We need to invest in clean energy job creation and support measures to tackle the threat of climate change, which will continue to harm the Great Lakes and threaten our way of life. I am committed to reducing carbon pollution, building a clean energy economy that supports both our economic needs and provides environmental justice. I passed legislation to prevent catastrophic oil spills on the Great Lakes and curtail the use of PFAS chemicals. I also secured historic Great Lakes funding to clean up contaminated lakes, beaches and waterways, and prevent the spread of invasive species.

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IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?

As Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, securing our borders and upholding our laws is my top priority. Immigrants are essential to the fabric of our nation, strengthening our communities and economy. That’s why I support comprehensive immigration reform, common sense laws to strengthen our borders, a tough but fair path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are already working and paying taxes here, and keeping families together.

I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country. I support and encourage every American’s right to vote. Our central tabulators are extremely vulnerable to electioneering. I do not support citizen oversight, as opposed to our current system of machine-counted with government oversight. Our central tabulators are extremely vulnerable to electioneering. I do not support the use of privately owned machinery, owned by companies that donate to campaigns and/or parties. I support taxpayer-funded elections as opposed to taxpayer-funded major primary parties (especially ones that use superdelegates—the single largest form of voter disenfranchisement in existence today). I support taxpayer-funded general elections with Ranked Choice Voting (and/or Approval Voting). I do believe that there is systemic racism, economic disparity and social injustices that should be addressed by Congress. This includes breaking up corporate monopolies, increasing the minimum wage, stricter penalties for law enforcement and elected officials that abuse their positions, and ending the War on Drugs by retroactively legalizing cannabis and decriminalization of drugs in general. If we had universal healthcare and education, less people would self-medicate their problems away and seek proper treatment instead.

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CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**ELISSA SLOTKIN**
PARTY: DEMOCRAT
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Occupation / Current Position: I am the current Representative for Michigan’s 8th District.
Education: I graduated from Cornell with a BA, and from Columbia University with a Masters in International Affairs.
Qualifications and Experience: Before I was elected in 2018, I spent my career in national service. I served three tours in Iraq with the CIA, and served under both Presidents Bush and Obama at the White House and the Pentagon.

**JOE HARTMAN**
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN
Website: http://joe4congress.vote
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JoeHartmanforCongress
Twitter: twitter.com/realJoeHartman
Occupation / Current Position: Tax Consultant
Education: University of Central Florida: Bachelor’s Degree in Finance
Qualifications and Experience: I meet the Constitutional requirements of age, citizenship, and residency.

**PAUL JUNGE**
PARTY: REPUBLICAN
Website: http://joe4congress.vote
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JoeHartmanforCongress
Twitter: twitter.com/realJoeHartman
Occupation / Current Position: Tax Consultant
Education: University of Central Florida: Bachelor’s Degree in Finance
Qualifications and Experience: I meet the Constitutional requirements of age, citizenship, and residency.

HEALTH CARE:
What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

All Americans deserve access to affordable health care, and I’ll continue to defend funding for Medicare and Medicaid. We need to defend and advance the progress made under the ACA, and I believe that must include allowing a Medicare buy-in for anyone at any age. Health care reform must be accompanied by serious prescription drug pricing reform, which is why I worked to pass two major bills through the House that would lower the cost of prescription drugs. COVID-19 has reminded us of the inequalities in our healthcare system, and we must act to ensure all Americans have access to an affordable future vaccine.

Michigan is the birthplace of the middle class, and we must enact policies that help Michigan’s middle class succeed. The COVID-19 crisis shows that bringing manufacturing back to the U.S. is a homeland security and economic imperative, and our recovery plans should reflect that. For our communities to thrive, we need to invest in preparing our workforce for the 21st century workplace. Businesses tell me they have trouble finding the local talent they need to compete, especially in fields like IT and health care. We should invest in job training programs to match talent to opportunity in our own communities.

ECONOMY:
What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

I support removing government meddling from healthcare. During the first few weeks of the Covid pandemic, the CDC prohibited competition in development of tests. This is just one example of how the political control over the healthcare industry limits the options for consumers and creates costly barriers to necessary medical services. Due to regulatory capture, government agencies often slow development of and access to new medicines, devices, and technologies that may improve quality of care and reduce cost of care.

The only defensible role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. I advocate for removing unproductive regulations, reducing and eliminating taxes, and getting government out of the way of private enterprise. These regulations, including intellectual property laws and occupational licensing, actively hurt people by stifling human energy, innovation, and well-being.
**ELECTIONS:**
What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

**SOCIAL INJUSTICE:**
Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?

**ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:**
What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

**IMMIGRATION:**
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**U.S. House, District 8**

**Duties:** Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

**Qualifications:** A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

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**Elections:**
I don’t take corporate PAC money, so my constituents know I work for them, not special interests. We need to curb unlimited spending in elections, end partisan gerrymandering, and upset a culture of corruption. I have led legislation to prevent foreign interference in our elections by ensuring foreign governments can’t purchase domestic political ads. I supported the reforms MI voters approved in Propositions 2 & 3 and Secretary of State Benson’s efforts to ensure voters can vote by mail. I am a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure minority voters are given equal access to the ballot.

**Social Injustice:**
Congress must address systemic racism and inequality. I was a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement act, which requires states to seek federal permission before making changes to election procedure that could impact accessibility for communities of color. We must address racial disparities evident in police abuses and in the disparate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. I support survivors of sexual assault and harassment, and introduced legislation to stop Secretary Devos from making it harder for survivors to successfully come forward with Title IX claims. I also am a supporter of the Equality Act.

**Environment & Energy:**
The development of clean energy technologies like wind and solar not only helps our environment, it also means economic potential. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will fight to make sure we’re in a position to welcome the next generation of high-skilled, well-paying jobs to our state. I believe access to clean water is a homeland security issue, because it is about the safety of our communities. I championed six provisions to protect against the “forever chemical” PFAS that were signed into law by the President. In Congress, I am a member of the bipartisan Great Lakes Taskforce.

**Immigration:**
Our immigration system is broken and not working for anyone. I’m committed to working on a bipartisan basis for reform that is keyed to the needs of our economy, including strengthening border security, reforming our temporary worker programs, and providing a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I wrote bipartisan legislation that passed the House to ensure humane treatment in immigration detention centers. I co-sponsored the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would establish a program for agriculture workers in the US to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment & contribution to the US economy.

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**The Libertarian Party presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and should be included in the presidential and vice presidential debates. Ranked choice voting sounds like a good idea. Based on the 10th amendment, I advocate for the passage of the Daylight Act, which would end federally mandated clock changing by allow the laws passed by state legislatures to implement permanent daylight savings time.**

**The most explicit example of systemic racism is the social security system. The taxes are confiscates from workers and benefits are paid to older people. The system disproportionately hurts low income workers by reducing their discretionary income. Based on the demographics of these groups, the outcome reflects systemic racism. Abolishing payroll taxes would be an effective way to reduce systemic racism and wealth inequality. Ending the drug war, ending qualified immunity, and demilitarizing the police would help to reduce the social injustices imposed by law enforcement.**

**I support policies that would remove the government barriers to replacing coal-burning and oil-burning power plants with safe, non-polluting, high-tech nuclear power plants. Generation IV nuclear power is an effective way to reduce carbon emissions. I also support deregulating the use of off-grid solar power.**

**I advocate for expanded immigration and welcoming peaceful people to immigrate to the United States. A truly free market requires the free movement of people, not just products and ideas.**
# U.S. Congress

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## HEALTH CARE:  
**What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?**

In the midst of a global pandemic, the federal role in health care has never been clearer. We’ve seen in real-time what happens when leadership is abdicated: we were late in preparing, the response was chaotic, and pitting state against state in the race for medical supplies contributed to the deaths of over 180,000 Americans. Many who perished were from poor, minority communities. This disproportionate toll combined with the uncoordinated public health response has underscored my commitment to universal health care as embodied in the Medicare for All bill, ensuring access to quality, affordable health care.

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I don’t believe the federal government does have a role in health care. I do agree with most people that we need to completely change the way we view healthcare in this country. But the government is not the solution because government hasn’t been the solution yet. Many people think we need universal government healthcare because the system we have now is not working. But the system we have now is The ACA aka Obamacare. People believed we needed Obama because the system we had wasn’t working. That system was managed care created by Medicare and Medicaid. It was before this when health was most affordable.

The U.S. economy was beset by the worst inequality of income and wealth in a century before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the crisis is making it worse and laying bare all manner of injustice. In Congress I have worked hard to raise the national minimum wage to $15 with no sub-minimums for tipped workers; protect workers’ pensions; restore the freedom to form unions and bargain collectively; provide universal childcare and pre-school and excellent public school education for every child; and make college free or affordable for all.

Lower taxes and cut burdensome regulations that kill economic growth. Ending the Federal Reserve and return to a gold backed currency issued by the Treasury. Article 1 section 8 of the constitution says only congress will have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof.

## ECONOMY:  
**What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?**

The full repeal of the 16th amendment in order to abolish the IRS, corporate tax, payroll tax, estate tax, and income tax. Make the United States where the entire world will want to do business and where the workers keep 100% of what they earn. The 16th amendment did not come about until 1913. We didn’t need the IRS when we were building ourselves into a gilded age and we don’t need it to do it again.

During these unprecedented times, the working class has seen that federal policies to stimulate the economy come before the health of millions of Americans. Over the years, the tax breaks given to big corporations and the gutting of social programs have left the working class with no answers in the midst of a crisis. A healthy economy will exist when the needs of working-class areas are met instead of being used as political leverage. This is not going to happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought to light many of the social and health disparities we have seen in our communities across this country. This is the richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans in poor health. Medical insurance is a dream to many and a financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your pocket. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

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Legislation is for workers to create their own class. The only way to combat this type of agenda, regardless of what the laws says. The wealthy will find a way to push their interests; and raises the bar on financial disclosures to root out potential conflicts and strengthen the enforcement of ethics laws.

No on the mail in ballots. We absolutely need election reform. We must take the big money out of elections. Politicians become beholden to the special interests before they even take their oath of office. We should use local high school gymnasiums to host meet and greets, town halls, and debates. The taxpayers already pay for the schools let’s use them. We also must make the media due their civic duty and provide space for written articles and time for radio ads and tv ads. Fair and equal coverage of the candidates. The whole getting elected process is a multi billion dollar industry that breeds corruption.

I support the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting for federal elections, mail in ballots for whoever wants one, and open primaries. We should be using the special election process to elect the electoral college, and an end to federal campaign funding which serves only serves the two big parties that have been failing us for the last 100 years.

Yes, of course! I support many policing and criminal justice reforms, increasing transparency of police records, and ending the militarization of police. I have been a fierce advocate for working people, and will continue to fight the weakening of our labor unions who protect health and wages most especially for people of color. I cosponsored H.R. 8 to strengthen our firearm background check system, as our Black community who suffers disproportionate effects of gun violence. As Vice Chair of the Ed and Labor committee, I am committed to an equitable system of education across our classrooms and public universities.

Children in lower class neighborhoods are not getting a fair education. We must have school vouchers that allow parents to send their children to school of their choice, charter or private schools and or homeschooling. Where you live should not determine the type of education you receive.

Systemic racism does exist in that we have a system made up of people and people are flawed. When racist people have some control over the system, the system can become racist. The solution is to limit the power of the government to the most basic needs. The fewer intrusions the government has into our lives, the fewer opportunities there are for bad actors to use those intrusions to create injustice with their own prejudice.

Systemic racism, economic disparity and other social injustices that the working-class faces every day will not be changed by Congress. The disparities and injustices we see in our communities have a direct connection to the economic status of that area. The wealth of this country, that is produced by workers, is given to banks and corporations instead of funding the projects needed to combat systemic racism and economic disparities among other items. Social programs such as Medicare, SSL, and public assistance are being attacked each year. The money is there to provide solutions to the problems of the working class.

Science has revealed different ways to produce sustainable energy without destroying the planet, but decisions are being made based on profit, not humanity. Energy-producing methods such as fracking, are obviously destroying the planet, but more sites are popping up all over the country. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. Protecting our water, air, and land means not exploiting them for individual gains. The changes that are needed to protect the laboring population are not going to come through legislation, but rather a fight from the working class.

We absolutely have to protect our air and water quality. I am fully against polluting, I am an outdoorsman that loves to fish and camp. I want our water to be clean and chemical free. We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any new green deal policy’s not only are they asinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technological advances.

Create more energy by opening up nuclear energy. Limit pollution by scaling back the biggest polluter on Earth. Protect water, air, and land by return public lands to the private sector. Many public lands that our leased for mining, oil production, or forestry are mistreated because the companies leasing them have no skin in the game once they are done. Force the companies to take care of the land by the financial incentive of holding it’s value. Neighboring land is polluted while government looks the other way they temporarily benefit from the leases. Enforce property rights of those being polluted.

We see the benefits of immigration in the diversity of our communities, and reflected in the productivity of our labor force. When it comes to consumer demands, especially agricultural and seasonal industries, New Americans contribute to an outsized level. I have personally traveled to our nation’s border to inspect detention centers, and I am outraged that the way we are treating immigrants does not reflect our values as a nation. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal immigration system to provide a pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, and protects our borders.

I support stopping chain migration, and visa lotteries. We must have a MERIT based immigration policy. We must stop the infow of people coming in here illegally. Illegal immigration drives down wages, takes resources from struggling American citizens and some of them commit crimes. We have to know who we are letting in our country and have the ability to prevent criminals from coming into our country. It would be nice to not need a wall, and we would not need one if there were no sanctuary cities and states that refuse to enforce immigration laws. Sadly that is not the case so we need a wall.

Freedom of Movement is a human right. Free and open borders ensure this right. Our nation’s motto is E pluribus unum, our nation’s motto is E pluribus unum. From Many, One. Continue the tradition that made this country what it is. Open the borders to bring in the many to form the one.

The United States was founded on the idea that economic success seen in this country can be attributed to the labor of immigrant workers who have come here seeking a better life or to escape oppression in their home country. Immigrant workers, like many citizens born in the U.S. simply want to work, contribute to their communities and provide a safe environment for their families. They earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and revenue. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, threatened just to speak up for themselves. I support full, immediate citizenship!
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**Health Care:**

The cost of health care, and prescription drugs in particular, is something I constantly hear about from constituents. In Congress, I have fought to expand access to affordable and high-quality healthcare. I helped pass legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, protect patients with pre-existing conditions, crack down on junk insurance plans, and lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies. I also support proposals to lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to help expand coverage to more Americans, and have fought against cuts to Medicaid.

In Congress, I have worked with Republicans and Democrats to deliver for Michigan’s economy by passing the USMCA and the American Manufacturing Leadership Act, legislation I authored to promote innovation and close the skills gap. I am laser-focused on rebuilding our economy as we fight this pandemic and economic crisis. In Michigan’s 11th District, that starts with strengthening our manufacturing economy, creating good-paying jobs by repairing our crumbling infrastructure, and investing in skills training programs to ensure that every Michigander has a path to a good career, whether college is right for them or not.

**Economy:**

I as a professional nurse for almost 8 years and saw the health care system first hand. Health care belongs to the person, not the government. Our health care system appears to be rising to the challenge of this pandemic. I worry that tearing apart our current system would jeopardize that ability. Obamacare has added to the waste in the system, while failing to control costs. We need a policy that focuses on jobs. That means spending, tax policy, and regulations now the playthings of politicians and the lobbyists who finance them. This has created a system that hurts the middle class, exacerbates inequality, eliminates jobs, and fundamentally rigs the economy in favor of the powerful and well-connected. We need an economic policy that focuses on jobs. That means we need a simpler tax policy that stops giving politicians the power to reward big businesses and industries. Finally America’s regulatory structure needs to stop punishing small businesses, which serve as the backbone of our economy and provide the best pathway to wealth.

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Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies & other privileges to big business. Oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate voluminous & incomprehensible laws. For example, doctors fear being prosecuted for violating this week’s interpretation of this week’s healthcare laws.

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### ELECTIONS:
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In Congress, I have worked to protect our democracy and secure our elections. I proudly voted for legislation to strengthen voting rights, strengthen the security and integrity of federal elections, and reduce the role of big money in politics. I believe the Citizens United decision should be overturned so we can return power to the American people where it belongs. I support policies that make it easier for eligible American citizens to vote, many of which are already in place in Michigan, including vote-by-mail, expanded absentee voting, and same-day registration.

### SOCIAL INJUSTICE:
**Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?**

Systemic racism has existed in our country for centuries, beginning with our original sin of slavery. Today, our nation is facing an inflection point on the issue of police brutality, and new data shows that COVID-19 disproportionately harms people of color. We have a responsibility to right these wrongs, and strive to create a more perfect union with liberty and justice for all. I voted for the Justice in Policing Act, a bill to improve police accountability and end racial profiling. On the Education & Labor Committee, I have worked to address disparities in our schools, hospitals, workplaces, and environment.

### ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:
**What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?**

Addressing the threat of climate change is the challenge of our generation, and we need to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and reduce carbon emissions in coordination with the rest of the world. As a Member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I have also been a champion of clean energy, sustainable manufacturing, electric vehicle development, and protecting our Great Lakes and other natural resources. I have also introduced a bipartisan bill to develop new technologies to improve our plastics recycling capability, and passed legislation to address the threat of PFAS contamination.

### IMMIGRATION:
**What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?**

Congress must continue working to fix our broken immigration system by securing our borders and formalizing a path to citizenship for those living, working, and paying taxes in the U.S., and even serving in our military. I oppose proposals that seek to reduce legal immigration, which would lock talented individuals out of our economy. I have supported bipartisan proposals to make it easier for high-skilled immigrants to come here through the employment-based green card system. We also need to ensure consistent, humane practices at our borders that do not separate families.

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There are clearly injustices, and a host of problems and disparities across the country. We need safe communities, good jobs, broad-based quality education, and everyone must be treated equally. Slogans like “defund the police” are reckless and wrong, and they won’t solve anything. We need to hold police accountable and ensure they are properly trained. When laws are broken, we need a justice system that punishes people according to their actions, not the color of their skin. Congress is at its best when it defend principals like equal access to justice and liberty.

The decreased demand for U.S. energy and decreases in pollution are moving in the right direction. We are finally shedding our dependence on foreign oil and no longer shipping billions of dollars to the middle east. We must continue to build on that independence and develop new, cleaner ways to produce energy. This is important for our economy. The industrial legacy of dumping toxic chemicals into our air and water is something that we must still work to reverse. Sadly too much tax money that could have been spent on cleaning our world has been spent on lawyers and red-tape.

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**IMMIGRATION:**

U.S. Immigration policy is completely broken. The politicians play games and exploit the vulnerable. The American people have a clear view: secure the border, treat people decently, send criminals home, and evaluate legal immigrants in a fair and open process. Liberal politicians are part of the broken process. They want 11 million illegal aliens to cut to the front of the line and become citizens. At the same time, they want to shield from punishment illegal aliens who attempt to buy guns. That is nonsensical, and right now we need an immigration policy that makes sense and works for the American people.

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(1) I support current law that everyone chooses whether to vote in person. So that voters need not rely on the US Postal Service, every city should have a secure drop box where voters can deposit ballots. (2) Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions from individuals (but not political action committees or other organizations) should likewise be secret.

Government shouldn’t discriminate for or against any demographic group. Democrats & Republicans play identity politics & want to use taxpayer money to help groups they like. I don’t. I support everyone’s right to spend their own time & money helping whomever they want to help.

(1) Protect the environment from pollution & invasive species. (2) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay to rebuild or repair buildings that are repeatedly damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. I oppose this subsidy. (3) Most Republicans deny climate change. Most Democrats think that you are too stupid to adapt to climate change & that they are geniuses who can prevent climate change, I don’t. Primitive humans spread through our planet because they adapted to climates that differed greatly over the past 100,000 years.

Immigration policy should focus on people who threaten our safety or who want to sponge off our welfare system. Stop wasting taxpayer money trying to keep out honest people who want to contribute to our society.
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**Education:** She is an alumna of Pershing High School and, after attending the University of Michigan, she earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Her prior political career is equally extensive, including her election as Mayor of the City of Southfield in November of 2001, when she became the first African American and the first woman to serve.

Brenda believes that if you live in America you have the right to quality healthcare. She has been one of the strongest advocates in Congress for expanding health care coverage, lowering the sky-high costs of prescription drugs, and making medical research a national priority. When you go to the doctor you shouldn’t be worried about how you are going to pay for it. When you have been prescribed life-saving drugs, you shouldn’t have to ration doses just to afford them. That’s why Brenda is fighting for Medicare for All and an expanded ACA.

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**Qualifications and Experience:** R. Vance Patrick is a candidate for US Congress in Michigan’s 14th District. Vance has lived, worked, and volunteered throughout the district. He led volunteers to reopen the nations oldest Aquarium.

The COVID 19 crisis exposed shortcomings on the federal level regarding the control and containment of infectious disease. A thorough review of U.S. policies related to travel to and from foreign countries, vaccinations and other areas is call for. Once that house is in order we can address its impact on other programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

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Lisas lane Gioia believes in maximizing the natural talents and capabilities of people, and allowing the free market to discover the best solutions to the needs we face as a society. If we remove the barriers to opportunity, and increase the flow of information, we will all benefit.

Government lacks the competence to address any aspect of healthcare; decisions should be made between patients and physicians, and restrictions and agencies eliminated in order to achieve efficacy, innovation, and rapid response. When emergencies arise, they should be handled at a more local level as individual communities can best implement strategies that are suited to their respective needs. Waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid must be eradicated as we evolve into government-free systems which provide quality, humanity, and efficiency that are infinitely superior to politicized, centralized healthcare.

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Eliminating government bureaus, agencies and programs that are wasteful, redundant and inefficient, and returning that money to the taxpayers (to whom it rightfully belongs) is, together with ending regulations, the way to economic prosperity. Most, if not all, services the government purports to provide could be handled with much better results by the free market and private enterprises.

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★★★★ U.S. House, District 14 ★★★

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Brenda was a huge advocate for Proposal 3 and was very excited to see it pass. Voting in Michigan is easier in 2020 with the added benefits of straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration; same-day voter registration; and no-excuse absentee voting during the 40 days before an election. We need to make these policies a nationwide trend and add universal mail-in ballots as the next important proposal.

The Jill Stein 2016 vote recount exposed disturbing areas of the electoral process that are open to corruption. It seems that broadening the mail-in voting process only increases the opportunity for corruption. Cleaning up the voting system, not loosening the checks against corruption, should be a bipartisan issue.

The United States is a land of opportunity. Our history has been written by generations of immigrants who have come to our borders looking for the promise of a better life. They have shaped our culture, our economy, and our national story, helping to make us the greatest of nations. Brenda has been a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress and has stood in strong opposition to Donald Trump’s cruel and inhumane immigration policies.

Everyone deserves the same rights and protections under the law regardless of who they are or who they love. Discrimination in housing, employment, and other facets of American life is immoral, hurts our nation’s fragile economy, and must be stopped. Brenda is an advocate of Black Lives Matter and is fighting to combat social injustices everywhere. Brenda is also a supporter of the Equality Act, which passed the House and prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas.

Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked tirelessly to protect the environment and fight the damaging effects of climate change even in the face of reckless rollbacks of environmental protections by the Trump administration. She has opposed the Trump administration’s dangerous rollback of water pollution standards, has introduced legislation to help protect endangered wildlife, and continues the fight to have man-made PFAS chemicals declared as a hazardous substance.

Being personally invested in the reopening and operation of public aquarium in the middle of the Great Lakes water system, I am keenly aware of the importance of protecting our natural resources. It seems unrealistic to expect the United States to wean itself off of the use of fossil fuels for its energy needs, however. We must continually encourage private sector initiatives for more efficient and cleaner energy use.

I support enforcing existing laws related to immigration.

Any systemic racism exists outside the individual protections of the Constitution. Congress’s role in addressing institutionalized racism and disparity should be driven by the members’ Oath of Office to protect and uphold the Constitution.

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So many lives could be vastly improved by true legal reform including an end to qualified immunity and police militarization, and especially the war on drugs which disproportionately affects persons of color. For many years, these failed policies have been recognized as being inequitably harmful, but no substantive changes to our systems have been made by either the left or right. While politicians moralize on the need for reform, their inaction leads directly to stigmatization, tragedy and horrors unfairly borne by minorities. It is time to end the hypocritical, hollow pandering, and institute real reform.

Energy companies using various sources should compete freely without government subsidies or favoritism so that the best companies would survive, rather than those handpicked to receive unfair preference. Individual communities negotiating with private enterprises allows regions to select companies that best meet local needs, and could enable the selection of those whom are insurable, so that, in the event of a disaster, restitution could be made. As the system now stands, government negligence, incompetence and disregard are often causes of environmental crises, but we citizens and taxpayers pay the price.

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The problem lies not in persons wishing to immigrate to America, but, as usual, with the government’s handling of the immigration system. Persons should be allowed free entry into our country, but no-one should be entitled to publicly-financed handouts. Reform the system to allow anyone in with the provisos that they are not a security threat, and that they will not be privy to taxpayer-sponsored benefits. Free up regulations to allow companies, communities, organizations to sponsor individuals and/or families while assuming full responsibility for those persons until citizenship is granted.

U.S. HOUSE, DISTRICT 14 CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE
**U. S. Congress**

**CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

**HEALTH CARE:**
What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

**ECONOMY:**
What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?

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**PHILIP KOLODY**
**PARTY: WC**

Website: http://workingclassfight.com

Occupation / Current Position: Retired from Michigan Civil Rights Dept. investigated complaints of employment bias & police conduct

Education: Graduate from Mumford HS, WSU, then U of M, majoring in history. Took part in Viet Nam war protests and Civil Rights protests. Was in France during May 1968, where I saw potential of working class.

Qualifications and Experience: I was born into a working class family, My parents both worked in auto shops. I was active in union, worked on health and safety. I know the only friend the working class has is the working class.

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**CLYDE K. SHABAZZ**
**PARTY: GREEN**

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**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

**TO WRITE-IN THE NAME OF A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT AND HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT:**

If you want to write in the name of someone who is not on the ballot, you may do so in the space provided. Write-in votes will be counted only if that person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate as required by law.

If there is a race in which a candidate whose name is printed on the official ballot for the election dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately before the election, no declaration of intent is necessary. In such a case, the board of election inspectors will count all write-in votes for the write-in candidates for the office sought by the deceased or disqualified candidate.

**TO DECLARE YOURSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE:**

You must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official for the office you seek on or before 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately before the election (for the November 4 general election, that would be Friday, October 24).
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Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Yes, I support mailing ballots to all voters, without limitation. And registration and availability for everyone. Voter suppression and domination of the elections by money cannot be reformed, piece by piece. The policy of the Working Class Party aims for true universal voting rights, without limitations by class or gender or race. The opportunity for workers to run for office is limited by the efforts of both parties to control not only who votes but runs, in order to maintain their current monopoly of political power. That power is the target of the Working Class Party.

The history of the U.S. is the history of a system of racial bias, racial repression and a racist structure of the legal system, of the economy and of politics. The structure needs to be overturned by mass movements of the oppressed against that system. Working Class Party hopes this movement that broke out in June will be the beginning of a new period of mobilization. However chaotic it appears, this movement is forcing people of different political persuasions to recognize these problems exist and have to be reckoned with. Something significant has changed.

The greatest problem facing everyone in this country and all of humanity is climate change. The deterioration of the climate is based on the current capitalist system of exploitation of resources and of workers for the benefit of those who control the system. To deal with this problem cannot be carried out with half measures currently proposed by both parties. It can be accomplished only by a radical reconstruction of this economy that today benefits mainly the 5 per cent and corporations and other financial powers. Only the Working Class Party has the vision for such a complete and effective change.

U.S. immigration policy – both long term and the use of those laws as weapons by the Trump administration – has the aim of controlling and exploiting working class immigrants in the United States. It also serves to divide the working class so it can better be exploited. The divisions within the working class benefit the capitalist domination of society. The aim of the Working Class Party is unity of the whole working class, which would mean a fight to get rid of the current system of exploitation. The working class has no enemies in the working class. Only outside the working class.

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

• You are a citizen of the United States
• You are at least 18 years of age by election day
• You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
• You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.
## Michigan House District 26

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### JIM ELLISON
**PARTY:** DEMOCRAT

- **Website:** http://www.jimellison.rep.com
- **Occupation / Current Position:** Marketing Director
- **Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Central Michigan University

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a regular guy who has lived in Royal Oak since 1995. I have been an employee and an employer. In politics, I have worked to champion individual rights and fiscal responsibility.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**
Federal involvement in education has been a disaster overall, and it can be easily demonstrated that since its intrusion in the 1960s, ever increasing federal funding has yielded ever poorer results. The logical response is to eliminate the U.S. Dept. of Education altogether and return control to state and local levels. This would allow teachers to teach rather than fulfilling federal bureaucratic mandates. Improving educational outcomes is beyond the capability of any elected official, state bureaucrat or even any teacher, no matter how dedicated. Control over any student’s success resides in students and parents.

### CHRIS MEISTER
**PARTY:** REPUBLICAN

- **Website:** http://chrismeister4mirep.com
- **Occupation / Current Position:** Marketing Director
- **Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Central Michigan University

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a regular guy who has lived in Royal Oak since 1995. I have been an employee and an employer. In politics, I have worked to champion individual rights and fiscal responsibility.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**
Michigan was experiencing its most robust economy in generations until Gov. Whitmer responded to the real COVID 19 crisis by shutting down businesses she deemed non-essential. This was an unprecedented overreach of executive power that threw us into a Depression. Only time will tell whether it was necessary or even beneficial from a public health standpoint. The damage is done, however. The only way to undo this devastation is for the state’s elected officials to stop trying to pick the winners and losers among businesses operating within our borders. Open everything and slash regulations and taxes across the board.

## Michigan House District 27

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### REGINA WEISS
**PARTY:** DEMOCRAT

- **Website:** http://https://www.reginaweissforstaterep.com/
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/ReginaforRep
- **Occupation / Current Position:** Teacher / City Councilmember
- **Education:** BA in History and Secondary Education from Valparaiso University (2009)

**Qualifications and Experience:** I serve on the Oak Park City Council & as a Precinct Delegate. I’m also a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools. I’m an active member of my union, & serve as the Alternate Building Rep at my school.

**EDUCATION:**
We need to better fund our public schools, & we need to fund them in a way that is equitable. I support the School Finance Research Collaborative Report findings on education funding in Michigan. I believe that all public schools should be given the resources to succeed so that students are able to attend school in their local communities & thrive. I also believe that we need to eliminate exploitative for-profit charter schools and hold all charter schools to the same standards as public schools.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**
I believe that we will need a robust economic recovery plan as we persist through & eventually end the COVID-19 crisis. I will also fight to implement a graduated income tax & a 15 dollar minimum wage. I support the Michigan Jobs First legislation to help invest back into our economy & provide quality jobs. I will fight to protect organized labor in Michigan through the repeal right to work. I will also fight to increase revenue sharing with local communities to improve services & invest back into local economic development efforts.

### ELIZABETH GOSS
**PARTY:** REPUBLICAN

- **Website:** http://liz4michigan.net
- **Occupation / Current Position:** Homemaker and homeschooler
- **Education:** BA, Philosophy, Wichita State University MA, Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

**Qualifications and Experience:**
I am in favor of empowering parents to make the best educational choices for their children. During this pandemic, while parents are faced with having to maintain their employment and supervise their children’s education (and provide for their developmental and social needs), my years of homeschooling experience give me unique insight into the resources our state could be deploying to support working families who find themselves suddenly providing education themselves.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**
During this pandemic, we absolutely need to make possible the safe reopening of as many small businesses as possible. For our state to grow in the future, keeping our Michigan businesses financially viable in this difficult time will pave the way to job growth in the future.
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Voter fraud is the ultimate disenfranchisement of those legally participating in the electoral process. It should not be tolerated by any political party or government agency. Jill Stein’s 2016 recount of Michigan’s Presidential votes exposed serious deficiencies in the process that have, shocking, gone unaddressed by state officials. Mail-in voting exacerbates opportunities for fraud and any official advocating it should be viewed with suspicion. Photo I.D. voting has proved effective. Citizens wanting a voice in elections can go to the polls unless they must vote absentee for health or other legitimate reason. Protecting Michigan’s natural resources should be a priority for everyone in government, but if we hope to reshape jobs that have been lost in the past we will need to reengage Michigan’s manufacturing base. This will increase pollution to some degree and require us to find an acceptable balance between jobs and the environment. I believe this can be done. Out of respect to taxpayers, we need to eliminate all state funding in support of alternative energy sources. They are being promoted by special interest,s but if any energy source is really viable as an alternative it should find it own support in the marketplace. “Justice” is a word that tolerates no modifier—it stands for equally in its application, making no distinctions between rich and poor, skin colors or other factors. When one puts a word like “social” in front of it, it immediately loses its original meaning and becomes something other than justice. There will always be victims of circumstance who may benefit from charity wisely offered. It is in the best interests of the recipients to promote charitable institutions funded by the private sector or religious groups that have better success at offering “a hand up rather than a hand out” than state-funded agencies.

Michigan definitely has a gun violence problem, but it is not the fault of law-abiding citizens who legally own and carry guns. We are living in a time when a vocal portion of our society openly advocates defunding police while promoting mob violence. Some of our elected officials brazenly agree while too many others are timid in defending the rule of law. Given this situation, it would be irresponsible and immoral to expect law-abiding citizens to surrender their last means of protecting their lives and family. I agree with Detroit Police Chief James Craig in his defense of the rights of responsible gun owners.

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I believe that the state should pay to mail a ballot application to every registered voter regardless of if they are already on a permanent absentee list or not. I also believe that local clerks should be able to begin counting absentee ballots before election day to ensure rapid & accurate results. Transparency is a crucial element in protecting our electoral process, & I believe in the expansion of FOIA applicability to the governor’s office & the state legislature. I fully support increasing political contribution transparency & limiting the role that Super PACs play in Michigan’s elections. I support legislation to increase enforcement efforts & provide funding for contaminated site cleanup. I also support shutting down Line 5. I support implementing restrictions to protect Michigan’s water from harmful elements like PFAS, toxic algae blooms, & other contaminants. Climate change is a major crisis, & I am committed to doing everything in my power to reduce its effects. I support appropriating funding for local governments to implement climate action plans to address this issue, encouraging the development of renewable energy sources, & increasing Michigan’s energy efficiency standards.

I support investing more into education, & distributing funds in a way that is equitable. I also support increasing intervention programs to divert juveniles & non-violent offenders out of the criminal justice system, as well as requiring anti-bias training & de-escalation training for law enforcement. I support increased funding for affordable, mixed-income, & senior housing, & repealing the pension tax. I support expanding access to mental health services & substance abuse treatment. I support raising the minimum wage to $15/hr, guaranteeing paid sick time & paid family leave, & instituting a graduated income tax.

I support a both/and approach to energy production. We can absolutely conserve our incredible natural resources and diversify our energy production while ensuring that our economy can grow and consumers can afford vital utilities. Even before this pandemic, the need for better training and oversight in our elections has been very clear. We will need very careful supervision of voting and tabulation, whether in person or via mail in ballot. Voter trust in our election process is especially important in this time of unprecedented polarization.

A good education is the best first step out of poverty. The move to remote learning during the pandemic threatens to deepen educational inequality, disadvantaging students already in struggling schools and districts as wealthier parents hire tutors and form “microschools.” We must direct our public education funds where they are most needed and empower parents who are the best judges of their family’s needs.

Michigan has a gun violence problem, & I believe strongly in instituting common sense gun reform to combat it. The Second Amendment was written at a time when “the right of the people to keep & bear arms” referred primarily to muskets. We live in a much different world now, & public safety should not be sacrificed to the belief that the second amendment allows access to any & all weapons without any restrictions. I fully support mandatory background checks, ending the gun show loophole, & other legislation, such as red flag laws, to keep deadly firearms out of the hands of dangerous & vulnerable people.
### State Representative

#### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Michigan House District 27**  
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The 1963 Michigan Constitution created the State Board of Education to oversee education and to advise the legislature about funds needed, which advice has not been taken. Michigan ranks low in Education, especially Special Education. Michigan pays $35,000 per prisoner, but barely $10,000 per student. A progressive income tax would be fair and help fund schools. Schools should not be organized for profit, but only for investing in students. There needs to be wrap-around services; and community outreach, involvement and oversight. Teachers need respect, pay and better conditions for learning for their students.

What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic? A guaranteed basic income would be a “stimulus” for the economy—as Will Rogers put it in 1930, that money “trickles up” the next day. Michigan lacks skilled tradespersons to work on its infrastructure and health care workers to provide needed services—we must invest in training programs. I would implement the original Green New Deal, proposed by the Green Party, not the watered-down version. It provides for more jobs in renewable energy fields. I would give challenge grants.

### Michigan House District 29

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Michigan schools are underfunded. We should take the recommendations of the School Finance Research Collaborative. School funding should be equitable. Using harsh measures such as dissolving school districts should be used as a last resort. Finally, support and resources should be provided for teachers and staff.

Economic disparities in impoverished communities across our state were exposed and increased during the pandemic. The assault on working families has all but crippled our economy. I support policies that protect working families by providing them with the educational and economic resources they need to sustain and improve their living conditions.

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**Elections:** What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

**Environment/Energy:** What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan’s water, air, and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**Social Justice:** How do you support efforts to ameliorate racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan’s 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

**Guns:** Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?

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I definitively support voting by mail. I also support no-excuse absentee voting.

I support policies that protect our environment. Renewable energy is here to stay. I support energy efficiency and renewable energy as long as it doesn’t harm our environment.

I relate to the impact of racial, economic, health, and education inequities in my district. Our political system is the incubator for these disparities. During my first term, I founded five district task force groups that focused on the areas of education, veterans’ services, poverty and homelessness, minority maternal health, and criminal justice reform. I am the co-chair and co-founder of poverty and homelessness caucus, which is bi-partisan and bi-cameral. Several of these grass-roots groups were able to thrive without being hindered by political forces.

I am a strong advocate for the prevention of senseless gun violence. During my first term, I sponsored legislation to curtail senseless gun violence. I hope to work with my colleagues to address the need to prevent gun violence in our state.
**Michigan House District 35 ★ ★ ★ ★**

**CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

**KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

Website: http://www.votebolden.com  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative  
**Education:** Graduate of Southfield Public Schools; Bachelor’s Degree, Grand Valley State University; J. D., University of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Incumbent State Representative - HD 35 Civil litigation attorney Commissioner, Southfield Total Living Commission  

**EDUCATION:**  
What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?  

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**  
What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?

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**MI is only one of 3 states to constitutionally guarantee public funding for primary & secondary education to all residents, but we do not provide adequate funds to do so. Our goal to allocate per-pupil funding equally per student fails to recognize that different students have different abilities. I support funding each student based on need, funding early childhood & preschool education, investing in teacher development & training, providing free community college & increased student aid for our colleges and universities. I would also work with our trade unions to provide increased work/study opportunities.**

**Samantha Steckloff**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Farmington Hills City Council Member  
**Education:** B.A from Purdue University in Political Science with Minors in Communications and Theater  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I’ve served on the Farmington Hills City Council Council for the past 7 years, first elected in 2013 ad re-elected in 2017. I also served as the Mayor Pro-tem in 2016 and 2017.

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**Large gaps in our workforce existed even prior to the pandemic, particularly in the area of skilled trades and technological areas such as cybersecurity. Placing emphasis on educational and training/apprenticeship opportunities to fill workforce gaps will help ensure our residents can see their future here in Michigan and remain here. Providing these crucial opportunities, such as the Michigan Reconnect Program, will also ensure Michigan has a strong middle class and economy in the future. I support a living wage of at least $15 per hour, earned-paid sick leave and a fair tax structure that works for all of us.**

**DANIELA DAVIS**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Tim Yow**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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**Michigan House District 37 ★ ★ ★ ★**

**CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

**KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN**  
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**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**  
What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?

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**SAMANTHA STECKLOFF**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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Twitter: twitter.com/SSteckloff

**Occupation / Current Position:** Farmington Hills City Council Member  
**Education:** B.A from Purdue University in Political Science with Minors in Communications and Theater  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I’ve served on the Farmington Hills City Council Council for the past 7 years, first elected in 2013 ad re-elected in 2017. I also served as the Mayor Pro-tem in 2016 and 2017.

**MIT is only one of 3 states to constitutionally guarantee public funding for primary & secondary education to all residents, but we do not provide adequate funds to do so. Our goal to allocate per-pupil funding equally per student fails to recognize that different students have different abilities. I support funding each student based on need, funding early childhood & preschool education, investing in teacher development & training, providing free community college & increased student aid for our colleges and universities. I would also work with our trade unions to provide increased work/study opportunities.**

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**MICH STOBODA**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

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**JAMES K. YOUNG**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion.
### Michigan House District 35 ★★★★

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<td>I support the right to vote by mail, and mailing ballot applications and ballots to all eligible voters. Exercising the right to vote is a bedrock of our Democracy. Being able to cast a ballot should be as convenient as possible, with as few barriers as possible, to allow the greatest number of voters as possible to participate in our Democratic process, while protecting the integrity of the electoral process. Particularly during a time of a global pandemic and the resulting loss of over 100,000 lives in the U.S. no one should be required to decide between protecting their health and exercising their right to vote.</td>
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<td>I have supported numerous environmental protection bills including HB 4386 to put stronger regulatory rules in place in Michigan than the federal regulations, as well as HB 5456 to strengthen polluter pay requirements. I support expanding renewal energy such as solar, wind turbines and incentives for electric vehicles.</td>
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<td>All people deserve to be treated fairly, equally and with respect regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or identity or national origin. I have had two criminal justice reform bills passed and signed into law during my first term in office. I have sponsored, co-sponsored and supported a number of bills to address the inequities impacting Michiganders. I am proud to serve on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force and the Poverty and Homelessness Caucus in the State legislature to develop policy strategies for addressing these important issues.</td>
<td>Michigan’s gun-related death rate is increasing. According to a 2019 report by the Violence Policy Center, “Gun Violence in the Great Lakes States”, Michigan has a higher than national average for homicides with firearms. I support responsible gun ownership and sensible gun laws to strengthen public safety. I support Red Flag laws and taking steps to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. I am proud to be a part of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus to work to find solutions that focus on common sense gun legislation to protect the health and safety of Michiganders.</td>
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<td>Voting: I supported Proposition 3 of 2018 which protects the right to vote a secret ballot, ensures military overseas voters obtain ballots, provides residents with option to vote straight party, automatically registers citizens to vote at SOS Office, allows a citizen to register to vote anytime with proof of residency, provides any reason absentee ballot for all registered voters, &amp; ensures accuracy &amp; integrity of elections by auditing results. I support mailing absentee ballot requests to all eligible voters. Campaign Funding: Require disclosure of all Super PAC contributions &amp; prohibit corporate contributions.</td>
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<td>Environment: Expand Public Trust Doctrine to include ground water; Reduce agricultural nutrient runoff which leads to toxic algae blooms; Incentivize capture &amp; use of flare gases from landfills; Regulate hydraulic fracturing operations; Strengthen polluter pay laws; Ban sale &amp; use of PFAS. Energy: Require public utilities to revert to Net Metering; Require public utilities to allow electric car &amp; storage batteries to sell power back to the grid using dynamic pricing; Internalize full cost of fossil fuel production (health &amp; climate effects, acid rain, etc.) to stimulate rapid adoption of renewable sources.</td>
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<td>Education: Universal access to early childhood and pre-k education; Fund pupils based on student needs; Remove cost barriers to higher education &amp; job training programs. Health: Expand Medicaid; Provide public health care option; Reduce drug costs. Labor: Pass equal pay for equal work law; Increase minimum wage; Repeal Right to Work. Security: Increase SNAP benefits; Expand Meal on Wheels; Increase availability of subsidized housing Environment: Repair aging water &amp; sewer infrastructure; Guarantee access to clean drinking water; Require polluters to pay for toxic mitigation; Strengthen industrial waste disposal laws.</td>
<td>I am proud to have been named a Gun Sense Candidate with Distinction by Moms Demand Action. I support eliminating the sale of assault weapons, requiring responsible gun ownership education for all gun owners, instituting “red flag” laws, outlawing large gun magazines, removing guns from convicted domestic violence offenders, and requiring background checks for all gun purchases.</td>
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<td><strong>Twitter:</strong> twitter.com/voteKellyBreen</td>
<td><strong>Qualifications and Experience:</strong> I serve on City Council committees &amp; a local government legislative policy committee, extensive legal &amp; policy experience, substantial time spent on constituent services &amp; community interactions.</td>
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<td><strong>Protecting our kids is protecting our future. Investment in our schools is good business sense, as there is a direct correlation to property values. We must fix the conflicts between Prop A &amp; Headlee so property taxes that fund our schools keep up with the economy. It is clear that technology access is critical to education. Broadband expansion is a necessity. The tax shift from businesses to individuals has resulted in spending less on schools now than we did decades ago, this must be reversed. Early childhood education is vital. We must strive to implement the School Finance Research Collaborative recommendations.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Website:</strong> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/VoteKellyBreen">http://www.facebook.com/VoteKellyBreen</a></td>
<td><strong>ECONOMIC SECURITY:</strong> Create “green and blue” jobs - focused on emerging economies like renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and water conservation. Use the resources Michigan already has in place. The grants and the money generated from revenue sharing and a graduated income tax structure to kickstart small businesses with these two items. I have found that the ones that want these “green and blue” jobs are either young people starting out, or people starting a second career. We need to keep our talent here and retrain people whose jobs have been outsourced or lost to an evolving economy.</td>
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**CHASE TURNER**

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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Western Michigan University (2005), CCM Certification (2015).</td>
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<td><strong>Twitter:</strong> twitter.com/VotePulver</td>
<td><strong>Qualifications and Experience:</strong> Leader in the field of healthcare, patient advocacy, &amp; public health for over a decade. Experience as a nurse, mom, and organizer taught me how to negotiate with multiple parties and get things done.</td>
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<td><strong>Public funds should be used to fund public schools. Michigan’s public schools are being starved to prop up for-profit charter schools that are not held to the same standards and are not subject to any real oversight. This must stop. In this current time of uncertainty in both public health and the economy, lawmakers who oppose funding public schools will use this situation as an excuse to further cut away at public education. But we need a strong public education system now more than ever. I will fight every effort to defund and devalue our public schools like Michigan’s future depends on it. Because it does.</strong></td>
<td><strong>ECONOMIC SECURITY:</strong> The pandemic has magnified existing economic challenges for Michigan residents and requires intense and speedy policy solutions, with input from the people most affected, including employees and business owners. We also can’t talk about the economy without addressing family care (both child and elder). Families need support. When people are forced to leave the workforce to care for a family member, it harms our economy. Protecting workers’ rights is also a crucial issue. We need to foster a culture that welcomes #UnionsForAll. We must address these issues if we ever want our economy to truly work for everyone.</td>
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**Website:** Twitter.com/VoteChaseTurner
Michigan voters spoke loud and clear in 2018 when we passed Proposal 3. I will protect the changes we enacted such as day voter registration and no-reason absentee voting, especially as voting rights are under attack across the country. I applaud Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson’s decision to mail an absentee ballot to each registered voter in Michigan. As for campaign funding, Michigan’s campaign finance laws are heavily tilted in favor of wealthy donors who have an undue influence on our elections. Bottom line: we need more transparency and more accountability in our campaign finance rules.

Finding clean, renewable energy is essential to our long-term survival as a planet. Michigan can lead the world in green energy production and create thousands of union jobs. It would be an investment in both our environment and our economic future. Crucial to protecting our water, air, and land is updating and fixing Michigan’s infrastructure. We’ve seen what happens when we fail in this area, Midland and Flint being harrowing examples. Infrastructure is also a critical factor in a healthy economy. It is vital for employment, healthcare, education, and commerce.

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Yes, Michigan has a gun violence problem. When we’ve faced other epidemics we’ve studied the problem, worked to address causes, and then used proven strategies to combat the problem. Take auto accidents, for example. We’ve passed laws setting speed limits and requiring seat belts to reduce preventable deaths. We need the same approach to gun death prevention. We need to stop treating poverty like a personal failing and view it as the societal failing it is. Personal responsibility is, of course, important, but too often it is used as a way to absolve the larger society for failing to take care of our most vulnerable.
State Representative

CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

MARI MANOOGIAN
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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Occupation / Current Position: Assistant Minority Whip and State Representative Treasure Treasurer, Progressive Women’s Caucus


Qualifications and Experience: Prior to becoming State Representative, I served at the United States Department of State in the offices of English Language Programs and eDiplomacy, working on American diplomacy.

EDUCATION:

We need to completely overhaul how we conceptualize and implement funding for public education in Michigan. I support adopting the recommendations set forth by the School Finance Research Collaborative and Michigan State University, including high-quality preschool, $9,590 base funding for all K-12 students in district and brick-and-mortar charter schools, and additional funding above base funding for students with special needs. We also must earmark additional revenue streams specifically for K-12 education, including restoration of voter-approved local district enhancement millages, so communities have local control.

ECONOMIC SECURITY:

I firmly believe in a worker’s freedom to collectively bargain for better wages and safe workplaces, which is why I support the repeal of so-called “right to work” legislation. In the early stages of rebuilding post-COVID-19, it will be critical to shore up our local and small businesses, to ensure that they are able to make payroll and rent. I am committed to continuing to work with my federal counterparts, as well as MEDC & my colleagues on the Commerce & Tourism committees to make sure these resources, such as grants and loans, are expanded and accessible to all business owners who wish to use them.

KENDRA CLEARY
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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Michigan House District 40 ★★★★

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

PADMA KUPPA
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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Occupation / Current Position: Current State Rep. for HD 41, serving her first term

Education: Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering


EDUCATION:

I attended public schools, and so did my children. A good quality public education is the backbone of a strong economy where children of all backgrounds have equal opportunity to succeed. For years, I have fought to stop education funding cuts which have put Michigan in the lowest in the nation, hurting our students and teachers. I oppose diverting funding from public schools to charter schools that aren’t accountable. Improve school funding formula per FundMI Schools.org. Cost of public colleges and universities should be affordable; ensure students graduate without debilitating debt. Improve quality/access to CTE.

ECONOMIC SECURITY:

Invest in public Education: preschool, K-12, and higher education; Michigan workers must be competitive in the global job market through world class education and skills training, to attract good paying jobs to our state. The pandemic has shown importance of health care. Introduced HB 5628 to restore paid sick leave, and HB 5432 to protect healthcare for those with preexisting conditions. On Prescription Drug Task Force, working to reduce costs, so that people don’t have to choose between groceries or medicine. On Downtown Business Coalition, to create policy based on small biz input, to improve economic recovery.

ANDREW J. SOSNOSKI
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Construction Accounting & Financial Reporting Manager for Local Water/Wastewater Authority

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Major Accounting

Qualifications and Experience: Understanding financial plans, budgets and projections is my expertise and I will drive waste reduction initiatives and achieve results.

EDUCATION:

While my children go to public schools, I support parents who decide private schools are the right choice for their children. While school plays a critical role I believe that education starts at home. Embracing new technology will be fundamental to improving educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students. During the past few months I have been fortunate to a job that has allowed me to continue working from home and have seen first hand technology fails and wins. If you always do what you’re always done, you always get what you’ve always got. We need to take risks and discover what works best.

ECONOMIC SECURITY:

We will overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and move forward with life sooner than later and when we do we need to promote a business climate that attracts jobs for both skilled trades and other professional careers. I’ve seen first hand the shortages we are currently facing in skilled labor trades that are only going to be exacerbated by the aging workforce. We need to let kids know that college isn’t the only career path. They should be proud to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty in one of the many skilled trades. Governments don’t create jobs but they can create environments to destroy them.
Voting is my most solemn duty as a citizen. I support mailing pre-franked ballots to all eligible voters, absentee ballots to all eligible voters in times of crisis, as well as creating an online absentee ballot application & permanent absentee voter list, & by allowing 16½ & 17-year-olds to pre-register when getting a driver’s license. Further, it is imperative that we support clerks with better financial resources to run elections & protect our elections from hackers by requiring clerks to keep qualified voter files detached from the Internet. I also support more foreign language options on ballots & applications, & expanding disability access to the vote.

Climate change is an existential threat & we must do our part to protect our air and water. We must continue state investments in alternative energy, as well as give tax incentives to those who choose clean energy for their homes. The state must continue to install electric vehicle charging stations for electric cars along our highways & in our cities. Finally, I have been & will continue to be a fierce advocate for clean water. I cosponsored HB 4122 to codify the right to clean water, & have been outspoken on the need for state aid, and successfully secured $120m in the FY2020 budget to replace lead service leads.

Our nation is reckoning with major societal challenges and legislation to improve these issue areas must be created with these inequities, including racial injustice and socioeconomic status, in mind. I firmly believe in universal healthcare; in the richest country on the planet, no one should go without care. I am proud to have cosponsored legislation to lower the cost of prescriptions, including a bill to cap the cost of insulin at $100. Our seniors, many of whom live on fixed incomes, deserve to have the Snyder senior pension lifted, which is why I've cosponsored several versions of that legislation.

Yes, there is a gun violence problem in Michigan. Michigan struggles with gun violence through suicides and domestic violence. I strongly support HBs 4497-4498, which is a bipartisan effort to close the so-called boyfriend loophole, which would make it illegal for a person guilty of committing domestic violence against someone in a dating relationship to possess a firearm. Additionally, I introduced “Safe Storage” legislation, which would require firearms to be stored safely when children are present in a home. Laws like this have lowered the suicide rate by nearly 10% in states where it is implemented.

Work to expand voter participation and improve absentee ballot process including mailing every registered voter absentee ballots; implement voting rules that improve access and representation. Require improved campaign finance transparency so that the public knows the source of all monies spent on elections, and remove dark money from elections. Providing safe, accessible polling locations with safety procedures that protect voters & poll workers to keep them healthy during the pandemic and beyond. Protecting in-person voter registration and ensuring they can vote safely.

Support science-based policy to promote energy efficiency and clean energy. Protect the Great Lakes - Nestle is bottling our water for almost nothing. Incentivise renewable energy production and efficient energy usage across the state, ensure competitive costs with other states. Introduced HB 4807, to enable more EV charging stations across the state. Invest in water infrastructure so all residents have access to affordable clean drinking water. Hold polluters accountable for harming our air and water. Mitigate the threat that Line 5’s age/condition/location presents, considering economic security and energy needs.

Work for policies that give everyone access to education, skills training, and good paying jobs, so that all Michiganders can earn higher wages to support their families and also increase state’s revenue base. Implement policy that supports small biz and entreprenuers and economic recovery; expand access to healthcare and restore earned paid sick time to provide security to families, children, and seniors. Reduce gender disparity starting with equal pay. Champion long term care infrastructure so seniors can age with dignity, and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

I believe our Freedom comes from our Creator and we are all Children of God and created equal. I’m a Christian, a husband and a father. I’m faithful to my wife and my family. I focus on those things and try to do them well, but of course, we all fall short of perfection in our lives. Everyday I give thanks to God for the many blessings I have done nothing to deserve. No child should ever go hungry or without medical care and we need to care for the elderly in our communities. It starts with loving your neighbor as yourself and can only get better from there.

I do not support the concept of voting by mail, with the exception of those travelling for business and those physically unable to leave their home on account of physical disability, but even still I have reservations with those exceptions. Would you mail $100 bill? If you would you have more money than sense and seeing my vote as invaluable I would not trust the government or any entity to manage the mailing and collection of ballots to all.

Over 100K people are shot and injured each year due to gun violence, and over 38K die - over 60% are suicides. Limit gun access for people who are dangerous to themselves or others. Institute common sense gun control measures such as background checks, Red Flag laws; disarm domestic abusers, hold the gun industry accountable. With millions of Americans staying at home due to the pandemic, gun safety advocates have raised concerns about increased risk from gun violence. Other states have several bipartisan measures to protect Second Amendment rights while ensuring public safety. I would champion for such efforts in MI
### State Representative

#### CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**EDUCATION:**
What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?

**ECONOMIC SECURITY:**
What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?

#### Michigan House District 43 ★★★★★

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**NICOLE BREADON**
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** I currently serve on the Huron Valley School Board

**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Wayne State University; Teaching Certificate K-12 Art Education, University of Michigan Flint; Masters Degree Educational Leadership, Wayne State University

**Qualifications and Experience:** My experience working for Huron Valley Schools as a teacher, leader, innovator and school board member has prepared me to bring people together to find solutions that work for Michiganders.

There’s a shortage of teachers in Michigan due to declining salaries and the threatening of teachers’ benefits packages including pensions and health insurance. There are 5000 fewer certified teachers than 14 years ago and enrollment to teacher education programs have declined by 70%. I support offering incentives to attract and retain teachers in struggling schools. I support investing in early childhood programs. I support more affordable post-secondary education including free community college and low-cost skill trades training.

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**ANDREA K. SCHROEDER**
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Michigan House District 44 ★★★★★**

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**DENISE FORREST**
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**Occupation / Current Position:** I currently serve on the Huron Valley School Board

**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Wayne State University; Teaching Certificate K-12 Art Education, University of Michigan Flint; Masters Degree Educational Leadership, Wayne State University

**Qualifications and Experience:** My experience working for Huron Valley Schools as a teacher, leader, innovator and school board member has prepared me to bring people together to find solutions that work for Michiganders.

Public education in Michigan has been systematically underfunded for decades. COVID-19 has amplified the inequities in Michigan’s education system. Equal access to resources, especially technology and bandwidth is a must. We’re still fighting for the resources our students, educators, and communities deserve. Our state is dead last in increased funding for our schools over the past twenty years. When adjusted for inflation, the state’s total education revenue in 2015 was 82% of what it was in 1965. It’s time to repeal Prop A, enacted in 1994. Michigan’s students are Michigan’s future.

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**MATT MADDOCK**
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Small Business Owner

**Qualifications and Experience:** Lifelong Michigan citizen, business owner and employer, Husband, Father

Education is going through a radical trans, due to this disaster, the proposals for students returning in the fall have been unsatisfactory to many. I have heard an est. 20-25% of students may not return to traditional classrooms. We are going to have to figure out the best way to get the best outcomes for students. The legislature is united right now in making sure that schools can operate at the same levels as last year, but if a fourth of students are learning remotely and online, it will require major changes. I hear from many teachers, and I learn something new each time they reach out. We should listen to them.

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I support fair wages. Families should be able to keep up with costs and put food on the table. Working families need affordable child care. This pandemic is making it hard for parents to both work and educate and care for their children during the current school shutdown. Going into the fall, this hardship may continue. Affordable health care and child care leave for Michigan’s families is a must in these times of unemployment and underemployment brought on by COVID-19. I support increasing minimum wage, restoring living wages through policies like One Fair Wage.

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We need to listen to business owners and help them keep our current employers afloat in the first place. The federal and state authorities have been working to that end. But we will have many employers who will likely not come back online, so we need to listen to entrepreneurs and those looking to start new businesses and find out what they need. Our economic and work environment is going to be permanently changed from this disaster, and so it’s going to require a lot of changes to make sure we have a pro-growth mindset, that respects employees and workers, so that people can get good jobs that pay well.
Michigan House District 43

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I support an eight bill package that lawmakers unveiled in February of this year that would stiffen civil and criminal penalties for companies and their leaders who contaminate their environment with hazardous pollutants. I would introduce bills that would repeal some of the harmful environment legislation that became law during the last lame duck session. I support expanding renewable energy through energy freedom. Energy freedom would expand micro grids, community solar, remove the cap on net metering, and improve rates that customers receive for power sent back to the grid through rooftop solar.

I am so grateful Michigan voters heartily supported Prop 3 on the 2018 ballot. Now we can all vote from home for no reason. This comes just in time for the upcoming primary and general elections of 2020. We don't know how safe it will be to go to the polls this summer and fall because of COVID-19 and I'm thrilled a safe option is available. Every voice matters and every voter should have access to the ballot box, pandemic or not. Campaign funding in Michigan needs to be reformed. Right now we have a state version of Citizen's United which allows corporations and individuals with deep pockets to influence elections.

This is a tough task to propose solutions to address poverty in 625 characters or less. Raising the minimum wage, reducing housing costs, increasing paid family leave, expanding affordable healthcare, increasing access to affordable secondary education, guaranteed access to clean, safe water, affordable childcare, expanding public transportation, criminal justice reform, and safe access to the ballot box are ways that I would address the inequities of those who live in poverty.

In Michigan, 11 people per 100,000 residents died from fire-arm related injuries in 2017 which is slightly below the national rate of 12 per 100,000 residents. There are a lot of responsible gun owners, but gun violence still claims 1163 lives on average every year. Supporting the Second Amendment and implementing sensible, life-saving laws are not mutually exclusive. Half of domestic partner homicides and suicides involve guns and 60% of teens are worried about school shootings. Safe storage and extreme protection laws would save lives without infringing the rights of responsible gun owners.

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I support voting integrity and well-run elections. I have heard from many people who are receiving ballots right now at their address for people who haven’t lived there in a decade. Clearly there’s a lot of work to be done, and we need to work together to find ways to clean up our voter rolls, and ensure that everyone eligible can and does vote, but at the same time we have safety mechanisms in place to avoid the election fraud that sometimes occurs, and is currently being prosecuted nearby. It is difficult to balance maximum participation, with high integrity, but I am confident we can do it.

For future generations, we must protect our water and land. We need safe and clean drinking water for our kids. We must protect our Great Lakes and the environment from pollutants. The quality of our water is what farmers rely on for the food we eat. I support improving Michigan’s weakened Polluter Pay Law. Under current law, polluters can simply restrict access to a polluted site or aquifer instead of cleaning up or treating the contamination they have caused. This allows polluters to directly profit from the contamination of our land and water. Polluters must clean up their mess.

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I am in favor of energy efficiency and in support of alternative energy sources. I look at the question of efficiency in a way that looks at extra cost as waste. In a way, a dollar represents efficiency. We have many very efficient power sources in Michigan, and many that are being shut down really for no good reason. Many of these are very ‘green’ energy sources as well. There are many small hybrid plants up north that were very productive, completely clean, and very efficient. We often have economic pollution pushing us in the wrong policy direction and I’d like to fix that.

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There’s a tremendous inequality in law when it comes to state government and state policies as they affect children, the poor, and our seniors. Many of those problems are caused by programs that were poorly thought out and executed. This is a very broad question requiring a response that would be very long and complex. As but one illustrative example: we have laws that predominantly ensnare minorities and pull them into needless paperwork and compliance. These laws may have been well intentioned, but their effect is to often create civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance. They need to go, and much work remains

Most incidents of gun violence often involve a failure to enforce the current laws. With training and encouragement we can prevent gun violence, and we can work to reduce crime. Most guns are owned by people who are often burdened with paperwork, compliance, and criminal sanctions, for lawful possession. We should focus policy and laws on reducing the crime that guns are involved with and being used in.

I believe that our country has a gun violence problem. As a former teacher and school board member are on the front lines of finding solutions to end gun violence in schools. Hardening our schools and teaching self defense against gun violence with active shooting drills is not the answer. Keep guns out of churches and schools. I support a gun sense approach, we can protect our communities from gun violence while protecting the Second Amendment. I support a proactive approach to keeping America’s safe by improving funding mental health organizations working with Michigan’s families.
State Representative

Michigan House District 45

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Education: Drake University, BA, Journalism
Qualifications and Experience: Eight years Rochester Hills City Council, At Large; one year VP; four years President; 30-year resident; 20 years small business owner; 27 years church volunteer, 26 years charitable fundraising.

Fully and properly funding K-12 education will always be a priority. We need to ensure that the money being invested into education is making it to the classroom. Teachers need to be able to spend more time teaching and less time filling out reports. We need to increase the availability of hands-on career and technical training to make sure all students are job- or higher education-ready.

Michigan had come a long way from the high unemployment days of the Lost Decade when Michigan was losing population because our children were leaving our state to find better opportunities elsewhere. But that changed when we implemented reforms to make Michigan more competitive for job providers, by reducing taxes, repealing unnecessary regulations and promoting Michigan as a state to locate to not move out of. Today, we are faced with economic challenges similar to those faced during the Great Recession. We have worked our way up before and can do it again with business-smart strategies and priorities.

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Design, University of Cincinnati
Qualifications and Experience: I currently serve as a Trustee for Rochester Community Schools BOE, bringing collaboration and problem solving with this experience. Advocate for public ed 17+ years through PTA. Small business owner

Public ed. is a cornerstone of our democratic society-an investment in our children and our state’s future. Public tax dollars should remain dedicated to public schools and be preserved. The economic recovery from Covid19 will define our state’s future and protecting public ed. is one of my main priorities. Invest in early literacy programs, beginning at birth. Invest in early preschool for ALL kids. Use recs from MSU’s D. Arsen and the SFRC to inform policy including a weighted funding model to accommodate the added cost to educated at-risk, special needs and English Language Learners. INVEST IN KIDS and public ed!

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
You are qualified to vote if:
• You are a citizen of the United States
• You are at least 18 years of age by election day
• You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
• You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.
### 2020 VOTER GUIDE

**State Representative**

**ELECTIONS:**
What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**
What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan’s water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**
How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan’s 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

**GUNS:**
Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?

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I support accessible and secure voting. Complete disclosure of political campaign expenditures by for and non-profit corporations and all PACS, including those making independent expenditures is another must. Transparency promotes public trust. We deserve to know who is getting money from where and from whom, so we can form an educated, informed constituency that make decisions based on which entities might be influenced in their positions by monetary gain. I also support extending mail-in ballots to all eligible voters and early counting of ballots as requested by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

I have been actively promoting the ability to “Vote At Home” for all District 45 voters via their local clerk’s office for absentee ballot applications on my website. Safety concerns, workday pressures, and child care should not interfere with your right to vote. Lastly, it is imperative to improve transparency with campaign finance rules so anyone can easily see who is giving to candidates and how much. I support policies that will accomplish this goal and make accountability a priority. Transparency is always a good thing.

I support the repeal of the “No Stricter Than Federal” bill (passed in 2017/18 lame duck session) to ensure MI is the best steward of our water, air, and land, protecting it when the EPA won’t. Clean drinking water is a human right. Water is a public trust. I would protect the Great Lakes Compact. Address the dated water infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water for residents and updating storm water drainage systems to protect our citizens and communities should be a priority. I support increasing and extending MI energy efficiency standards for business growth opportunities in energy efficiency and sustainability.

Michigan is surrounded by fresh water and it is our responsibility to ensure that we take care of these treasures for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. The Great Lakes are the lifeblood of Michigan’s economy providing the water that feeds our crops, the streams we fish in and hike around and our peninsula surrounded by sparkling fresh water are a major driver of the state’s tourism and outdoor recreation economies.

The answers lie in how we begin to treat those in our society that have been born into educational, economic, and generational poverty. “Pulling yourself up by your bootstraps” doesn’t work if you don’t have the resources to do so. Invest in a public/private partnership of interventions that begin at the prenatal phase of parenting. Pay people a living wage. Fix the disproportional police violence on communities of color and implement systemic change, invest in community safety and public health initiatives-food nutrition and mental health programs, as well as affordable housing for low-income families and seniors.

Americans should be proud that each generation has found themselves living in a better, brighter future for everyone than the generation that came before. Today, we vividly see the need for more progress. There will always be evil to defeat. Violence cannot be met with violence and all rights must be protected as we work through our differences and prejudices. With children and seniors living in poverty, both sides of the aisle need to come together to find better solutions for addressing this problem. This is a huge challenge and it should be a priority to assist those struggling to escape poverty.

As a parent, school board trustee, and citizen in the greater Rochester area I recognize we live in one of the safest areas in our state, but gun violence can happen anywhere. We must ask: what do we want our public spaces to look like? I’d support common sense gun legislation that will disarm domestic abusers, maintain permit requirements, and close gun safe loopholes, all while upholding our Second Amendment rights. No community is immune from gun deaths and we are all impacted (directly and/or indirectly) by suicide, accidental shootings, and domestic abuse.

While many in Southeast Michigan, and across the state, will disagree on gun restrictions, we can all agree that the government should keep firearms out of the hands of those who should not have them. I support working towards that goal while not infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens. Because of this, I would support implementing a red flag law in Michigan, but only if it includes strong protections for due process, stringent penalties, and cost recovery for meritless complaints. I would also advocate for more support of mental health services for those who need them.

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### WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

**TO WRITE-IN THE NAME OF A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT AND HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT:**

If you want to write in the name of someone who is not on the ballot, you may do so in the space provided. Write-in votes will be counted only if that person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate as required by law.

If there is a race in which a candidate whose name is printed on the official ballot for the election dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately before the election, no declaration of intent is necessary. In such a case, the board of election inspectors will count all write-in votes for the write-in candidates for the office sought by the deceased or disqualified candidate.

**TO DECLARE YOURSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE:**

You must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official for the office you seek on or before 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately before the election (for the November 4 general election, that would be Friday, October 24).
### State Representative

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**Occupation / Current Position**: Family Counselor at Oakland County Friend of the Court

**Education**: Bachelor’s in Psychology from CMU Master’s in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University, Chicago

**Qualifications and Experience**: My career of the last 18 years has been working with parents involved in high conflict custody/parenting time disputes and helping them find common ground and negotiate agreements.

I believe that public funding should only be utilized to fund public schools. We need to invest in our public schools and their teachers. Teachers need mentoring, training, support and good pay. Too often they are required to fill the position of media specialist, nurse, counselor and paraprofessional which takes away from their ability to teach. We need smaller class sizes, less emphasis on standardized testing to assess student/teacher success, and equitable funding which takes into account the individualized needs of students. Teachers need a seat at the table when we are making laws that apply to them.

#### JOHN REILLY

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**Occupation / Current Position**: I am a substance abuse/general mental health clinician/masters level at Growth Works, Inc.

**Education**: I earned both my BSW and MSW from Spring Arbor University

**Qualifications and Experience**: I am a passionate social worker with no previous political experience

A study commissioned by the Governor shows we are under-funding public schools by $2000 per student. We need to ensure that teachers have resources and students have access to books and technology that prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow. Even when they have this access though, too many students are priced out of higher education. I would support the Democratic plan offering 2 free years at a community college. I also support holding for-profit charter and cyber schools to same transparency as public schools. Public funds should not pay salaries for education management officials who run charter schools.

#### MIKE MUELLER

**PARTY**: REPUBLICAN

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Michigan companies bidding on state contracts should have preference so these jobs go to Michiganders. Tax dollars should support Michigan jobs and not out-of-state companies and workers taking our jobs. We should encourage apprenticeship programs and support students wanting to train for jobs in the trades. Working parents need pay equity, access to childcare and the ability to earn paid leave time so they can care for sick family or recover from an illness rather than working while sick and spreading their illness.
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## State Board of Education

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney in private practice; President of the Michigan Promise Zone Association  
**Education:** BS, Chemistry and BA, Art History from Williams College JD from Harvard Law School

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**JASON STRAYHORN**  
**PARTY: DEMOCRAT**  

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Jason Strayhorn is a state of Michigan licensed Real Estate Broker with over 15 years of experience.  
**Education:** Undergraduate degree from MSU

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**TAMI CARLONE**  
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Twitter: [twitter.com/T2CPA](http://twitter.com/T2CPA)  

**Occupation / Current Position:** CPA and Process Improvement Expert  
**Education:** University of Michigan Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting Major

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**MICHELLE FREDERICK**  
**PARTY: REPUBLICAN**  

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Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/michelle4sbe](http://www.facebook.com/michelle4sbe)  

**Occupation / Current Position:** College student and Michigan Parents Involved in Education, board member  
**Education:** BSN Student and Associates of Arts, Oakland Community College

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### Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?

**ELLEN LIPTON**  
I believe my experience as a former legislator most qualifies me for this office. If I served the last 6 years in the State House, serving as the minority vice-chair of the Education Committee, as well as the minority vice-chair of the Appropriations Subcommittees on K-12 Schools. As such, I have a deep understanding of the education policy as well as the funding landscape in this state. I passed legislation to require the state to undergo a comprehensive cost-out study to determine the cost of educating a child in our state. This law resulted in the determination that we are currently underfunding all our students.

**JASON STRAYHORN**  
As the father of three children, I know the challenges that parents, teachers, support staff, and especially students are facing. Through my job I travel throughout Michigan and I see the disparity between school districts. There are children in Michigan who live on separate sides of a street, and depending on which side they live on will depend on whether they receive a quality education. If I served the state, I want to ensure that every child in Michigan receives a quality education.

**TAMI CARLONE**  
Having 30 years of experience as a successful Corporate CPA & Process Improvement Expert, I am able to bring a professional level of fiscal responsibility, problem solving to the Board. Skills that will be helpful to the Board given the role itself, as well as the status of education in MI. Being a national, state & local education advocate, activist, speaker & writer, for 20 years, I have built up an exceptionally unique set of skills to bring to the Board. I know education law, policy, funding, methods, standards, the players & more. I am running to give the students of MI Truth & Excellence in their education.

**MICHELLE FREDERICK**  
I have been an education advocate for 17 years, founding board member at Michigan Parents Involved in Education, and a leadership team member at Stop Common Core in Michigan. I am running because I have witnessed and experienced the quality of my own children’s public education deteriorate over the years. This is not an isolated incident. Michigan’s current reading proficiency is at 44% and math proficiency is at 38% which demonstrates this is a systemic problem that affects our great state. Michigan’s parents deserve a voice that represents them on the State Board of Education, not another politician.

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**ELLEN LIPTON**  
Michigan has been consistently underfunding our K-12 schools since the early 1990’s. Although Proposal A attempted to equalize funding among our hundreds of school districts, it did nothing to address the two critical components of sufficiently and equitably funding our schools. I would propose a “lock box” around the school-aid fund, and not allow it to be used to fund community colleges or public universities, which both have separate sources of funding. We also need to move toward a system that drives resources toward our most vulnerable students, our English language learners, and those with special needs.

**JASON STRAYHORN**  
We need to look at equitable funding, and when I say that I don’t want to “steal from the rich and give to the poor,” I want to help give struggling schools the resources they need to educate our children. I would also use the position on the Board to as a bully pulpit to advocate for children who need additional services, such as special education and English as a second language children.

**TAMI CARLONE**  
Teachers must deal with way too much these days, like jumping through one governmental hoop after another, excessive paperwork & data collection, meeting after meeting, We need the Board to be connecting with students & focused on teaching in their classrooms. We must make sure what teachers are learning in teacher college makes them ready to meet the demands of the job, like expertise in phonics. Excellent teachers can change lives. We must stop the excessive paperwork & data collection, governmental hoop after another, Teachers must deal with way too much these days, like jumping through one governmental hoop after another, excessive paperwork & data collection, meeting after meeting, We need the Board to be connecting with students & focused on teaching in their classrooms. We must make sure what teachers are learning in teacher college makes them ready to meet the demands of the job, like expertise in phonics. Excellent teachers can change lives. We must stop the excessive paperwork & data collection, governmental hoop after another,

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**ELLEN LIPTON**  
We are in the midst a global pandemic, with no immediate end in sight. As such, the most pressing issue is the safe return to learning. I think the school board’s role should be to assemble and analyze research from around the state and around the country in terms of what has worked and what has not worked during the pandemic. The school board can also be an important bridge between the local school districts, which are nearest to their communities, and the MDE which has access to the most relevant research regarding teaching and learning during a pandemic, best practices, and robust data analytical capabilities.

**JASON STRAYHORN**  
Being on the State Board of Education isn’t about being a Democrat or Republican. It’s about doing your best so every kid in Michigan has an opportunity at a great education. I want to remove any partisanship from the Board and ensure that we have one voice advocating for every kid in Michigan, no matter their race, religion, gender identity, or zip code.

**TAMI CARLONE**  
All one must do is look at the results to know MI is in trouble regarding education. MI education spending goes up each year despite declining enrollment & declining results. The Detroit Free Journal summed it up perfectly 1/2018, “Few state school systems report worse achievement metrics than MI.” We must focus on academic achievement and not political agendas. I am passionate about making MI a powerhouse in education for ALL children. We should be the state others look to as the example. Every ed dollar must have a positive impact on classroom learning. Education policy makers must be held accountable for results.
## BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

### BILL HALL
**PARTY: LIBERTARIAN**

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Real estate/mining law attorney/Partner, Warner Norcross + Judd, Michigan’s 2nd largest law firm

**Education:** Northwestern Univ, School of Law, Chicago, IL, J.D., cum laude & Order of the Coif, 1981, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, A.B., magna cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa, 1978, Franklin High School, 1974


### RICHARD A. HEWER
**PARTY: LIBERTARIAN**


**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired Professor / Professor Emeritus

**Education:** MBA - Grand Valley State University BBA - University of Michigan, Dearborn Diploma - Garden City High School

> I just retired last week after teaching Computer Information Systems classes for Ferris State University at Big Rapids, on-line, and at various Community Colleges, Dual Enrollment High Schools and ISDs. Teaching these classes showed me students need more options and should not be locked into the school system for their residence. My background would bring a unique prospective on educational options some students have and ways those could be expanded to all students.

### MARY ANNE HERING
**PARTY: WC**

**Website:** [http://www.workingclassfight.com](http://www.workingclassfight.com)

**Occupation / Current Position:** college teacher, Henry Ford College

**Education:** formal education from Michigan State University, M.A. Psychology and through life experience at factory gates and in working class communities

> As a long time teacher I have been a steadfast advocate for students, their families, teachers, and the support staff who make sure schools function. I have also organized in the working class for decades. I can speak for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate you. I have a career as an education advocate because of those cuts. I will be saying a tidal wave depriving of a decent education because of those cuts. I will be saying a tidal wave of money is needed to guarantee quality education for all and safe in-person schooling.

### HALI MCEACHERN
**PARTY: WC**

**Education:** Henry Ford College, University of Michigan in Dearborn, restaurant worker for eight years

> I am a junior at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. I am getting my bachelor’s in secondary education in history. As a teacher and board member I will use teaching best practices. I work as a server in a restaurant. I know the needs of workers and their children. I am running because I know the resources are there to give every student in the state the best quality education. I went through the public schools in Allen Park. I want better for teachers and school workers. My main focus will be to facilitate the most student learning and to improve the working conditions of teachers and school workers.

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<td><strong>Hali Mceachern</strong></td>
<td>To enhance student learning students need smaller classroom sizes. Arts, music, and gym are essential. Child and adolescent development determines a person’s quality of life, so students need to be learning in enriched environments. Schools can have psychologists and nurses available for students, teachers, and parents. Conflict mediation and family counseling should be provided. A healthy breakfast and lunch must be provided. The resources are there for students to have updated technology; iPads, science experiments, calculators, supplies, instruments, and anything teachers tell us that students need to learn.</td>
<td>Teacher and Board Member</td>
<td>To provide schools with everything they need. Each school should be the best. The SBE should prioritize the students feel are best, e.g., in-person or remote schooling, delivered at home, with tutors or driving, charter or traditional schools. One size does not fit all, as pandemic effects vary widely across the State.</td>
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<td><strong>Bill Hall</strong></td>
<td>Support freedom of choice in education. Competition from schools of choice, charter and other those most hurt by traditional schooling pushes traditional public schools to innovate and better educate, and saves taxpayer dollars. Don’t mandate a “common core” curriculum. Give parents more freedom to choose schools and schools more freedom to choose their own policies. Support fiscal responsibility. Replace underfunded defined benefit with defined contribution retirement plans, State funding should follow the student, let poorly performing schools fail rather than bailing them out, re-deploy funds to focus on academic achievement.</td>
<td>Teacher</td>
<td>The COVID pandemic, and the State’s authoritarian response, have severely dismantled the educational development of a generation of students. The SBE has abdicated its role, letting the Governor and legislature fund a response that ignores the wishes of parents and local school districts and rewards special interests. The SBE should pursue policies that respect parents’ freedom to choose programs they feel are best, e.g., in-person or remote schooling, delivered at home, with tutors or driving, charter or traditional schools.</td>
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<td><strong>Richard A. Hewer</strong></td>
<td>Allow ALL students in Michigan to have a choice on their type of education and have the State money go to the education choice they make. Increase Vocation Education, Industry Certification and Dual Enrollment education options and make those available to all students, not just a select few. Not require all public schools have the same programs and teaching method but allow them to specialize. Let the students choose the school with their specialty and the teaching method that fits their learning style, not just the ones that are available from their local public schools.</td>
<td>Teacher</td>
<td>Making a quality customizable education available to everyone in Michigan. I would not require students to attend failing school systems but allow students to have an online education or do other creative education choices. Providing guidance to school systems on how to educate graduates that will fulfill the job requirements needed in Michigan, I would allow the students to pick their education options and not be required to go to a cookie cutter local class. I would have more industry certification, Vocational Education and dual enrollment options available.</td>
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<td><strong>Mary Anne Hering</strong></td>
<td>Stop the cuts to school funds. Stop the policy of raiding one school budget to give to another. The money is there. All these attacks could grind to a halt by ending tax cuts, subsidies and outright gifts handed over by the state, to major corporations and real estate speculators. I think the educational system can be transformed when those most affected – school employees, parents and students – organize together to demand that the money the laboring population pays, disproportionately in taxes, be used for public education. And I would stand with them and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight.</td>
<td>Teacher</td>
<td>The COVID-19 and how to open up schools to safe, in-person learning. The glaring disparity in education in our school districts. Both can be resolved by guaranteeing high, high levels of funding for all school districts. How? Banish the idea that there isn’t enough money. The money is there! But we have to stop the raiding of the public funds by private interests in the form of tax breaks, and subsidies and to for-profit charter schools. I would use the resources of the SBE to assist teachers, parents, students and others in their communities to organize to stop this theft to ensure full, high funding for public schools.</td>
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**KAREN ADAMS**

PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

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**DOUGLAS LEVESQUE**

PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

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**TOM MAIR**

PARTY: GREEN

Currently, we in Michigan are under a State of Emergency and we have a pandemic. I believe that the Public School Districts should have the authority to decide how school will be delivered. From online to hybrid to face-to-face. When a case is discovered in a face-to-face classroom, then all the students should be in quarantine at home for 14 days. I will encourage special education students (students with disabilities) at Intermediate Schools to be in the classroom. Teaching can be done one-on-one if necessary. I believe Public Schools should be online - online is preferred for health safety reasons.

Two big issues facing public schools are the COVID-19 pandemic & school funding. We must ask (demand) our state & federal elected officials for more funding than we received in the last budget. Funding for added costs this year should be disbursed by the State Treasury from the CARES Act and more should be included in the next federal COVID-19 Stimulus Bill. I understand how to work with elected officials without political party getting in the way. On every board I have served on (20 years-on over 12 major boards) I have worked as a team member for that organization. I’m a Green and I’m independent of the two parties.

I am drawn to public service in Education and to Health Care as immediate needs for Michigan’s K-12 students so that the students get the excellent education they deserve. COVID-19 has become the ‘new school’ and to prosper we need to work within the existing system of education adding higher health care standards to be safe. Not just safe learning, but safe living in our Michigan communities. I am an experienced & qualified administrator. I was elected in 2016 to a seat on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners. I understand how to work in & with government. I was a manager at a federal agency.

University of Michigan Board of Regents

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What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?

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**MARK BERNSTEIN**

PARTY: DEMOCRAT

I am a proud product of Michigan’s public education system. From kindergarten to earning three degrees from the University of Michigan. My long commitment to public service, work in government, business and the law makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. As a regent, I have fought and won for Michigan families by successfully championing the Go Blue Guarantee - a promise of free tuition for families with incomes under $65,000 dollars.

I’m fighting to protect the promise of public education. That means making the University of Michigan accessible for Michigan residents who struggle to pay tuition. I am dedicated to promoting broader access to life-changing education through the expansion of the Go Blue Guarantee, continued investments in student scholarships, and significant investments in diversity, equity and inclusion priorities.

1. Affordability. We need to continue fighting to keep the University accessible for families that struggle to pay tuition. Since I was elected, the net tuition for students from families with household incomes up to $120,000 has gone down significantly (21% lower). The Go Blue Guarantee is our promise to provide free tuition for families with incomes under $65,000 dollars and tuition support for families with incomes up to $180,000 dollars. 2. Diversity. Equity and Inclusion. The University cannot be excellent without being diverse. We know that talent is distributed widely in our society, but opportunity is not.
### University of Michigan Board of Regents

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| **SHAUNA RYDER DIGGS**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT | I ask for your vote for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents.  
As the daughter of two university professors, I learned the importance of higher education to our collective futures.  
As an alumna of the undergraduate and medical schools, I am committed to improving our institution so that it best serves its students, staff, faculty and our state.  
As the first physician to ever serve on the board, I was able to impact our large academic hospital system to improve the healthcare of Michigan residents.  
I will continue to bring my knowledge and experiences to the boardroom. | The two most pressing issues facing UoM are the COVID-19 pandemic and campus culture.  
The safety of our campus community members is paramount.  
I support investment into our health and research capabilities as we investigate the best treatments, vaccines, and effective public health strategies.  
Our COVID-19 responses must consider the welfare of the students, including physical and mental health and the financial impact during this economic instability.  
I want to ensure a campus culture that nurtures and protects members from discrimination and misconduct to create an exceptional learning environment for all. | During my first regental term, we established the Go Blue Guarantee which opened access by providing free tuition to Michigan families making $65,000 or less.  
We expanded financial aid to Michigan families making up to $180,000.  
Our challenge in this next term is to expand a guarantee to our Flint and Dearborn campuses, providing financial security to aspiring students.  
We also need to expand pipeline programs, assisting middle and high school students as well as older non-traditional students prepare for and see the college experience as an achievable, affordable goal, particularly if the pandemic impacts our economy |
| **SARAH HUBBARD**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN | As a life-long Michigander and having earned two degrees from U of M I care deeply about the impact and outcomes of the University. I’m running to provide a perspective currently missing from the Board - that of a conservative woman who understands education and the role U of M plays in MI.  
I’m a small business owner, advocate, sports enthusiast and I’m not afraid to share my opinions.  
Voices like mine are needed in elective office to represent people from throughout MI and ensure their tax dollars are being spent wisely.  
I grew up on a farm and I’ll bring that down-to-earth sentiment to the Board. | The impact of COVID-19 on students and athletics is the most pressing issue facing U of M today.  
I believe strongly we should have students on campus and be playing athletics safely.  
Coach Harbaugh has shown he can keep his team safe and if others would follow his lead they would be safe too.  
Cancellation of U of M’s football season is draining $100 M from the athletic department - and that will have an oversized impact on all other sports.  
Additionally, the need to ensure free speech for all voices on campus - including conservative voices. | Higher education could be more accessible to Michigan residents if the State of Michigan would invest more - specifically focused on in-state residents.  
Lowering tuition for in-state residents could allow far more families to afford U of M.  
Keeping tuition increases limited and increasing scholarships for in-state residents will go far. |
| **CARL MEYERS**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN | As a U of M Regent, I will propose an immediate freeze in tuition for Michigan resident undergraduate students.  
Michigan families are in financial crisis, trying to pay for college, especially with COVID-19.  
Higher education is out of reach for most without family sacrifice and crippling student debt.  
My 38 years of experience in finance, investment management and board governance are an asset as U of M addresses budgetary and tuition challenges.  
My investment experience will assist in oversight of the University’s 12 billion-dollar-plus endowment.  
Our daughters and sons should have access to a U of M Education! | The greatest challenges facing U of M today are:  
#1 – To provide a safe education and campus experience in a COVID-19 environment and #2 – To maintain academic and institutional excellence with a constrained budget.  
As public health and science permits, the entire University should return to pre-pandemic levels as soon and safely as possible.  
The Board must control growth of the budget for efficiency to assure continued excellence, affordability, diversity, and inclusion.  
While navigating Covid-19 and budget, the Board must be more transparent.  
All business should be conducted publicly, with digital access. | Freezing tuition will address the greatest barrier of entry for our resident applicants.  
U of M is now one of the highest cost public universities in the country.  
Unabashed, the Board increased tuition during the pandemic.  
Year after year, the Board has raised tuition at a rate exceeding inflation, thus perpetuating the student debt crisis that’s financially crippled too many students.  
The Board has failed to address this issue. Admission is also a challenge to access where nearly 50% of the freshman class is admitted from out of state.  
I propose a cap on the number of foreign and out-of-state students admitted. |
| **JAMES L. HUDLER**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN | Did not respond in time for inclusion. | Did not respond in time for inclusion. | Did not respond in time for inclusion. |

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<td>PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</td>
<td><a href="http://migreenparty.org">http://migreenparty.org</a></td>
<td>As an alumnus of the University of Michigan and life Michigander, I have a good feel for the place that the University of Michigan plays in our state. It is a national leader in academics, research, and athletics and is an economic asset to the state. We need to preserve these attributes and I am uniquely qualified to handle these decisions. I have been in private medical practice for over 16 years and also served in leadership positions within the hospital system and our physician group. As president of our group for four years I gained experience in strategy, business, and HR that would be useful as as Regent.</td>
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<td><strong>MICHAEL MAWILAI</strong></td>
<td>PARTY: GREEN</td>
<td><a href="http://migreenparty.org">http://migreenparty.org</a></td>
<td>Asian Pacific Islanders are among the largest groups attending the University, but we haven’t been represented among the Board of Regents. Neither has poverty. I’ve walked door to door in Detroit’s poorest neighborhoods to save families from losing their home to tax foreclosure, and having been a four year student at U-M, I know what getting their kids to become graduates would do for their family. From Kim Wong Ark to Vincent Chin’s murder, I have learned from history and see the future of what’s possible, because if Princeton’s Board brought down South African apartheid, some pure Michigan can change the world.</td>
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<td><strong>KEITH BUTKOVICH</strong></td>
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### What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?

| **ERIC LARSON**       | The pressing issues facing the University of Michigan are dealing with COVID-19 while maintaining academic excellence and value for students. Also, we must always focus on keeping UM affordable and elite as a public university. This could be done by providing more online options and continuing the thoughtful consideration of the safety of faculty and students. | Clearly, COVID-19 has made it clear that the traditional ways of educating are shifting. Prior trends have simply been accelerated so that now we face the opportunity to expand the educational reach of UM in ways not before used through online learning. We can expand UM’s academic reach virtually throughout the state while also offering in person options for students seeking a unique experience. This could make UM not only more accessible but also affordable as its ‘customer’ base could expand significantly. |
| **RONALD E. GRAESER** | Did not respond in time for inclusion. | Did not respond in time for inclusion. |
| **CRYSTAL VAN SICKLE**| Did not respond in time for inclusion. | Did not respond in time for inclusion. |

### What recommendations would you propose to make university education more accessible to all Michigan’s residents?

| **ERIC LARSON**       | Did not respond in time for inclusion. | Did not respond in time for inclusion. |
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PARTY: DEMOCRAT
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Occupation / Current Position: President Spartan Wealth Management
Education: B.S. Engineering arts, Michigan State University.

MSU has gone through one of the largest sex abuse scandals in the history of this country. In May of 2018, I issued a plan of reform (https://docs.google.com/document/d/134E9lee3kS_UwX2eNeETGjFAC1cOeop7/NN3LD-c8bn7rAjedit/5-9669x68skip1_ip2_check=true&pli=1) and many of my initiatives have been adopted, including an escalation policy of Title IX reports to the Board, the creation of the Audit, Risk and Compliance (ARC) Committee and the hiring of a Chief Compliance Officer, who reports to the ARC. I know what it takes to fix MSU and that is why I have survivors and their parents supporting me.

REMA VASSAR
PARTY: DEMOCRAT
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Twitter: twitter.com/drema4msu
Occupation / Current Position: Associate Professor Michael G. Morris Endowed Chair Eastern Michigan University
Education: PhD Urban Schooling University of California, Los Angeles With Honors Distinction

As a student-centered educator, I have advocated for marginalized, ignored, and harmed students throughout my career. My focus on fairness and justice will help facilitate trust in MSU leadership, protected education, and bringing stability back to students, families, and faculty. As a current faculty member, I have expert knowledge of universities structure and policies, and practices to bring to bear in this COVID19 moment. As the parent of a Spartan entering her junior year, I have intimate knowledge of the unique needs of MSU families and students, and a keen imperative to improve campus life.

PAT O’KEEFE
PARTY: REPUBLICAN
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Education: Michigan State University - Bachelors in Accounting, Graduated Cum Laude Wayne State University - MBA in Finance

I am running for the MSU Board of Trustees because I believe higher education is a significant national crisis. MSU in particular is a university that is in need of fiscally conservative leadership on its board. I have spent the last 30 years of my career as a crisis manager. My firm is recognized around the globe for our problem solving capabilities, I am familiar with dealing with troubled situations and producing better than expected outcomes when the stakes are high. I have served on advisory boards at multiple universities across the state. I understand the requirements of good governance and oversight.

TONYA SCHUITEMAKER
PARTY: REPUBLICAN
Website: http://www.tonyaschuitemaker.com
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_OCCOM&padding=0 Twitter: twitter.com/votetonya
Occupation / Current Position: Attorney Education: Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctor Cum Laude Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

I am running for MSU Trustee to ensure a healthy, strong future for Michigan State University graduates: protect students and free speech on campus; and make MSU fiscally responsible and accountable to students, families, and taxpayers. My husband, daughter, and I are MSU graduates, so we care about Michigan State. During my career in education, I focused on public safety, the importance of higher education, and expanding economic opportunities for everyone. Additionally, I worked as an attorney helping people with business and family situations.
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<td>Student debt and better outcomes are the most pressing issues. Getting a degree that leads to a successful career is paramount. If you spend $100,000 on a vehicle, it has a warrantee and good trade-in value. Some universities guarantee tuition rates until graduation. What kind of guarantee comes with an MSU degree? There is an implied contract. If students spend $100,000 to earn a degree but can’t earn enough to repay the cost, they could be allowed free or reduced tuition for more education or placement services. Any student debt payments could be suspended with no additional interest for certain periods.</td>
<td>More online opportunities and out-state satellite locations are needed. That means investment in changes, especially the availability of internet to all students. Some great outreach has been ongoing since 1915 with MSU Extension service. They help grow the economy in nearly every county, educating at the community and individual level. In 2017 their programs reached 380,000 kids and adults, and their Product Center helped launch 91 new businesses. The MSU Extension program should be supported and expanded.</td>
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<td>ROBIN LEA LAURAIN</td>
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<td>My experience in the education field is that I helped establish two proprietary schools in Lansing. I was a Program Director and Instructor so I understand funding sources for education. Many of my students were eligible for the WIA program which helped to get individuals receiving State aide into vocational fields so that they could be self sufficient. I found that many of my students lacked basic reading and math skills. They had very little understanding of government or history. I set up tutoring classes in reading and math skills outside of the program and recruited volunteers to help me. All my students passed!</td>
<td>Campus safety is a number one issue at MSU. Safety from exposure to covid, sexual predators, racism, discrimination, and failure to thrive as students. Safety is a huge umbrella. As a Trustee, I will work tirelessly to make sure that umbrella covers all our students. Students can not learn if they do not feel safe. Faculty needs to feel safe in order to effectively teach. I will be that Trustee that walks the campus and reaches out to the Spartan community. I will use that old business model...managing by walking around which I learned at MSU. I would advocate for tuition being cut 30% for on-line classes.</td>
<td>I believe that any student who desires to go to University should be allowed to do so. I would work to bring the New Green Deal to MSU which calls for free college tuition. Until this could be implemented, I would advocate for a tuition freeze. I would also work towards a 30% tuition reduction and free net for all students who are not attending classes on campus due to the pandemic. Under my watch MSU would create a University Corps of advanced students to work with at risk youth to prepare them for University in exchange for tuition reduction. I would be there with the students helping them prepare future Spartans</td>
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*PARTY: DEMOCRAT* | I’m a life-long Detroit and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit, a nonprofit workforce development organization. Education: Bachelors of Sociology ’79, Masters of Education ‘91, Wayne State University; Fellow of Michigan State Political Leadership Program; Community Exec. Leadership Program, Harvard University  
Occupation / Current Position:  
Chief Strategy Officer, SER Metro-Detroit  
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• B.G.S.D. University of Nebraska 1990 | I'm a life-long Detroit and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit, a nonprofit workforce agency. I received my bachelor’s degree and Master’s in Education from Wayne State University and have been involved with WSU since the ’70’s. I was a WSU Alumni Board member (12 yrs.) and was on several president’s advisory councils from Dr. Adarnany to Dr. Wilson. I’m running because I’m worried about WSU’s future in this pandemic, the turmoil on the board, and recent loss of affiliation with an educational institution I’ve sat on many boards and commissions, and bring commitment and 40+ years of service experience.  
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Occupation / Current Position:  
Principal, SRS Advisory Services, LLC  
Education:  
• BA, Wayne State University  
• Masters in Education from WSU  
• Masters Certificate, NDU | Dissention on the board negatively impacts WSU’s reputation and progress. The Board’s priority should be to support website and guide WSU on surviving this global pandemic, developing virtual learning that works for all students, improving student retention, and ensuring a solid financial position. WSU’s lost affiliation with DMC Children’s Hospital hurts the medical school and serves to Detroit children. Since the WSU Board could not agree on a partnership with Henry Ford Hospital, they need to pursue another hospital to maintain its leadership role within the medical community, city and state, and for our children.  
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CEO, SER Metro-Detroit Michigan  
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| **SHIRLEY STANCATO**  
*PARTY: DEMOCRAT* | After being appointed by Governor Whitmer to Wayne State’s Board of Governors, I am now running to retain my seat. I led a long career in civic, corporate and community leadership, both as CEO of a major civic organization and as a high-ranking corporate officer in the banking industry. For almost 20 years, I served as the president and CEO of New Detroit, where I worked across the proverbial “aisle” in the private and public sectors to create a more equitable and just community. I am passionate about improving public education in Michigan, particularly at Wayne State, where I am a proud, first-generation alumna.  
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Principal, SRS Advisory Services, LLC  
Education:  
• BA, Wayne State University  
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• Masters Certificate, NDU | I am deeply concerned about the skyrocketing costs of a college education. We must be proactive and think creatively about how to address tuition affordability at Wayne State, particularly in this age of COVID-19, where state resources are strained and higher education support is more uncertain. Similarly, we must also be hyper-vigilant about addressing the health and safety of students, faculty and staff at Wayne State, both in the short term and long term. We must ensure the value of a Wayne State education and degree continues to grow, whether students are learning in the classroom, remotely or a mix of the two.  
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| **DON GATES**  
*PARTY: REPUBLICAN* | My campaign is based on leadership, professionalism, and innovation. From the boardroom to the battlefield, I have led Soldiers in combat and commanded units with hundreds of Soldiers. I have presented and sold multi-million dollar projects to Corporate 500 companies. As a retired Colonel in the Army Reserve, I know how to lead effective teams and treat people with dignity and respect. I am trained to solve complex problems and develop innovative solutions. I know how to work with all stakeholders, present recommendations, make compromises, and implement winning solutions. I am running to give back and serve my alma mater.  
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**PARTY:** US TAXPAYERS

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**PARTY:** GREEN

**Twitter:** twitter.com/TraverseGreens

**Occupation / Current Position:**

Professor; Northwestern MI College, Columnist; Traverse City Record Eagle

**Education:**

BA Oakland Univ. MA Wayne State Univ. PhD all coursework/exams, Wayne State Univ.

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**YOUR VOTE Counts**

**Voter Eligibility**

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.

11.3.20
CANDIDATES

**DEMOCRAT DAVID COULTER**
555 Leroy St.
Ferndale, MI 48220

As the current county executive, I am working collaboratively with the Board of Commission to achieve results. I hired the most diverse leadership team in county history, signed the first non-disparagement agreements throughout our county protest racial inequity, I have also stood up to President’s Trump dangerous agenda and preserved family planning services at Planned Parenthood for our residents. We are transforming our county health clinics to provide primary care and mental health services. I have achieved these results while maintaining strong fiscal policies, approving a three-year balanced budget and securing the county's AAA bond rating. I am championing an Oakland Together agenda because I know that for too long residents felt excluded from county government and overlooked in county policies. Now we are bringing everyone together, celebrating our diversity, building on our strengths, and addressing our challenges.

**REPUBLICAN MIKE KOWALL**
2333 Cumberland Dr.
White Lake, MI 48383

Mike is married to Eileen and owned the former Accurate Woodworking Inc. of Waterford before he was approached by L. Brooks Patterson and Representative David Galloway to run for State House. After serving in the House, Mike was asked, and encouraged, to serve as the White Lake Supervisor, and then as one of five State Senators serving Oakland County. During his term in the State Senate, Mike was chosen by his fellow members as their Senate Majority Floor Leader. As a Senate Leader, Mike made it a priority to honor our Veterans with multiple Veteran Remembrance Ceremonies throughout our State. In short, Mike knows how to balance the financial, economic and employment needs of our state and our County. And, he knows we need to take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. Balanced. Thoughtful. Nuanced. Action. Brooks knew what we know now. If we want Oakland County to be a great place to live, work and raise a family, we need MIKE KOWALL for Oakland County Executive!

**LIBERTARIAN CONNOR NEPOMUCENO**
6 S. Main St., Apt. 1
Clarkston, MI 48346

I’ve lived in Oakland County for three years, it is my home, and I am here because I feel that it matters. I came here to work in the auto industry. I have no background in politics, this is my first election. I am not running to make a career, but because I recognize that politics is not a game, but a competition of real ideas with real impact. My ideas are unfettered Freedom. I believe the moral limit of human action is the rights of others. I believe in personal choice for faith, relationships, and happiness. I believe this allows our community to cooperate, furthering both our own self interests and the mutual interests of the community. I view government mandate as an imposition on our neighbors, and a yoke upon our own shoulders. If elected, it would be my mission to lighten that load and get this government out of your way and work with the county commissioners and lobby our representatives in Lansing and Washington, to protect the natural rights each of us are born with.

**CANDIDATES**

**FOUR YEAR TERM**

We must manage the COVID-19 pandemic, recover from the recession and incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into all our efforts. In three short months over 8600 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically over 1000 have died. Our quick actions during the Stay at Home order to require health standards to screen employees, require social distancing and face coverings at open businesses. MIKE KOWALL wants to make sure we are opening safely and implementing aggressive testing throughout the county to track any reemergence of the virus. In order to recover from the recession, we are providing grants to our small businesses, community non-profits and local governments hard hit by the pandemic. We are working with our schools so they can open safely in the fall by providing trained school nurses and ensuring child care providers can operate safely and provide affordable child care as parents return to work.

**PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/20**

Reduce the Cost Of Living. First, abolish the property tax, saving every household thousands of dollars a year. Second, loosen the zoning and building codes to expand housing access, making our housing markets more competitive. Thirdly, deregulate our public utilities, including schools, energy, internet, and cable, to encourage greater competition and consumer choice. Reduce the Cost of Doing Business. Many of the above mentioned reforms will help our businesses as well, by lowering overheads and allowing for reinvestment by owners. This in turn leads to more time and services offered to consumers. Additionally, by streamlining business licensing, particularly the Cannabis Regulatory Commission which will allow new Dispens, we can create many jobs for Oakland residents. Implement Constitutional Sanctuary policies. This allows us to protect our Second Amendment rights and our vulnerable immigrant population from aggressive and overbearing federal agencies. End the War on Drugs.

**Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?**
Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

CANDIDATES

DEMOCRAT
KAREN MCDONALD
P. O. Box 1750
Birmingham, MI 48009

Over the past twenty years, I have served Oakland County as a Circuit Court Judge (2012-2019), assistant prosecutor (1999-2004), and private practice attorney (2004-2013). I have seen firsthand that our broken criminal justice system is failing Oakland County residents—especially poor people and people of color. I stepped down from the bench in 2019 because we need a prosecutor who will actively work to implement progressive criminal justice reform that will reduce mass incarceration and create a fair system for all people. With my background as a judge, assistant prosecutor, and attorney, I am uniquely qualified to lead the Prosecutor’s Office in this pursuit with experience and understanding in all areas of the court.

DEMOCRAT
LIN GOETZ
2936 Riverside Dr.
Lake Orion, MI 48359

I am an attorney with 28 years of extensive experience in the practice of Criminal law, both as an Assistant Prosecutor in Oakland County, and as a Criminal Defense Attorney. I have considerable courtroom experience, which extends from initial client meetings, to research of constitutional issues through trial and appeal. I have not only handled complex litigation but have often offered my assistance to help others navigate their case through the court system, declining compensation for my time for those with a limited income. In addition to trying misdemeanors and felonies, I have substantial experience in the Juvenile Justice system, and family courts. My experience includes helping protect children from Neglect and Abuse, helping reunify families, and have fought to protect our elderly citizens who were more vulnerable to predators. I want to make Oakland County the safest county in Michigan through my lifelong commitment to the protection of others. I AM TOUGH BUT FAIR TO ALL.

Republicans

TRAINED AND RECRUITMENT: Good policing is the result of better hiring and better training. We need to invest in recruitment to be able to attract the brightest and best to serve our community. Further, we need a state-of-the-art training center where our Deputies can train and learn from the best instructors, which keeps our residents and our employees safe. ALTERNATIVES FOR ADDICTION: We have implemented many programs to combat drug addiction and aid those who need treatment, such as Riders on Addiction’s Medically Assisted Treatment, Narcan Deployment, and Operation Medicine Cabinet. I will continue to look at ways to work with courts and judges to make sure those who truly need treatment instead of incarceration are able to get the help they need. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: We have created numerous nationally recognized community outreach and engagement programs. We will continue to innovate new programs, build new relationships, and deepen existing ones.

1. Public Integrity Unit - Implement a review procedure whereby convictions would be re-examined when new evidence comes to light such as DNA evidence, new scientific evidence or additional witnesses become available. This will ensure that convictions are based on all available evidence and to ensure that guilty persons are punished while innocent individuals do not remain in custody. 2. Training and re-assignment of Assistant Prosecutors to substantially improve overall services to the community. Training has been sorely lacking over the last 12 years and I intend to give the assistants every opportunity to keep abreast of all current trends in the law. 3. Increase involvement in Treatment Courts and other jail diversion programs for non-violent offenders, and increase community outreach to ensure that citizens of Oakland County will have their voices heard and have ongoing line communication with the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.

Oakland County Sheriff

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

CANDIDATES

DEMOCRAT
VINCENT GREGORY
19578 San Jose Blvd.
Lathrup Village, MI 48359

I am running for Oakland County Sheriff because we need an experienced leader who stands for integrity, inclusivity, and accountability in law enforcement. As a U.S. Marine, Vietnam veteran, former State Rep., former State Senator, former County Commissioner, and career law enforcement officer, I bring a wealth of experience to the role. I have supervised over 200 sworn employees at theكلمة مشتركة

1. As Public Safety Officers we should be seen all over the Coun- try. I will work immediately to spread the Sheriff’s office to all of Oakland County. I will try to secure more funding for secondary roads so Deputies can Patrol more of the secondary roads. 2. The hard work is not yet over. Every day, yet not one woman has been promoted to the highest rank of Captain in the past 20 years. We must promote women so they can lead, not just serve. I will immediately promote a qualified woman to the position of Captain. 3. If the federal lawsuit is still going on, I will immediately get involved to try to bring this issue to a close.

REPUBLI CAN
MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD
P. O. Box 1835
Birmingham, MI 48012

Having served as the Sheriff since 1999, I have made advancements in safety and protection for both the citizens of Oakland County and for the men and women who protect and serve. Oakland County leads the nation in its community relationships and the Sheriff’s Office continues to set standards and best practices for other agencies to emulate. With over 30 years of experience in law enforcement, I continually look for ways to better our agency. We have responded to issues in our communities with innovative ideas to tackle the opioid crisis, or the more recent COVID-19 pandemic. Our opioid response set the standard for the state where, due to the legislation I sought, our agency was the first to obtain and deploy Narcan to our Depu- ties. We also had one of the first robust Medically Assisted Treatment programs in the state to give addicts the treatment they need even while incarcerated. Because of our team’s effort and successes, I was named National Sheriff of the Year in 2016.

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**Oakland County Treasurer**

**CANDIDATES**

**DEMOCRAT**

ROBERT WITTENBERG
13302 Borgman Ave.
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

I currently serve as a third term state representative in southern Oakland County. I've also worked as a licensed Life & Health insurance agent for 15 years helping thousands of individuals & businesses navigate their insurance & employee benefits. In the legislature, I served as the top-ranking Democrat on the Financial Liability Reform Committee & on the House Tax Policy & the Financial Services Committees. I love helping people, that is why I am in public service, & I believe an effective public servant should be both fiscally responsible & socially conscious. My professional & legislative experiences helped me develop the skills needed to serve as Treasurer. I'm a proven, trustworthy leader whose track record of fighting for Oakland County residents' financial wellbeing is strong. My wife & I grew up in Oakland County, & we're raising our family here because we love this community & want to ensure that Oakland County remains a place where everyone can be proud to live.

**REPUBLICAN**

TINA BARTON
7985 Clemme
Davisburg, MI 48350

I am the Rochester Hills City Clerk and have served as an election administrator for over 15 years. I have an MA in Management and Leadership and a BA in Business Administration. I am certified by the IIMC as a Master Municipal Clerk and a Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk II by the MAMC. I serve on the Election Security Commission, appointed by SOS Benson. I also serve on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, appointed by the US Conference of Mayors. I have received a Cleanie Award for Election Innovation. Under my leadership, Rochester Hills was the first city in Michigan to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit pilot. I have been honored by Leadership Oakland as a Leader of Leaders in Public Service and by the MAMC as the City Clerk of the Year. I am the President of the Oakland County Clerks Association. I am a professional, experienced, and nationally respected Clerk that is committed to serving all of the residents of Oakland County with excellence.

**Question 1 (150 Words or less):** Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

**Oakland County Clerk / Register of Deeds**

**CANDIDATES**

**DEMOCRAT**

LISA BROWN
P. O. Box 251552
West Bloomfield, MI 48325

I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County and have been honored to serve as Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds since 2013. I am an attorney, Certified Elections/Registration Administrator, former Realtor, former State Representative, ICLE contributor, member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association, and proud mom. I am running for re-election to continue providing an accessible, efficient and fiscally responsible office to the residents of Oakland County. I have saved Oakland County taxpayers millions of dollars while increasing efficiency and access. I have received national awards and attention for innovative programs I have implemented in the office. Now more than ever, it is vital to have a Clerk/Register with experience and knowledge in each area of this important office to serve in this role. I will build on my track record of success to promote access, transparency and accountability.

**REPUBLICAN**

TINA BARTON
7985 Clemme
Davisburg, MI 48350

As your next County Clerk, I will promote collaboration, communication, and innovation. I have a record of collaborating with Clerks across our county, state, and nation. I am respected for my ability to reach across the aisle in order to get work done. In the last year, I have been a speaker at GOP events, for the DNC, as well as the ACLU. I pledge to increase the amount and quality of communication that is going out to the residents of Oakland County. I will effectively communicate on all social media platforms, as well as through the press. My personal passion for and intimate knowledge of this profession will lead to my continued innovative practices and processes which have been recognized locally and nationally. As your County Clerk, I will value your time and resources, as well as your rights as a voter. I will lead innovatively with transparency, a vision, and by collaborating with all residents of our county.

**Question 2 (150 Words or less):** What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

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Oakland County Treasurer

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

CANDIDATES

REPUBLICAN
JOE KENT
5195 Hosner Rd., Oxford, MI 48370

This is my 25th year as a self-employed tax accountant. I’m licensed by the US Treasury. I hold an MBA from the University of Michigan and a bachelor’s degree from the MSU College of Business. I’m the only Oakland County Treasurer candidate to sign the Americans For Tax Reform pledge not to support tax increases. I’ve knocked on thousands of doors supporting better tax policies for homeowners. I’m an appointed church leader. I serve on the board of directors of Crossroads For Youth which provides foster care and therapy. I’m past president (and a Paul Harris Fellow) of my local Rotary Club, which provides beds to disadvantaged children. Lastly, I’m a past district finance chair for scouting. I’m running because we need a treasurer who will be an advocate for the people of Oakland County, protect L. Brooks Patterson’s legacy of financial stewardship and be a strong voice against higher property taxes. My wife, teen children and I feel blessed to call Oakland County home.

(WRITE-IN)
NO PARTY
AFFILIATION
NICHOLAS G. LUPPINO
249 Baldwin Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

CANDIDATES

DEMOCRAT
JIM NASH
27490 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I have been the Oakland County Water Commissioner for over seven years, before that I was an Oakland County Commissioner from Farmington Hills for eight years. I am a veteran, husband, father of four and grandfather to three, all living in Michigan. As a County Commissioner I organized and hosted six Annual Green Building Workshops, bringing in experts to discuss the importance of sustainable development, energy conservation, alternative energy and environmental protection with Oakland County elected officials and citizens. Since becoming Water Resources Commissioner I have organized and hosted seven Regional Stormwater Summits, bringing local, state and national experts before hundreds of regional officials, to educate and develop stormwater policies to protect our water resources. I have worked hard to improve morale in the organization, develop strong connections with all our communities, lead regional and statewide environmental efforts and educate the public on water issues.

REPUBLICAN
JIM STEVENS
3394 Coolidge, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I want you to know some large companies have damaged our Great Lakes, our water drains which start off small, which over time end up in our Wonderful lakes. I have a plan to get our Lakes and water ways clean again.

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

First is the public’s access to information. In 2019 a curtain was drawn around the country’s books by eliminating “fiscal notes” that disclose the impact of changes to the county’s budget. I will advocate for the reinstatement of this practice and make additional financial data public. Second is the protection of property rights. Aggressive foreclosure practices recently landed Oakland County in front of the MI Supreme Court when a home was seized and sold because of $8.41 in unpaid interest. I will conduct a thorough and impartial review of foreclosure policies. Third is securing the future. Oakland County residents will face higher taxes if the county loses its AAA bond rating. This is a risk due to rising discretionary expenditures and the previously mentioned lack of transparency . I seek to return Oakland County to the fiscal conservatism and cautious investment policies that made the L. Brooks Patterson administration the nation’s standard for excellence and stability.

Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

CLIMATE CHANGE is causing more intense storms and stormwater pollution. I am working to address Climate Change by replacing carbon use with renewable energy and designing resilient systems, using Green Infrastructure: landscaping, new technologies and flowering native plants to absorb runoff before it reaches storm drains and the environment.

PUBLIC HEALTH issues such as lead in drinking water, PFAS contamination and toxic sites like the I-696 green ooze reinforce the need for state and federal funding and cooperation and I will continue to support and lead those efforts in Oakland County.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, that causes more main breaks, leaks and other excessive costs, needs repair and replacement, without making water unaffordable for many ratepayers. Our communities continue to do their part and my office will do all it can to help them. We do all this through regional cooperation, because water follows no political boundaries, and with efficiency as our top priority.

1. We need to educate our future children to be the gatekeepers of clean water. 2. From January 1 to April 18, 2018, a total of 95.4 million gallons of partially treated sewage were released into the Rouge River from retention treatment basins in Birmingham and Beverly Hills. More than another billion gallons of water were released from retention basins in Macomb County, the majority of which included wastewater discharged from the George W. Kuhn treatment basin, which collects sewage from 14 communities upstream of the Red Run Drain, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Troy and Beverly Hills. This needs to stop. 3. In these tough times, I plan to donate $25,000 towards water or grocery bills for Oakland County citizens who fell victim of this economy and start a charity which would help families.
Michelle Bryant, MBA, BSN, RN, CPHQ of Lake Orion is 54, married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is a democrat, a former military officer, healthcare executive, consultant and advocate for quality healthcare. Her work extends from for-profit and non-profit health systems to academic as well as known for her expertise with accreditation and regulatory agencies. Her experience includes clinical operations, nursing, education, process improvement, risk reduction, infection prevention and control, patient safety, research, medical staff services and utilization management. Mrs. Bryant’s leadership and process improvement background will allow her to be effective in setting and executing Oakland county’s priorities.

In my mind the Climate Crisis is the most unnoticed existential issue that all levels of government and business need to work on immediately. I am open to ways of making Oakland County services carbon neutral by 2030 and find revenue from carbon usage. While the Pandemic continues, Covid 19 testing and tracing should be improved and made available for all Oakland County citizens. CARE funding should be used in this. Also, CORE services might be useful to pursue. Testing is the only way to restore some confidence in doing business and movement until a vaccine and/or cure is available. This can also improve the health system, especially mental health. Besides the Climate Crisis the preservation of healthy water sources and delivery is vital. Improved monitoring is essential. I would support HB5290-2 and HB4212 and the Healthy Lakes Initiative to protect Michigan’s fresh waterways.

I was born in Pontiac & grew up in Waterford, Attended St. Benedict’s, OLL and graduated from Waterford Twp High School. I attended OCC and OU. I started Hoffman Nursery & Landscaping when I was 19, started American Recycling at 23 years old, and Hoffman Farms in 1993. I have been a licensed builder since 1982, was Waterford Twp Supervisor from 1984-88, & OC Commissioner from 2010-present. Being an OC Commissioner allows you to be in position to actually help the citizens of Oakland County. We are the conduit between the residents, the county & other levels of government, including the Road Commission of OC. I have 50 years of gaining experience and building relationships. I am a small business owner who has also been a union member and I have negotiated contracts for management.

The three issues facing the county are: 1. The economic crisis created by the pandemic. It will be a challenge to maintain services, balance the county budget and protect our AAA bond rating. 2. While we all have a duty to pay our property taxes, the government has a legal duty to properly assess our property. I have been raising the alarm for the last few years to the fact that many properties in OC are over assessed. Taxpayers are paying taxes on equity that does not exist. 3. All communities in OC are not the same. What works in the south end of the county is not necessarily what would work in the north end. A prime example is mass transit. I believe in local control & the citizens of OC, do not need hte sate or even the county government micromanaging our lives. I will continue to represent the citizens of my district first.

I have worked for Beaumont Health for 10 years. Nine of those years have been in a leadership role. I am married and have two teenage boys who attend Oxford public schools. I am currently on the Planning commission in the Village of Oxford. I am running for County Commissioner to bring a much needed new perspective and representation to District 46. I believe this area is slowly progressing and I will continue to represent the citizens of the community and veterans as well as safe roads and water (drinking & recreational). If elected as the Oakland County Commissioner for District 1, Mrs. Bryant would: 1. Work to understand the concerns of the community, available data on the concerns, allocated funding and rationale as well as barriers to addressing each concern identified. 2. Build partnerships and collaborations with key stakeholders. 3. Establish and implement a written quality control and or improvement plan, which includes monitoring for continuous improvement as well as sustainability. 4. Will provide updates to district 1 citizens and local leadership on status of outcomes.

If elected I would like to see Healthcare (which would include health and wellness programs). Water safety and Racial equality be at the forefront. Without healthy community members we cannot have strong county. As county commissioner I would look to experts in the field of health care and health and wellness, to guide us to getting healthcare for all and setting up health and wellness centers easily accessible to all residents. Water safety both home use and our waterways need to be addressed. I believe we should encourage communities to act quickly in fixing structural issues surrounding drinking water and to address invasive species in fresh waterways. I would look to local organizations to help with the clearing of invasive species. We need racial equality in our county. I would encourage the county to support minority owned business through grants and other funding. I would look into how the criminal justice system impacts minorities and help develop programs to make changes.
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CANDIDATES

REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL SPISZ
3661 High View Dr.
Oxford, MI 48371

• Married – 20 years. 2 Daughters; Sophomore and Senior in High School • Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from GM (Kettering University), and an MBA in Global Business from Davenport University • Employment: Executive Director of Engineering for a Tier-1 Automotive Supplier. 25+ years in the automotive industry. • I am running for re-election because this is something that I enjoy and I do it because I want to, not because I need to. • As a conservative I believe that the money you earn is always better in your hands than the government and that you are best served to determine how to spend or donate it. • I believe in smaller government and that we as human beings can always find a solution to a problem and that it is not always up to the government to solve for us. • I prefer to lead by example and drive to resolution based on logic and facts. • Family comes first and always do what you believe is right

DEMOCRAT

PHILLIP REID
6050 Shappie Rd.
Clarkston, MI 48348

Lifelong Michigan resident and Oakland County resident for 35+ years. Married 38 years with two adult children. MBA Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. Additional information can be found at https://www.facebook.com/groups/Reid4CC/. As a buyer for Chrysler Group, managed an annual buy in excess of $30 million of engineered components for assembly and powertrain operations. As a system administrator I supported their production purchasing system with an annual buy of $1.4 billion, well in excess of the annual budget of Oakland County. I am personally acquainted with several current commissioners which would facilitate my transition to commissioner.

REPUBLICAN

KAREN JOLIAT
4181 Lakewood Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329

While completing my second elected term as a Waterford Township Trustee, I’m pursuing a run for Commissioner to bring fiscally conservative and transparent governance to the Board. I have a BA in Business Administration from Walsh College. I have 45-years of experience in government and the for-profit sector as a pharmaceutical representative with Bristol-Myers & account executive for Detroit Newspapers. In addition, experience in the non-profit sector as past president Oakland County Children’s Village Foundation for 8-years. These careers have equipped me with fair and balanced budgeting tools. I’ve been successful and resourceful in maximizing services and appropriating funding on a limited fluctuating budget. I have the flexibility, creativity, and drive to be a productive board member. My experience and community involvement has earned me Commissioner Middleton’s endorsement. Joliat4Commissioner.com

DEMOCRAT

KRISTEN NELSON
3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328

I’m a life-long Oakland County resident, born and raised in the District I proudly represent. In 2019 I ran as a first-time candidate against an incumbent. Voters in District 5 responded to my message, and as a result of my election, for the first time since 1972, a democratic majority was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. I currently serve as the Majority Vice Chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs and Operation Committee, Chair of the Senior Connectedness Task Force, Chair of the Invasive Species Special Committee, and I am a member of the Public Safety and Social Justice and Healthy Communities and Environment Committees. As an energetic leader, passionate problem solver and forward thinker, I am running for re-election to further pursue my commitment in representing the diverse voices of people while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about.

REPUBLICAN

KLINT KESTO
4636 Rosewood Ln.
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

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CANDIDATES

**DISTRICT 6**

**DEMOCRAT**

JEFFREY LONG

3180 Long Ln.,
White Lake, MI 48383

I am 56 years old. I was raised in White Lake Twp. My wife and I purchased our first home in Waterford before moving to White Lake in 1996 and building our current home. I currently serve on the Huron Valley Board of Education. I was first elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2016. During the last 9 years, we have improved relationships with staff, negotiated fair contracts, and been able to avoid privatizing. We have continued to balance our budgets and provide a AAA education. The experience of serving my community has prepared me to move to the County Commission. Having been part of negotiating contracts as a public servant and in my professional career, contract and policy language has become second nature to me. I am running for this position because I have grown tired of partisan politics and a lack of respect from both sides of the aisle. Constituents deserve to be represented by their elected officials no matter their, or their representative’s party affiliation.

**REPUBLICAN**

EILEEN KOWALL

2333 Cumberland Dr.
White Lake, MI 48383

Husband Mike 46 years, daughters Marissa (Tom) & Stephanie, 2 grandchildren. Lifelong MI resident. Oakland County resident since 1974, White Lake since 1981; Dental Hygienist (1974-1996); Design, sales management, Accurate Woodworking, Inc. (1970-2003); State House Representative, 44th District (2009-2014); County Commissioner, 6th District (2003-2008, 2015-current). Member, Waterford & Huron Valley Chambers of Commerce, Huron Valley Optimist Club, Highland/White Lake Business Assoc., White Lake & Waterford Historical Societies, Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club, Church of the Holy Spirit. Currently serving as County Commissioner & member of Oakland County Finance Committee, Human Trafficking Taskforce, Covid-19 Impact on Seniors Taskforce, Airport Committee. I hope with the involvement in my community, along with the experience, knowledge & leadership roles in many subject areas at the state & county levels over the years, I am better able to serve the residents of Oakland County.

**DISTRICT 7**

**DEMOCRAT**

KAREN J. ADAMS

4539 Ravinewood Dr.
Commerce, MI 48382

I am committed to public service. I know government can work for people when it is actually led by an experienced, effective person who knows the issues, understands policy and is careful with funds. My government experience, as a township planning commissioner, school board director, assistant borough manager, and my work experience in human resources, law and commercial real estate gives me insight and knowledge to craft and implement policies to benefit Oakland County. My volunteer experience in the Red Cross, the Lions Club, various civic associations, and PTO’s created invaluable friendships and an understanding of the needs of the community. I am committed to listening to the concerns and responding to the residents of this district. I am a native Michigan, married for over 39 years. We have two daughters, both work in healthcare, and live near us in Oakland County too. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**REPUBLICAN**

CHRISTINE A. LONG

1342 E. Commerce Rd.
Commerce, MI 48382

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CANDIDATES

**DISTRICT 8**

| DEMOCRAT |
| TONI NAGY |
| 49864 Helfer Blvd. |
| Wixom, MI 48393 |

Married to Pam residing in South Lyon 30 years; Owner-Law Office Philip Weipert; Juris Doctor- Cooley Law School, B.A. U of M-Dearborn; Catholic Central H.S. Appointed to Pandemic Response & Economic Recovery Committee. P. Chair-SEMCOG, Chair S. Lyon ZBA; Wixom, Milford & South Lyon Historical Societies, Kensington Valley/S. Lyon, Huron Valley & Lakes Area Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 Chamber Citizen of the Year, Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, P. Grand Knight K of C Council 7586 & P. Secretary K of C Assembly 3099 Milford-monthly Flag replacement at Veterans Graves; Board Member Lyon (Twp.) Events Organization L.E.O./Kitefest, Operation Injured Soldiers, Huron and Clinton River Watershed Councils and War Dog Memorial. I am currently serving as Commissioner, and am qualified because my background in law, volunteering, public service, and leadership roles in numerous civic organizations has provided me with the skills and insight to serve District 8.

| REPUBLICAN |
| PHIL WEIPERT |
| 135 N. Warren |
| South Lyon, MI 48178 |

I was elected to this position in 2018. Prior to that, I served 5 years on the Novi City Council. I work with leaders at all levels of government to bring effective policies and resources to Oakland County. I am an effective organizer, having served in leadership on several local boards and Commissions. I’m currently majority Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners Finance Committee, and I am Chair of the Airport and Financial Audit Committees, among others. My signature project this year was the distribution of 5000 Oak trees to communities throughout the County in commemoration of the County Bicentennial. We worked with local governments and non-profit organizations to complete this fun and important project.

**DISTRICT 9**

| DEMOCRAT |
| GWEN MARKHAM |
| 45540 Violet Ln. |
| Novi, MI 48374 |

I have been a resident of Novi for 26 years and have served on City Council for 13 years, the last 9 as Mayor Pro-Tem. I am married Jean for 35 years and have two daughters; Rachel, a high school art teacher and Amber, an EMT. I am a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church. I volunteer in many capacities and am a member of the Novi Rotary, Novi Chamber of Commerce and BPO Elks. I have has over 30 years of executive management experience. I have served in positions as COO, CFO, Vice President & Chief Technology Officer at various companies in SE Michigan. I hold a BA degree in Business Administration from Lakeland College and a MS degree in Management from the UW-Milwaukee. I am currently the Comptroller of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Southeastern Michigan and SEMCA. I own Impact Media Professionals, a Novi small business. I am running to return the commission’s focus back to fiscal responsibility, smaller government, greater transparency and personal freedom.

| REPUBLICAN |
| DAVID STAUTC |
| 23715 Nilan Dr. |
| Novi, MI 48375 |

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**Angela Powell**

Been in politics since 2004 working all over Mich. Last couple positions held before becoming a commissioner, I worked for Tim Greimel-former State Rep.- District Constituent Service Coordinator And Oakland County Democratic Party-Political Director. In my first term as OCC I was able to get 3 resolutions sponsored. I am running to make sure resources from OC improve the lives of residents and is being utilized effective for citizens in my district and throughout OC. I am a strong leader who stands for what is fair in any situation that comes before me.

**David B. Foster**

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

**Tim Burns**

Husband to Barbra for fifteen years. Dad of 11-year-old Jack & Maggie who attend Troy Public Schools. Attorney, small business owner, youth soccer coach and community volunteer. Currently on Board of Directors for Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society plus my neighborhood homeowners association. Previously served on Board of Commissioners for State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Parks Commission, and Oakland County International Airport Authority. Past president and board member of the Troy Community Coalition, named “Democrat of the Year” in 2010 by Troy Democratic Club, and honored as “Distinguished Citizen of the Year” in 2011 by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge. Also served as County Commissioner representing Troy from 2007 – 2011. Looking to re-engage in government because tired of elected officials acting more like school yard bullies than good neighbors. I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work making a positive contribution as your County Commissioner.

**Thomas E. Kuhn**

I have been an elected official in Oakland County for 26 years, serving 12 years at the local level and 12 years on the Oakland Community College board, 2 years as chair, as well as currently serving as your County Commissioner. I have a BA, MA and PhD in Political Science and have been an attorney for 36 years. In addition to my service as an elected official, I have been active in youth sports as a coach and board member, and as a homeowners association board member. In all those years of service, I have never seen the lack of oversight, no-bid contracts and fiscal irregularities brought upon us by the current Oakland Co. Democratic leadership. We need change. As your commissioner, I will continue to work closely with our city leaders to provide improved roads and infrastructure, and provide support for our businesses, neighborhoods and families. I am totally committed to assuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely and that contracts are properly bid. Website: votetomkuhn.com

### Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

**Angela Powell**

1-more housing and affordable housing since we have a housing shortage in Mich.
2- more resources for small Businesses especially minority and women owned.
3-continue improving communicate to my district so they become more aware of what resources Oakland County Offer.

**David B. Foster**

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

**Tim Burns**

TACKLE THE PANDEMIC - Oakland County’s Health Division has crucial role in combating the coronavirus pandemic through enforcing health standards, providing medical services including testing, and eventually distributing vaccinations. I will provide guidance and support so we can efficiently and effectively tackle this public health emergency. We need leaders who understand science and facts matter in making decisions. Oakland County’s recovery is my top priority!

PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH - Enhance County’s home improvement program to stimulate local jobs while increasing property values. Collaborate with colleges and hospitals to create biotech industry jobs expanding our economic base.

MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - During the Great Recession, as a County Commissioner I worked on passing balanced budgets which helped residents through tough times and preserved essential services without raising taxes. I will use that experience to help us be fiscally responsible moving forward now.

**Thomas E. Kuhn**

Restore Fiscal Responsibility: For decades, Brooks Patterson, Sheriff Mike Bouchard and the Republican County leadership maintained strong fiscal responsibility that provided our critical county services at the best value for taxpayers. The County’s AAA bond rating allowed for dramatically improved infrastructure. We need to return to the wise and rational policy that served the County’s taxpayers so well for so many years. Restore Accountability: Currently, the County Commission does not allow adequate oversight and review prior to important votes. The Commission needs to re-establish its previous operating committees which can provide meaningful oversight of county expenditures and programs. Restore Commitment to Oakland County Residents: The Commission is now spending massive amounts that don’t benefit our residents, including subsidizing political groups. The County needs to be re-committed to providing essential services and infrastructure for Oakland County residents.
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**CANDIDATES**

**DISTRICT 12**

**DEMOCRAT**

**KELLY DILLAHA**

2553 Manchester Rd.,
Birmingham, MI 48009

I’ve lived in Oakland County for 20 years, 9 in Birmingham. My husband Scott and I wanted to be rooted in a community with caring neighbors, excellent schools, vibrant shops and safe streets. This week, our twin sons Aidan and Brady graduated from Seaholm without a commencement ceremony, but the outpouring of well-wishes from teachers and neighbors lifted us up and reminded us why we chose Oakland as our home. I’m running for County Commission because I want to play an active part in shaping Oakland’s future. In a few years when my sons graduate from college, I want Oakland to be the place they choose to start their careers and raise their families. Through my professional and volunteer work, I have built strong relationships with community groups, business leaders, educators and government. I am proud of my reputation as someone who works hard to get things done on time and within budget. I’m not a career politician, I’m a business owner and parent who cares about where we are headed.

**REPUBLICAN**

**CHUCK MOSS**

1184 Dorchester Rd.,
Birmingham, MI 48009


**DEMOCRAT**

**MARIA GERSHENSON**

5964 Wing Lk. Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I am the incumbent County Commissioner for District 13 and the current Vice-Chair of the Commission. I am a native Michigander and a graduate of the University of Michigan. I am running for re-election because during these unprecedented times, experienced leadership matters and is critical to our recovery. I reach out regularly to local communities to offer County resources. My knowledge and expertise has been invaluable to assist residents and businesses with answers to questions and problems.

**REPUBLICAN**

**MAX ROHTBART**

5613 Pembroke Crossing
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County, graduated Andover High School, and have a B.A. in History from Oakland University. I currently attend University of Detroit Mercy School of Law where I am entering my final year of studies, I also serve on the student board of governors and honor council. In addition I work as a sports official registered with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) in the sports of Football and Baseball. The reason I am running for county commission is because I am concerned about the direction of the county, the state, and our country. Americans are divided and leaders on all sides are making the situation worse. People are increasingly distrustful of institutions which are meant to protect them, which sometimes fail to do so. We as elected officials and public servants need to spend more time in the community looking at the problems, so we can solve those problems before they become even worse.

**DISTRICT 13**

My priorities are to strengthen the Oakland County Health department by partnering with local health facilities to offer more services for families. This includes opening more locations that will better integrate our Health Department into our communities and become a valued resource and neighborhood health center. Also, I have been actively involved in the distribution of grants and loans to our local businesses and residents impacted by the corona virus. I will continue to focus on providing the necessary support and financial resources to our community to bring back jobs and businesses to help rebuild our economy. Seniors have always been a top priority for me. I will continue to advocate and distribute funding to local agencies that offer senior resources. Oakland County has a large senior population, and I am committed to address their needs and help them live independently and safely.

1. Infrastructure improvement, while roads have long been discussed other important pieces of infrastructure have been neglected for decades. Water quality is a major issue in Oakland County, replacement of lead pipes has been moving forward slowly, however the county dumping raw sewage in our great lakes is unacceptable and needs to end, the county needs to start with a transition plan to divide drainage and sewage systems. 2. No gerrymandering, the next county commission is responsible for drawing the districts for the 2022-2030 elections. I pledge to not vote for any gerrymandered map. 3. Maintain Oakland County’s AAA bond rating, the county has maintained a AAA bond rating for the past 22 years under strong leadership. This bond rating allows the county to provide better services for less taxpayer expense. 4. To maintain this rating the county commission must hold the executive to a high level of scrutiny to maintain strong budgeting practices which have served Oakland for decades.
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DEMOCRAT

WILLIAM MILLER
31621 Lamar Dr.
Farmington, MI 48336

I am running for re-election to continue the work I have been able to do with my fellow commissioners in bringing equally, fair wages and transparency to the county. As a tradesperson I bring to the commission a different perspective that has not been part of the commission.

REPUBLlCAN

THERESA NOSEWORTHY
24328 Power Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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DEMOCRAT

MELANIE HARTMAN
191 Erin Castle Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

As a medical professional, a parent, and long-time volunteer in our schools and greater community, I have the experience, integrity, and heart we need to make the right decisions for our district. My educational background and work as a pharmacist and physician as well as my involvement in the community over the years at the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, Rochester Certified Emergency Response Team, Stoney Creek High School PTSA Executive Board and Green Schools Chair, Board member of the Oakland Youth Orchestras and officer of the Oakland County Democratic Party have helped me to understand the needs of our community. I want to ensure our residents’ voices are heard and our priorities are taken seriously. Most importantly, I want to help us rebuild, reinvent ourselves, and fight through uncertainty towards a stable future.

REPUBLlCAN

ADAM KOCHENDERFER
1550 Traceky
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

I am currently the County Commissioner for District 15 (Rochester, Rochester Hills). I previously served on the Rochester Hills City Council. I chose to run again due to the unprecedented challenges to both the economy and public health in Oakland County. Many families are still grappling with the impact of COVID-19. I’ve always tried to serve our community through facts, not fear, and avoid the partisan games that are too prevalent these days. I’m running again to continue that practice and ensure we represent all residents through this challenging time.

In addition to the County Commission and City Council, I have served in a variety of roles:
• Green Space Advisory Board, Rochester Hills;
• Historic District Study Committee, Rochester Hills;
• Board of Directors, Rochester Rotary Club;
• Crittenton Hospital Charitable Giving Committee;
• Board of Directors, Oakland University Alumni Association;
• Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce;
• Rochester Area Jaycees.

Question 3 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

DEMOCRAT

PENNY LUEBS
639 Hendrickson
Clawson, MI 48017

• Oakland County Commissioner District 16, 2016 - present
• Mayor, City of Clawson, 2007-2017
• Council Member, City of Clawson, 2003-2007
• Clawson Community Coalition Chair
• Clawson Youth Assistance Chair • Boy Scout Troop 1627
• Committee Secretary • Farmers Market Co-Organizer • First Presbyterian Church of Troy member • Area Agency on Aging 18 Board Member • Easter Seals, Clinical Supervisor, 2001 - present
• Master’s Degree in Social Work (LMSW) and Certified Addiction Counselor (CAADC)
• Five children, nine grandchildren
• I enjoy working with and advocating for people. As a County Commissioner, I am able to make decisions that allow each person to live a good life.

REPUBLlCAN

KRISTEN JORGENSEN
2017 Erin Knoll
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

• Rochester Hills City Commissioner, 2017 - present
• 2020 Michigan Department of Community Health Board of Directors
• 2019-2020 Atrium Health Oakland Hospital Board of Directors

Oakland County Commissioner District 16

1) PUBLIC HEALTH. We must treat COVID-19 with the perspective and seriousness it deserves, putting safety measures in place that protect residents while avoiding overbroad restrictions. 2) ECONOMIC RECOVERY. The economy’s devastation has had health effects of its own, and we must do everything we can to revive Oakland County as Michigan’s economic powerhouse. 3) QUALITY OF LIFE. Each action county government takes must be aimed at preserving residents’ strong quality of life at a reasonable cost.

I will continue to support measured and responsible use of tax dollars.

Health and Safety - Health and safety is paramount in today’s society. Support for our public services of police, fire, DPW, health department and businesses is managed through good stewardship of our resources. Balanced budget - Our vision, goals, mission and priorities determine where we allocate money in the budget. Maintaining the AAA bond rating increases our opportunities and purchasing power for supplies and contracts. Environmental sustainability - Environmental sustainability increases the quality of life. Recycling, native landscaping and maintaining our roads, water and sewer system contribute to ensuring that future generations will enjoy our geographical landscape.
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CANDIDATES

**DISTRICT 16**

**REPUBLICAN**

MATT PRYOR
38145 Dequindre Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

Former Mayor and Councilman, Troy, Mi. 40yr Business Owner; Landscape Design and Construction. Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan, Troy High graduate. In 1993, Troy had lost $52 million in business with a 40% loss of population. I fought for new zoning methods, environmental buffers, regulation changes and controlled spending. By the time I was Mayor we had brought in $8 billion in new investment. We lowered taxes all 3 years I was Mayor and were ranked one of the safest cities in the U.S. My track record as an elected official in Troy speaks well for my ability to deal with the current economic crisis.

**DEMOCRAT**

YOLANDA S. CHARLES
17500 Westland Ave.
Southfield, MI 48075

I'm Yolanda S. Charles, running to be the next Oakland County Commissioner, District 17. I humbly ask for your support and vote on August 4th. I am a product of Southfield Public Schools where I attended PreK-12th grade. After graduating I got my Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the Hampton University in VA. I hold a Master Degree in Education - Instructional Technology, as well. My family relocated to Southfield back in 1968 seeking better neighborhoods, education and city services. As a second-generation graduate of Southfield Public Schools, I have enthusiastically served on the Board of Education in Southfield since 2011, holding the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition to my elected experience on the school board, I have worked closely with youth and seniors throughout my career. In 2009, I was appointed to the Commission on Senior Adults (COSA) in Southfield. You have a choice, CHOOSE Yolanda S. Charles! Thank You!

**DISTRICT 17**

**REPUBLICAN**

MORDECHAI KLAINBERG
17692 E. Goldwin St.
Southfield, MI 48075

**DEMOCRAT**

YOLANDA S. CHARLES
17500 Westland Ave.
Southfield, MI 48075

I am running for office to improve regional cooperation, create racial, social and economic justice, make Oakland County a leader in innovative government, and address the needs of our aging population and infrastructure. My values are rooted in my lived experiences. My mother died at a young age and my father was incarcerated, leaving me to shuffle between the homes of relatives and in our State’s foster-care system until I was adopted at 16. I later earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Social Work from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. I then founded an innovative nonprofit whose job-training model was adopted by our State and provided 3,000 of our neighbors with career-path work. I also worked internationally on community development in India and East Africa, and served locally on Mayor Duggan’s Economic and Tax Policy team handling public finance during Detroit’s comeback. I currently work as a Program Director at Matrix Human Services, a local nonprofit.

**DISTRICT 18**

**DEMOCRAT**

CHARLIE CAVELL
640 E. Marshall St.
Ferndale, MI 48220

The top 3 issues that I would like to tackle on the County Commission are regional transit, caring for the needs of our seniors, and implementing criminal justice reform. Our lack of effective regional transit has left us behind, and if elected, I would work with our local and State-wide partners to pass an effective and equitable regional transit plan once and for all. Second, with our growing senior population, I would work with our regional partners to develop and fund a plan that will provide our seniors with the resources to gracefully age in place in Oakland County. Further, having been personally touched by the mass incarceration epidemic, and with nearly half of our County budget dedicated to the criminal justice system, I hope to work on the County Commission with our County Prosecutor and Sheriff to reduce the number of residents we throw in jail for petty offenses, establish the means for effective community police oversight, and end cash-bail for non-violent offenses.

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REPUBLICAN

GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY

Married to Diane for 45 years, 2 Adult Children and one Granddaughter. Former Madison Heights City Councilman and Mayor (1983-2008). Current Oakland County Commissioner # 20 ( 2009 - Present ) Democratic Caucus Chair, Oakland County Parks Commission Chairman, and Chairman of Public Services Committee. The main reason I’m serving is because I enjoy being a part helping people and my district # 20 ( Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Troy and Royal Oak ). Some of projects that I have lead on include Local Road Improvement to local communities to them re-pair and replace roads that some some local communities can not afford to do on their own. Also as Chairman of Parks Commission, I fought to get the O.C. Parks to take over the Madison Heights Nature Center when the city could no longer afford to operate the nature center. I have also been a part of many other projects that benefited Oakland County and the local communities.

DEMOCRAT

DAVID T. WOODWARD

• Oakland County Board Chairman • former State Representative • Leader of campaigns that raised the state minimum wage and created the first earned sick time law • Small business owner • Wayne State University B.S. Mathematics • Married to Stacie, a teacher, and they have two young daughters I’m a strong progressive voice for advancing equality and economic opportunity for working families and our community. A record of accomplishments: • Secured $1 million in county support for Normandy Oaks • Created the Oakland County Microloan Program for small businesses • Launched Oakland Better with Breakfast, the largest countywide universal breakfast program in schools than any county in Michigan • Replaced old drinking fountains in schools across the county with filtered water bottle refilling stations • Delivered more local road funding than any time in county history • Supported the largest expansion of public health care in county history • Expanded parks, recreation and green space

GREEN

NICK ROWLEY

12800 W. Nine Mile, #32
Oak Park, MI 48237

I am a transplant from the United Kingdom. I grew up in a political environment that has deeply left wing political parties and allows for genuinely left wing policies. I believe that left wing policies are the most people centered and the most practical and the one thing we need right now, most of all are people centered and practical policies. I look at the US and I see very little in the way of genuinely left wing politicians. There is a nominally left wing party in the Democrats but it is only nominally left leaning. I want there to be more genuinely left wing politicians, I’m going to start with me. I am a member of the most viable and most left party I can identify, which would be the Green Party. Having worked on political campaigns on both sides of the Atlantic, I know that pragmatically there is a strategic vote for President but down ballot people can vote for more people centered candidates because change rises from the grass roots rather than being bestowed from above.

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IMPROVE AND EXPAND HEALTH CARE • Guarantee our county has the testing and contract tracing capacity to meet the current and futur COVID-19 needs to protect residents • Leverage our public health infrastructure, and work with partners to improve access to quality health care • Make gains in improving health disparities PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER • Help communities replace lead service lines • Expand county testing capacity of drinking water ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY • Continue to be the engine that drives the Michigan economy by developing a resilient economic development strategy that invests in workers, attracts capital investment, and creates opportunity for all • Support “Buy Local” initiatives that invest in our independent small businesses and local economies • Insist our economic strategy focus on good paying jobs, sustainability • Set and achieve goal of 80% of workforce with post high school education (degree, trades, certificate) by 2030

1. In this unprecedented time of covid 19 we need to encourage and support our local businesses, with safe and healthy interaction. 2. I am concerned that our taxes in district 19 are discouraging new residents from moving in and for many of our current folks to stay. No new taxes! 3. Runaway spending, no bid contracts must stop, no more kicking the debt down the road for another day. If you aren’t here to serve all the people you represent then get out! Serving as a commissioner is a part time position, if you are a politician and need more money, get a job. Oakland county isn’t here to make commissioners rich.
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REPUBLICAN
DAVID J. HARRELL
1936 Kirkton Dr.
Troy, MI 48083

I am a life-long resident of Oakland County having lived in Berkley, Royal Oak, Oak Park and Troy and am heavily invested in Oakland County with 2 small businesses that I operate from Troy. My wife Barbara and I have lived at our current home for the last 26 years and don’t anticipate ever leaving. Although I have always been involved in the political scene in some way, I have never held political office other than precinct delegate. I was an Engineer and Program Manager for about 30 years in the automotive industry and have led many successful teams through the years which would be a valuable asset for the Commissioner position. I started a small business in 2009 when the great recession took my automotive job and I just started another small business in Troy at the end of last year. These experiences mean that I will bring problem solving, innovation, entrepreneurship and integrity to the 20th District Commissioner position.

Oakland County has been the gold standard in responsible budgeting and spending for many years due to the forward thinking of L. Brooks Patterson and the Republican led Commission. Their 3 year budget has kept the current Commission and Executive from bankrupting the County. I will return the taxpayer’s voice to spending priorities. The roads are still a priority. As the bridges that hold up I-75 are being torn down and re-built, the surface streets are taking a beating. I want to re-invent the way we make our roads using new technologies, and by investigating the true cost over the life of a road surface. Since the 2018 election and the unfortunate death of L. Brooks Patterson the Commission has behaved in strange and extremely partisan ways in order to re-make Oakland County. Politicians should represent their constituents and not their political party or special interest groups. I will instill the highest moral and ethical integrity into the office of County Commissioner.

DEMOCRAT
JANET JACKSON
26246 Summerdale Dr.
Southfield, MI 48033

30 year Southfield resident, wife, mother of two, grandmother of one. 6 term County Commissioner. I am the current Democratic Caucus Majority Vice Chair. I have the background as a long term incumbent to best utilize my position in our Democratic majority and now under Democratic Executive leadership with Dave Coulter. Covid 19 and social justice issues are pressing driving our policies and initiatives. As a African American woman who has struggled personally with health and economic challenges as a long time Oakland County resident have equipped me to be able to address issues with a personal lens and passion. My political style is one defined as a servant leader. Navigating through the Covid crisis helping facilitate financial assistance and addressing racial equity will be my foremost concern. Leading through the great recession during my initial terms has prepared me for this time.

Health and the affects of the pandemic upon our community. Ensuring that our residents are offered programs to assist them through this plague. Creating and promoting health care assistance tailored to all individuals within the county paying special attention to minority health care communication and assistance. Social Justice and Racial Equity Initiatives Diversity and Inclusion initiatives to help transform the culture within the County. Working with our newly hired diversity and inclusion officer to help ensure our workforce and county opportunities and offerings are more representative of our increasingly diverse county. Advocacy for increased justice reform. Assistance for Residents Life within the county is going to be more challenging. Instituting programs to assist and support residents and businesses is paramount. Continuing my service on the OLHSA board, a community action agency to help our disadvantaged, and promoting and enhancing our CARES act funding help.

REPUBLICAN
BILL SMITH
22015 Tredwell Ave.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I grew up in Detroit, graduated from Redford High School. Have lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years. I served on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association. I am also a member of the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority. We have a great county and I hope it remains that way. Since the passing of Brooks Patterson, I have seen new positions being created and more of our residents tax money diverted from keeping our county solvent and growing. What we need is a solid common sense approach to government and just as we do, most of us anyway, in our own households, you don’t spend money you don’t have. I worry about the legacy left by Mr. Patterson, having a balanced budget going out three years. We need to keep our Sheriff’s Dept. strong and well supported keeping all of our citizens, their homes and businesses safe. I worked for the National Federation of Independent Business and know the importance of small business.

Maintain our service level without adding positions as “rewards” to political allies. Fund essential services, public safety, roads, business development, and the encouragement in the expansion of small businesses. Maintain a balanced budget going out three years. Curb unnecessary spending.
**Township Elections**

All elect Supervisor, Treasurer, and Trustees + some elect Constable, Park Commissioners. All of these Offices are 4-YEAR TERMS and on PARTISAN Ballot. Some elect NON-PARTISAN Library Board.

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- **Clerk:** Rep Pauline Bennett
- **Treasurer:** Rep Lori Fisher
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 4

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Don Devine
- **Clerk:** Rep Linda Gerak
- **Treasurer:** Rep Charles Sargent
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 6

**BRANDON TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Jayson W. Rumball
- **Clerk:** Rep Rosalyn Blair
- **Treasurer:** Rep Scott Broughton
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 4

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Larry Eugene Gray
- **Clerk:** Rep Thomas M. D. Court
- **Treasurer:** Rep Molly E. Phillips
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 4

**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Robert DePalma
- **Clerk:** Rep Matti Backer
- **Treasurer:** Rep Theresa Bills
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 2

**HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Rick Hamill
- **Clerk:** Rep Tammi Flowers
- **Treasurer:** Rep Jennifer Frederick
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 4

**HOLLAND TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Sherryl Myer
- **Clerk:** Rep George A. Kulls
- **Treasurer:** Rep Margie L. Schlock
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 2

**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Patrick Kittel
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**LYON TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep John Lonan
- **Clerk:** Rep Michele Cash
- **Treasurer:** Rep Patricia D. Carcone
- **Trustee:** Vote for more than 4

**MILFORD TOWNSHIP**

- **Supervisor:** Rep Don Green
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### Michigan Supreme Court Justice

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - Eight Year Term**

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<td>Green Party</td>
<td>Attorney</td>
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<td>HUBBARD SUSAN L.</td>
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**Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?**

**MARY KELLY**

I'm running for the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as a defender of the rule of law and a protector of the vulnerable in our society. During 30 years as a prosecutor I have been a steadfast champion for the rights of victims. As Senior Assistant Prosecutor I was the lead attorney for the Criminal Sexual Conduct Unit which handled all sexual and physical abuse cases against children. Not only did I vigorously prosecute crimes like drunk driving resulting in injury and death, but also set up treatment programs to stop repeat offenses. I will always be a strong voice for victims and for safe communities.

**BRIDGET MARY MCCORMACK**

I am seeking re-election to the Michigan Supreme Court to continue advocating for the principle that everyone, regardless of their ability to afford a lawyer, deserves equal access to justice and a fair opportunity to have their case heard. Since joining the court in 2013, I have worked each day to ensure that our courts are accessible, independent, efficient, and engaged with their communities. I spent my career as a lawyer working for individuals who were disenfranchised from our justice system and prior to being elected was the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the U of M law school, where I still teach today.

**KERRY LEE MORGAN**

The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over forty years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are sometimes reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular to the bench, so that Justice may be done.

**Do you believe the current process for selecting Supreme Court Justices is the best path to fair and impartial representation – including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated? Please explain.**

**MARY KELLY**

As a Prosecutor I'm given the responsibility to enforce the law and as a Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court my role would be to make certain we adhere to the rule of law. I will not be an advocate for any political cause, but instead abide the law. Our system gives the authority to make new law and our Constitutional system to the legislative and executive branches and to the people. I will work within the system the other branches of government and the people put in place and will not put my judgement ahead of theirs.

**BRIDGET MARY MCCORMACK**

Every process can be improved, including the one we use to elect justices in Michigan. It is important that the court is nonpartisan and therefore, in my view, the party nomination process along with some of the independent expenditures can send the wrong message to the public. Judges and justices have to be willing to lose friends and elections when making decisions—that's what their oath requires and in my experience they are, which makes some of the cost to public confidence regrettable. However, this is the process the People of Michigan have selected and I welcome their assessment of my work at the ballot box.

**KERRY LEE MORGAN**

The nomination and election process for Supreme Court Justices is adequate. Campaigns will always be funded in part by special interest sand those who propose schemes to limit the effect of those interests, have an interest of their own in influencing the outcome of elections. The People are the best check on those interests and funding abuses through the ballot box. Government "solutions" and the snake oil of "bipartisan" support are designed to simply increase major party control of the Supreme Court and should be avoided.

**What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?**

**MARY KELLY**

In 2015, I was honored to receive the James T. Corden Civility Award from my peers in the St. Clair County Bar Association. This award is given to attorneys who place a premium on integrity, honesty, ethics and fairness. In short, those who practice law with dignity and respect. The Michigan Supreme Court is the ultimate authority in our state legal system and must set the example for decorum and enforce the rules throughout the system. Some judges put themselves in the role as super legislators. It is incumbent upon our state’s highest court to enforce and not make the law. That is exactly what I will do.

**BRIDGET MARY MCCORMACK**

The most critical challenge is access to justice. Eight of 10 people in Michigan can’t afford a lawyer when they have a civil legal problem and they have to either navigate the courts without one or they simply don’t even try. We announced a Justice For All Taskforce last year which aims to achieve 100 percent access to the civil justice system in Michigan. There is also an absence of innovation and technology in courts, which costs them transparency, efficiency and access. We have made great progress recently, but we need to make processes more user-friendly and efficient to improve our service to the public.

**KERRY LEE MORGAN**

The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan by elimination of compulsory membership. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar. It compel lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. The Court also tramples down the natural rights of conscience in the process. Securing natural rights is the states only compelling interest.
Michigan Supreme Court Justice

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

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<td>Although I believe money and politics should not interfere, my only comment on Campaign Finance is that current Michigan law makes things appear as if those in power never considered that an Infinity disclosure of all money spent was ever get as far as being on the ballot. And, justifiably, it has taken 183 years for Michigan to have their first ever Indigenous person on the Court full time Supreme Court Justice. There are specific barriers to me, as a candidate, because of my race that are built into Michigan Law. Neighbors &amp; sister tribes are restricted, for reference please see MCL 169.252, and MCL 169.254.</td>
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**KATHERINE MARY NEPTON**

Website: http://votenepton.com
Occupation / Current Position: Lawyer at The Nepton Law Firm, PLLC
Education: University of Connecticut Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian party.

**BROCK SWARTZLE**

Website: http://BrockForJustice.com
Facebook: http://Brock Swartzle For Justice
Occupation / Current Position: Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals
Education: B.S., University of Michigan; J.D., George Mason University Law School
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Republican Party.

**ELIZABETH WELCH**

Website: http://www.welchforjustice.com/
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/welchforjustice
Twitter: twitter.com/welchforjustice
Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
Education: Penn State University, BA with honors; Ohio State University, JD
Nomination method: This candidate was nominated by the Democratic Party.

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**Judge of Court of Appeals - 2nd District**

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: MARK J. CAVANAGH and JONATHAN TUKEL

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Vote for No More Than Six (6) Candidates - Six Year Term

The 6th Circuit Court includes all of Oakland County.

**Question 1:** Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.

**MARTHA D. ANDERSON**

I was born in Italy and immigrated to the U.S. I became a naturalized citizen at the age of 18. I attended Wayne State University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in English. I attended the University of Detroit Law School. I was a Reference for the Friend of the Court for 23 years. Elected to the bench in 2003. I served on the Family Division, the General Civil/Criminal Division and am currently on the Business Court. I have been active in many organizations and activities. I am the incoming president of the Michigan Judges Association, member of the American, State and Oakland County Bar Associations. I have served as Chief Judge Pro Tempore. Please see my biography on county website for all of my affiliations and activities.

**MARY ELLEN T. BRENNAN**

I graduated from James Madison College of Michigan State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy. I earned a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University School of Law in 1990 and was admitted the Bar that November. I began my law career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Oakland County. In that office, I handled District and Circuit Court matters. I spent many years working in the City of Royal Oak as an Assistant City Attorney and Staff Attorney. I was elected to the Bench as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge in 2008 and re-elected in 2014. Throughout my judicial tenure, I have served as a Family Court Judge exclusively. I am currently the President Judge of the Oakland County Family Court.

**LISA GORCYCA**

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**NANCY GRANT**

As a graduate of U-M and Wayne State Law School, I have served as a circuit judge since my election in 1996. I preside over both civil and criminal matters and am the founder and presiding judge of Michigan’s only Combat Veterans Treatment Court. I served as Chief Judge of the 6th Circuit Court for 8 years; Chairperson of the Judicial Tenure Commission and President of the Michigan Judges Association. I have received many honors and awards during my judicial tenure including the State Bar of Michigan’s Champion of Justice Award for my work with veterans, the Legal Excellence Award, the “Women Who Lead” Award, and I am consistently named a “Top Circuit Court Judge” by Dbusines. In 2019, I was selected for inclusion in the Register of Preeminent Judges.

**Question 2:** Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.

During my first two years after law school, I was a research attorney for judges in the Wayne County Circuit Court. I then became a Reference at the Oakland County Friend of the Court. My duties included hearings and enforcement of domestic relations matters and providing recommendations to the Court. I ran for a seat on the 6th Circuit Court in 2008 and was elected. I served on the Family Division for 7 years. I then transitioned to the General Civil/Criminal Division, where I served for 8 years. In 2019, I was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Business Court, where I currently sit. I continue to also do criminal cases. I have heard and tried every type of case a trial court handles.

**Question 3:** Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office? What qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?

I seek to continue to serve the citizens of Oakland County as I have for the past 18 years. I pride myself in being a hard worker, putting the interest of the litigants who appear before me first and foremost. I also have what I feel is the right judicial temperament. I respect and am civil to all who appear before me. I am willing to make tough decisions on the law, I strive everyday to be the best I can be and will continue to do so if I am re-elected.

**Lisa Gorcyca**

I am seeking re-election to the Circuit Court Bench so I may continue to serve as a Family Court Judge. I have declined the option of transferring out of the Family Division of the Circuit Court because I believe the work we do with parents and children is some of the most important work that gets done in the courthouse. I have been honored to receive the Distinguished Public Servant Award from the Oakland County Bar Association. I have been named a Eugene Moore Champion of Children. I regularly present for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. I will continue to do my best case-by-case and not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism. I am a wife of 25 years and a proud mother of three.

**Nancy Grant**

I always remember that those who appear before me are seeking resolution of their matters or justice in their cases. The citizens of Oakland County should expect their judges to be diligent in their work, ethic, patiently listen to their matters and give sound and timely decisions. I have done that as a judge since my election. I would be honored to continue my service to the public in this capacity.

**Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit - Incumbent Seat CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**
**Question 1: Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.**

**SHALINA DEBORAH KUMAR**  

**JEFFERY S. MATIS**  
I have been an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge for 5 years and I am running for re-election to that position. I previously worked for over 20 years as an attorney and an adjunct law professor where I taught law school classes at two different law schools. I was also elected to be a City Councilperson and later an Oakland County Commissioner, where I was elected to be Vice Chairperson of the County Commission in multiple unanimous votes of all Republican and Democrat Commissioners. I graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science in Business and The University of Detroit School of Law with a Juris Doctor. I worked full time through both college and law school and paid for my own education as a Commercially licensed pilot and I ran a small family owned aviation business.

**ADRIENNE YOUNG**  
Adrienne is a school board trustee, mom of 3, and assistant defender at the State Appellate Defender Office. She has represented indigent people in courts across the state, including the Michigan Supreme Court. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan’s School-to-Prison Pipeline committee, Oakland County Bar Association’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and is co-editing the first-ever State Bar of Michigan Journal on Education Law. Before joining SADO, Adrienne clerked on the Michigan Supreme Court. Adrienne is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School where she was awarded the Pro Bono Service Award of Excellence. Prior to attending law school, Adrienne earned her Master in Education while teaching special education. She is a graduate with distinction from the U of M.

**Question 2: Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.**

**SHALINA DEBORAH KUMAR**  
Oakland County Circuit Court Judge 2007-present, civil/criminal docket. Current Chief Judge. Civil litigation 1997-2007, primarily medical malpractice, primarily Oakland, Macomb And Wayne Counties

**JEFFERY S. MATIS**  
As a judge for the last 5 years I have presided over many cases, including a significant number of trials. These cases involved civil litigation, property disputes, class action lawsuits, criminal matters, divorce, custody, paternity, parental abuse and neglect, PPO’s, as well as other matters. I am also one of the judges overseeing the court’s Adult Treatment Court program involving persons with drug and alcohol addictions. Previously I was an attorney for over 20 years where I primarily handled civil litigation. I prevailed in many jury trials and I successfully argued cases at the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court. I taught law school classes at multiple law schools and I was a guest lecturer at the Oakland University Paralegal & Legal Assistant Program.

**ADRIENNE YOUNG**  
Adrienne represents individuals who have been convicted of felonies and cannot afford counsel. She practices state-wide with a majority of her practice being in Wayne and Oakland county. Adrienne specializes in sentencing, working with young adults, and advocating on behalf of clients who suffer from mental illness short of legal insanity. She trains judges and practitioners on annual case law updates. Prior to her work as an appellate defender, Adrienne served as a law clerk at the Michigan Supreme Court, where she researched and wrote on family law, tax law, teacher compensation and benefits, as well as criminal law. While clerking, she participated in the Michigan Supreme Court’s Committee on Juvenile Justice.

**Question 3: Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office? What qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?**

**SHALINA DEBORAH KUMAR**  
I am proud to have served on the Oakland County Circuit Court since 2007. I was named Chief Judge in 2018 and continue to serve in that role. In addition to my duties as Chief Judge, I volunteer my time to preside over the Adult Treatment Court. The qualities I find important in a judge are good judicial temperament, patience, understanding of the law, compassion and a sense of fairness. I believe I have exhibited these qualities during my 13 years on the bench.

**JEFFERY S. MATIS**  
The voters should re-elect me because I have significant experience and traits that qualify me to continue to serve as a judge. I have served 5 years as a judge handling many significant cases. I have made many rulings where the Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court agreed with me. I believe that everyone entering my courtroom should be treated professionally and with respect. I have a very strong work ethic evidenced by my working full time through college and law school and paying for my own education. With over 25 years of experience as a judge, attorney, and a professor teaching law school courses, I volunteer my time to the court’s Adult Treatment Court program involving persons with drug and alcohol addictions. I prevailed in many jury trials and I successfully argued cases at the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court. I taught law school classes at multiple law schools and I was a guest lecturer at the Oakland University Paralegal & Legal Assistant Program.

**ADRIENNE YOUNG**  
Adrienne is running as a write-in candidate for Oakland County Circuit Court in the incumbent full-term section of the ballot. As an elected school board trustee, she has grown familiar with making tough choices in the best interest of children and families. Adrienne aims to bring equity, compassion, and reflection to the bench. With 42% of the children in juvenile detention being Black and only 15% of our youth, Oakland County is overdue for equity. Oakland County is overdue for compassion from judges, who see litigants in distress and often hold the keys to their liberty. Judges are overdue for reflection, naming and tackling the bias that holds our county justice system back from being something so much more. Adrienne Young humbly asks that you write her in as you vote safely.
**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - INCUMBENT SEAT**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Term Ending 01/01/25

Unopposed on the ballot: Kameshia D. Gant

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**CLARENCE DASS**

I served as AssistantProsecuting Attorney in the Oakland CountyProsecutor’sOffice from 2012-2016. I was a member of the Special Victims Unit, which prosecuted some of the most violentcrimes in our county. After leaving the Prosecutor’s Office, I founded a law firmdevoted to protecting individual’s rights and liberties. I have dedicated my entirecareer to serving our community. In 2017, I received the Leon Hubbard CommunityService Award from the Oakland CountyBar Association for “promoting culturaldiversity, advancing social equality, andworking to enhance the quality of life for allpeople.” In 2019, I received the UnsungHero Award from the State Bar of Michiganfor continuing to serve my clients andcommunity while fighting (and beating)stage 4 colon cancer.

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**LORIE SAVIN**


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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - OPEN SEAT**

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<td>DEGREES: University of Michigan, A.B. in Political Science and Sociology (1992); Wayne State University Law School, J.D. (1995). CAREER: Oakland County Friend of the Court Referee since 2003. 25-year legal career with an emphasis on family and juvenile law at a law firm, legal aid, and a non-profit organization. Represented clients in many other different types of legal matters. President of Referees Association of Michigan. Appointed to three State Bar of Michigan committees relating to ethics and professionalism, including 10 years on the Judicial Ethics Committee. Published author and speaker on ethics, family law, and cultural competency. COMMUNITY: Resides with her husband and two daughters in West Bloomfield. Served as Doherty Elementary PTO Treasurer and Diversity Committee Chair. Temple Israel, NCJW, and 100+ Women member.</td>
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<td>As a Family Division Referee in Oakland County, I have approximately 1,800 enforcement and evidentiary hearings related to custody, parenting time, and child support annually. I am a trained mediator and often use these skills to help parties reach an agreement. I resolve 99% of the matters without the parties needing to see their assigned judge. Additionally, I direct a team of six others and handle administrative tasks. Previously, I primarily represented adults in family and juvenile court matters in private practice and at legal aid, and children in abuse and neglect cases through a non-profit organization. I also served as a court-approved family law mediator. I have worked with clients from all different backgrounds, experiences, and income levels.</td>
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<td>Having been a prosecutor, defense attorney, and manager of a law firm, I have seen our justice system from many angles. I have diverse, well-rounded experience that will create empathy for every litigant and improve our justice system. I believe I have a temperament suited to serving as Judge, an appetite for hard work, and a devotion to service in my community.</td>
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**JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT - Incumbent Position**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: DANIEL A. O’BRIEN

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**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 35**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: JIM PLAKAS
KELLY COLLINS

A 1992 graduate of Hillsdale College and 2000 graduate of Wayne State Law School, I worked full time as a judicial clerk and secretary while attending the evening program. For the past 19 years, I have served the citizens of Oakland County as an assistant prosecuting attorney. I have appeared in every courtroom in Oakland County and handled everything from civil/traffic infractions to Murder. As a 20 year resident of Ferndale, along with my husband, Keith Binkowski, a Hazel Park elementary school teacher and our children, Joe and Katie, I now seek to serve as our District’s first female jurist on the bench. I am passionate about our youth and volunteer for Royal Oak Youth Football and Cheer Teams (ROYFT) and several booster clubs.

BRIAN CHRISTIAN HARTWELL

I was born and raised in this district. I stayed here to practice law, give back to my hometown, and raise a family. I was appointed to serve as the 43rd District Court Judge in June 2020. This is my dream job and the culmination of my passions for public service and trial practice. BA, WMU, International Politics & Economics, Language Certificates, La Sorbonne, Juris Doctor, UM School of Law. Creator of the free UDM School of Law. Creator of the free pro bono law clinic at the Madison Heights Senior Center. 13 years in local government as Mayor or Councilman. I have been a member of the following local organizations: Kiwanis Club, Men’s Club, Michigan Municipal League, Little League Baseball Umpire. I am married to Lingyu Chen.

JAIME POWELL HOROWITZ

Jaime Powell Horowitz serves as Special Prosecutor for the Fair Michigan Justice Project, appointed by Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy to prosecute hate crimes. She trains law enforcement in prosecuting hate crimes, on improving community relations, and serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General handling select cold case homicides. Horowitz graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2004 and began as an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor serving in the Trial Division, Elder Abuse Unit and Homicide Unit. She has served on the Ethics Board for Huntington Woods, the Oak Park - Huntington Woods Democratic Club, Executive Board, the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, and the Wayne County Elder Abuse Advisory Council. In 2019 she was honored by the OCDP with the Wings of Justice Award, in recognition of her contribution to the fight against injustice, hatred, and intolerance.

Having worked for 19 years as an Assistant Prosecutor, I have the experience and knowledge necessary on day one to tackle the awesome responsibilities of a Circuit Court Judge handling a criminal matter. I possess the ability to manage the necessary balance of flexibility and firmness in dealing with parties that come before the court with a temperament befitting a judge. I am compassionate and have perspective that comes from my experience in the courtroom and as a mother. I am approachable and respectful with those I encounter and have the humility necessary to the position of a successful and committed Judge. I am passionate about our communities, our youth and our courts and bringing them together as we move toward the future.

I have handled 1000s of court cases in every area of law in the district court: civil, criminal, traffic, and landlord tenant. I have appeared in 100 courts before 200 judges. I handled civil rights cases fighting for families and individuals who were discriminated against, probate cases representing widows from our community, and bankruptcies. I respect my opponents who are dedicated to love the law. Second, I have litigation experience in all areas handled by the court. I am not only a criminal or civil attorney. Third, I have the temperament to be a judge after years of public scrutiny as Mayor. I never lost my cool. It’s one thing to practice as an attorney, it’s another to lead Mayor’s meetings and make difficult decisions. Fourth, I am from this community and have devoted my career to public service. I promise to be kind, diligent, cooperative and fair.

I want to continue the good work that is being done at 45th District Court. Currently the Court has Veteran’s Court and Mental Health Court. Specialty Courts help serve the citizens by diverting those who need services out of the criminal system. I am an advocate for criminal justice reform. Courts that address the intersecting issues of mental health, substance abuse, poverty, lack of education, and institutionalized racism help to reform the justice system when we treat citizens as individuals. I have a full-time job in public service and continuously worked to ensure equal access to justice for all. I will bring this commitment to the bench if elected to serve as Judge of the 45th District Court.
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 45

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

District 45 includes Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township.

Question 1: Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.

BRENDA RICHARD

I earned a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies from Wayne State University (1991); and a JD from WSU Law School (1995). I clerked for a general practitioner during law school. I was an Associate at two law firms (1996-1997 and 1999-2001); the Legal Services Director for the Women’s Justice Center (1998-1999), and formed a partnership with two colleagues (2007-2009). At all other times I’ve practiced as a solo practitioner. I was elected as a Precinct Delegate in 2018, performing telephone and neighborhood canvassing. I have provided free legal services through the William Booth Law Clinic and free legal consultations for SAAS (Sisters Against Abuse Society). I am a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Wolverine Bar Association.

I have 25 years of legal experience. My practice spans many areas of the law. Although my primary area of practice is family law, I have expertise in personal injury, criminal defense, employment law, probate, landlord/tenant, consumer protection, contract disputes, small claims, civil infractions, and juvenile law. My geographic practice area is concentrated in Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb counties. However, I’ve also had cases in Monroe, Genesee, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Calhoun. I’ve practiced in Circuit and District Court. My client base consists, primarily, of the middle and working class. While at the Women’s Justice Center, I assisted lower income residents of Wayne County, and residents of My Sister’s Place (a shelter for victims of domestic violence), in family law related and housing disputes.

I will listen, and I will understand. As an attorney one of my frustrations is leaving a courtroom with the belief that the judge did not understand my client’s position. Litigants end up in court because they are at a difficult point in their lives. They don’t want to be there but, once they are there, they want to be heard. Litigants need to know that a judge fully understands what brought them to court. I will administer justice with dignity, fairness, and respect. I am mild-mannered and will provide even-handed justice delivered with respect. Both sides of the aisle will know that I care what happens to them and to the community, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or social background.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 46

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: SHELIA JOHNSON

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 47

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

District 47 includes the Cities of Farmington & Farmington Hills.

JAMES B. BRADY

BGS- University of Michigan 1975, J.D.- Wayne State Law School 1979. Four years Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office followed by three years private practice doing criminal defense, family law and general civil cases. I then spent 15 years doing trademark and copyright litigation, while also serving as a part-time Magistrate. I was elected as a Judge of the 47th District Court in 2002. I am a past president of Dunbar Oaks Subdivision, the Farmington Xemplar Club, the Oakland County District Judges Association, and the Farmington Hockey Boosters. I’m also a former board member of the Optimist Club. The Oakland County Bar Association honored me as its Distinguished Public Servant for 2016, presumably based on much of the above.

It’s been 18 years since I practiced law. Over the 22 years I practiced I ran the gamut from county prosecution to federal court litigation across the country involving patents, trademarks and copyrights. In between I represented numerous criminal defendants, divorce clients and small business entities.

I think my vast experience as a lawyer in both state and federal courts, handling both criminal and civil matters provided me with great background for becoming a judge. On top of that, I believe that the last 18 years on the bench have shown that I have the proper demeanor and temperament for the position. A close inspection of my tenure on the bench will also show that I know that law, can manage a caseload and show up each day prepared for my docket. I also do not think anyone can question my integrity or my commitment to the cities that I have served for over 30 years.

MATT SAVICH

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VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.
CANDIDATES

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

SHIRLEY J. BRYANT
26660 Ashford Pkwy, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JASON MICHAEL DENEAU
14301 Hart St. Oak Park, MI 48237

I am a lifelong Michigan resident whose home is in Oak Park. I have a great love for Oakland Community College as a graduate who has benefited from OCC’s quality instruction. The educational foundation from OCC prepared me to excel at the next level in obtaining both my bachelor’s degree in Public Administration at Central Michigan University and my master’s degree in training and development at Oakland University. As an instructor, leadership consultant, and organizational development professional with Oakland County government, my focus is on developing our county’s workforce. I bring a valuable perspective to the Board of Trustees. I am running for Trustee because I have three young children and I want to leave a legacy of possibility and opportunity for them and many others!

DANDRIDGE FLOYD
2425 Lee Baker Dr. Southfield, MI 48075

I have worked in public education supporting Oakland County public schools my entire career. As an executive human resources professional serving the 28 local districts in Oakland County, I know firsthand the vital importance of post-secondary education in ensuring a strong economy and viable workforce opportunities for the community it serves. Education has been an important part of my life having obtained a Bachelor and Masters of Social Work and a law degree from Wayne State University, opening up opportunities to serve my community. I serve on several boards including, D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Michigan First Credit Union, State Bar of Michigan – DE & Advisory member. I am committed to providing high quality, cost efficient educational opportunities for students!

SUSAN GIBSON
2291 Monte Vista Ct. Lake Orion, MI 48360

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JOHN P. MCCULLOCH
1609 Cedar Hill Dr. Royal Oak, MI 48067

As a CPA, Attorney, Professor of Accounting at Madonna University as well as currently Chairman of Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Trustees, I have the experience and expertise to help guide OCC into the future. As one of the largest community colleges in the state, it’s important that OCC be a model for academic excellence and prepare students for the highly technical and skilled jobs of the future. Building partnerships with public and private sector is key to the economic success of the region and state. With more than 30 years experience in both the public and private sectors I am ready to hit the ground running. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Walsh College and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. I am a life long resident of Royal Oak.

EMERSON WADSWORTH SHERROD III
6721 Edinborough Drive West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I have started and organized The CODE (The Community of Deaf Evangelism) a nonprofit Faith based organization focus reaching out to the Deaf people and training Hearing people how to communicate using ASL (American Sign Language). I turn it over to a fellow Deaf person who has taken the organization in a different direction. Then I helped organized Deaf Church Michigan Group which promotes Deaf Church app and getting as many people Deaf and Hearing download the app or watch programs online. I also help MMI Pizza, Inc a Happys Pizza Franchisee with marketing and finding hard working people to work at our local franchise in Farmington Hills. I work at Dream Center/Woodside Bible Church Pontiac campus Food Pantry helping deliver food to people.

JOHN D. TOLBERT
23191 Coventry Woods Southfield, MI 48034

I am the Senior Pastor of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Mi. I also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Golden Gate Theological Seminary. I have taught New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Introduction to Evangelism and Spiritual Formations. I also serve as an instructor for The National Baptist Congress of The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Dean of the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education. I am a community leader, and a critical thinker and I advocate for what is right for the community. I believe in community development and I have been engaged with various political leaders to make positive things happen in our community through both Dare To Dream Pontiac and Dare to Dream Detroit.

Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?

1. Ensuring it remains the college of choice for students and that students are supported through completion. The college will need to continue to develop and offer relevant – timely, course offerings that attract and retain students. 2. Strengthen partnerships with K-12 institutions in Oakland County to create a pipeline of students who can benefit from a high quality post secondary education which can prepare them for the workforce or a 4 year transfer institution. 3. Collaborate with business and industry to identify the current and future needs of the workforce and develop relevant programs and courses to meet the current and future needs of Oakland County.

ACCESS The limited online and blended learning options delayed my graduation and others. The gaps in digital divide make it difficult to access the courses that are needed for adult learners. Expanded non-traditional online choices and blended program offerings at OCC will help adults complete programs in a timely manner. AFFORDABLE Keeping OCC affordable is a primary goal of mine. I know the struggles of paying tuition in difficult times. One way to achieve and retain affordability is through offering online and blended classroom options. TRADES AND SPECIALTY PROFESSIONS It is imperative for the college to work with partners within the county boundaries and beyond, to grown educational opportunities and thus career paths that benefit OCC students and employers.

The most serious challenge facing the college is safely operating all of our campuses for students and the community to occupy. 1. Reopen Fitness Center at Orchard Ridge campus and open up more physical education classes at all campuses for students and the community to occupy. 2. 2. Create more opportunities to make tuition affordable for all students in Oakland County. 3. Long term success of the college and region is to have students learning on campus, however, it is imperative that the board seeks to put the health and safety of its students as its main priority. Another serious challenge is diversity. The college leadership and staff must be reflective of the community the college serves. The board should recruit and aggressively retain qualified educators, specifically people of color, for faculty and staff positions, including senior leadership. I believe the college should be authorized to offer four-year degrees. These programs should be developed where the most concentration or emphasis already exists.
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City and Village Elections

All Are NON-PARTISAN Elections

CLARKSTON

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote For No More Than Two (2) - 2 Year Term
Al Avery • Joe Luginski • Sue Wylie
COUNCIL MEMBER Term Ending 11/08/2021
Robert Kalman

KEEGO HARBOR

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote For No More Than Two (2) - 3 Year Term
Ashley Attisha • David Emerling • Robert Kalman

ORCHARD LAKE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote For No More Than Two (2) - 3 Year Term
Joseph S. Majcher • DuAnne F. Sonnevile

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote For No More Than One (1) Term Ending 11/12/2021
Bruce H. McIntyre

SYLVAN LAKE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote For No More Than Two (2) - 4 Year Term
E. Casar • Graham Crevins • James L. Cowper • Philip Ross • Sally Segal

School Board Elections

CANDIDATES

MICHAEL T. BRADY
2870 Crofthill Dr.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

RITA DAVIS
573 E. Lovell Dr.
Troy, MI 48085

As a resident of Troy, Michigan, I have lived in the Avondale district for 16 years. My husband James and I have two children who have been in the district for their entire education, now in seventh and tenth grade. I am the Director of Annual Giving at Oakland University and have spent my career working for non-profit organizations. I have a BA in marketing from Michigan State University and am credentialed as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE). I excel at creative problem solving and understand how to make the most of limited resources. I am running because I have a personal stake in the district’s success, as my kids are students there. We have had great experiences in Avondale, from the teachers to athletics, the arts, Bridge Buddies and more. Most of my career has been in higher education, because education is a key value of mine. I am very passionate about the need for gender diversity on our board, which has been 100% male the past two years.

I am a lifelong resident of Michigan. I attended the Pontiac School District. I attended OCC and Oakland University and am a graduate of Wayne State University (BA Sociology) and Thomas M. Cooley Law School (JD). I live in Auburn Hills and have one student in the Avondale School District. I work for the State of Michigan as an Adult Services Department for 10+ years. I am running for the school board because I believe the board sets the path for the district. The teachers cannot do it alone, there has to be a vision for the district with policy that benefits all the youth and holds leadership accountable to ensure there is equity and equality in education for all students. Avondale has a diverse student population but lacks diversity on the Board, in administration and with the teaching staff. I am running to promote diversity and inclusion in Avondale. I feel I can give valuable input to the board.

1. The current pandemic – First I’d ask that the community collectively decide to disagree and commit. I would ensure that it is made clear to families that the decisions made are in the best interest of the students and staff. The focus should be shifted away from the tough decisions being made and more toward what’s needed to move our families forward as a community. 2. Finances – I would work to increase transparency surrounding district finances and ensure that the district is maximizing existing funding opportunities. 3. Community & Communication – Encouraging effective communication strategies that reach all families to increase community engagement, especially those that potentially fall through the cracks.

ROBBIN HOPKINS
750 Pricinctown Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am a lifelong resident of Michigan. I attended the Pontiac School District. I attended OCC and Oakland University and am a graduate of Wayne State University (BA Sociology) and Thomas M. Cooley Law School (JD). I live in Auburn Hills and have one student in the Avondale School District. I work for the State of Michigan as an Adult Services Worker. I worked with youth and families in the Child & Family Services Department for 10+ years. I am running for the school board because I believe the board sets the path for the district. The teachers cannot do it alone, there has to be a vision for the district with policy that benefits all the youth and holds leadership accountable to ensure there is equity and equality in education for all students. Avondale has a diverse student population but lacks diversity on the Board, in administration and with the teaching staff. I am running to promote diversity and inclusion in Avondale. I feel I can give valuable input to the board.

1.) Diversity and Inclusion – Providing equitable access to education; increase activities that instill respect for diversity; integrate classrooms to promote critical thinking, problem solving and creativity. Create opportunity to attract highly qualified minority teachers and male teachers. 2.) Educational Justice – Make technology accessible to every student every day; Minority students are more often; Minority students are less likely to be selected for Gifted programs or advanced placement courses than their peers; provide multiple opportunities for students to see themselves culturally represented in the curriculum, in their teachers, and in the professionals brought into the classroom. 3.) Career Path Readiness – Programming that represents alternatives to college including; administrative, trade and industrial; Create opportunities for nontraditional classroom learning; Increase life skill education components in the general curriculum.
CANDIDATES

WAYNE KAKUDA
683 Hathaway Dr
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am running for Avondale School Board because I want to ensure that all students get an enriching and fulfilling education. I believe that my passion, work ethic, and fiscal responsibility and leadership skills will enable me to help the school board develop and implement key strategic initiatives and policies. I have experience in working with large organizations to identify key issues and work with stakeholders to develop and implement transformation plans. EDUCATION: • 1980 Bachelors of Science GMI Engineering and Management Institute (aka Kettering University) • 1993 University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (aka Booth School of Business) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: • 2001 - Current: Founding Member of B&K and Associates • 2003 - 2006: Founder and CEO of B&K Systems, 2012 GM Supplier of the Year • 1997-2001: AT Kearney: Strategic Management Consulting Firm. 1998 and 1999 Great Client Work • 1995 - 1997: Ford Motor Company, 1996 Customer Drive Quality

Lucille Washington
828 Polo Place
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

My name is Lucille Washington. I am a retired educator. I taught in the Avondale School District and in the Pontiac School District. My husband and I have two daughters, Fayetta and Talicia, who are graduates of the Avondale School system. I am running for school board because I would like to see some gender diversity on the board. Also, I understand what teachers and students go through daily and can bring a different perspective to the school board. I am endorsed by the Michigan Education Association. I have knowledge about what happens in the classroom and support our first line personnel (teachers and staff). I have written and received a grant for a community project. I co-organized the high school’s career fair in the 2018-2019 school year which provides me with contacts in the business sector.

LORI AJLOUNY
1896 Pine St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

I am a mother of four, and have been a teacher in the BPS school district for 31 years. I feel my experience as a mother an involved resident of Birmingham plus my long service as teacher in our district provides me with insight to maintain our standards of educational excellence. Both teaching and parenthood prepared me to be able to make “tough decisions” in the best interest of all. Working directly with students in the classroom, working with the community, teaching staff and administration gives me a unique perspective not many board members have had, nor can bring to the table. When I found out there hasn’t been an educator on our school board for almost 50 years, I knew I had to run for this position to make sure decisions made from a few in positions above didn’t have a trickle-down affect and negatively impact the classroom or school climate. Decisions have to include all stakeholders’ perspectives in order to maintain our high educational excellence.

LUKE JOSEPH
1520 Pierce St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

I am a father of two young boys who do attend school within the Birmingham School District. I am an Accountant and Real Estate Agent. Both professions would help me as a Board member. I would be able to handle the budget and find new ways to raise funds and help the district financially. I am also aware as a Realtor that having strong School rankings are critical to the value of the homes. I am running for multiple reasons. First, I want to give back to the community and help parents to hear all of their voices for every decision made. Second, I want to maintain and grow Birmingham School district so it can continue to be at the top of rankings not just in the state, but also nationally. Finally, I want to make sure that all students are safe, secure and treated fairly and equally.

In the face of a global pandemic, my top priority as a school board member was to keep our children, families, all staff and their families safe. The second priority I see as a high second, is a return to in-class-learning. Next to family and safety education is a top priority. While I voted to move our learning to a virtual platform in August, I am influenced now by improving data based on credible studies; CDC, Harvard Global Health Institute, Oakland County Health Department, that our numbers of infection, transmission, cases of hospital treatment, and deaths have gone down on the Oakland County Metric System to a status of “yellow”. This allows us to move forward cautiously to phase in face-to-face learning, beginning with our most vulnerable student population i.e. children that have special educational needs and kindergartners through first or second grade. My third priority is to address any “slide or increased learning gap” among our students and be fiscally responsible.

Student Educational Levels- Parents need to be involved at all levels from academics and athletics, to simply a family night outing. Teachers need to voluntarily communicate with parents on constant basis on the positives as well as the negatives and suggest any possible improvements. Offer International Baccalaureate for example. Offer opportunities for Special Need children to be in sports as well and give them that pride to be part of the team. We need to have everyone play a role, nobody should be sitting out because we are not offering enough educational/sporting/rewarding programs. Safeguarding in the era of Covid-19 - Everything in life has a solution, virtual learning was the “safe” decision that should have been tackled as last resort. If the students attend one day a week is better than zero. Control of reforms - Long-Term Vision for the district, sustain strong leadership, have ambitious standards, high quality teachers & leaders, motivate student to connect globally.

My top goal is to drive policies and decisions that will:
• Retain and Find Great Educational Staff: The key to great education is to have great teachers, administrators, and support staff. I will work with the administration to continually evaluate our spending to ensure we are spending our money as wise as possible.
• Build an Inclusive Learning Environment: We best serve all in our community by listening to, engaging with and advocating for our diverse students, parents, community members, and businesses. I work hard to listen to the person’s words and not guess at their motivations. This approach will help me empathize with the situations and circumstances.

1. Class size (student to teacher ratio is too large) - I would research what other districts in the U.S. are doing to address large classes and apply that knowledge to help alleviate the overcrowding. Teachers aren’t as effective with 33-35 students in the classroom. 2. Health concerns with the Covid 19 virus - Work within the CDC guidelines to help address this issue. It would help to write grants or get donations of PPE to ensure that our students and staff have what’s needed to keep them safe. Also, review the responsibilities of the custodial service and make sure they are aware of the consequences of not following protocol. 3. Teacher turnover (Avondale seems to have become a training ground for other districts.) - Interview teachers who have left the district and determine their rationale. Then I would address the issues using the resources available to the district.
**BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**SAMUEL OH**
820 Hazel St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

With my family moving Birmingham in 2013, I consider myself more a recent resident. I have no political agenda and only care for what makes sense for our schools and children. With my corporate background and family of teachers, professors, veterans, healthcare professionals, and technology executives, I hope to bring new perspective, positive change, and tap into valuable best-case practices from other successful industries. In 2019 and 2020, both my elementary sons were victims of racism at school that went unreported, which was ironic because last year my son’s Kindergarten class was more than 40% minority, 2/3 of which were Asian. However, there are no Asians at the principal, superintendent, or Board of Education level in the BPS system. Noting these changes unless there are numbers and representation at the highest level down. Leadership needs to reflect class diversity and purposefully fight racism and prejudice. This is the main reason why I am running for School Board.

**NASH SALAMI**
900 Adams Castle Dr.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I live in Bloomfield Township. I’ve attended public schools all my life, and I graduated from Seaholm in 2019. In the past, I’ve worked extensively in non-profit, and I have taken student advocacy groups at numerous high schools across our state. I took what I learned and started my own organization to focus on the equity of clean water access in developing countries, as well as educational equity in underserved communities. As a recent graduate, I would bring my relevant experiences and first-hand knowledge of the culture and complexities of our students’ lives to the board. I bring my experience as a problem-solver and collaborator to be able to bridge divides and come to solutions while involving all stakeholders. Further, I bring my experience as an organizational manager, where I’ve been charged with overseeing budgets and balance sheets, to be able to keep our district’s finances in check and be a good steward of your taxpayer dollars.

**WILLIAM BARTON CLIFFORD, JR.**
(Write-in)
409 Whippers In Ct.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I am a father to three BPS students, an attorney, and a proud resident of Bloomfield Township. Like so many other parents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have felt powerless as others made decisions that have negatively impacted my kids without offering any substantive explanation. I finally reached my breaking point with the School Board’s August 11 decision to rubber stamp the Superintendent’s sudden decision to pivot away from the option for an in-person return-to-school in favor of a virtual return. While my election cannot undo the damage that the School Board has already done, I will not become another rubber stamp for the Superintendent or anyone else. I will be a vocal advocate for the BPS students and parents that are routinely ignored and overlooked. I will ask the tough questions that in the past have not been asked and will fight to ensure that our students are in the best position possible for long and successful futures when they depart the Birmingham Schools.

**DIMA EL-GAMAL**
4713 Maura Ln.
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

My background summary below allows me to serve in various ways:
- Bloomfield Hills District resident since 2004
- Two district Alumni students including a 2020 Senior
- Doctor of Philosophy in Civil/Environmental Engineering, Wayne State University (WSU)
- Managing Principal Starttec Consulting, Ann Arbor
- West Bloomfield Township Planning Commissioner, Vice Chair
- WSU Advisory Board Member and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Member
- Bloomfield Hills Schools (BHS) Global Champion Parent, PTO Council Volunteer Award, Scope & Design Task Force Member, and Multi Cultural Celebration Committee
- Co-founder of the Muslim Families of Bloomfield Hills Group
- Bloomfield Youth Assistance Recognition Committee Member
- Co-Chair of the Friends of 1001 Inventions Michigan
- Muslim Union Center Interfaith Committee Education Liaison & Former Board member.

I am passionate about educational excellence that fosters mental wellness and creates inclusive environments for all. With my over 25 years of engineering expertise I will support the district with the bond improvements. One of my priorities is to work with the Superintendent and the Board (including Mrs. Southward & Mr. VanGemert, if elected) to have the BHS pioneer incorporation of mental wellness as a graduating requirement. With the Superintendent leadership, BHS District can become one of the first districts in the nation to have a graduating class that has gone through mental wellness programming. With this programming we prepare our students to face life with all its challenges that allows our graduates to face the world and its problems. I also want to examine the district’s curriculum and infuse it at all levels through an equity & inclusion lens. I plan to drive advancement by translating my passions into action, and I would be honored to win the District Vote.
CANDIDATES

NICHOLAS HAUGEN
216 Woodedge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

RENITA JAMES
237 Alice Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

SIVA B. KUMAR
177 E. Long Lk. Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

MICHELLE SOUTHWARD
2778 Plum Brook Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

JONATHAN VANGEMERT
1081 Rock Spring Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

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My family and I have lived in Bloomfield Township since 2010. As a former elementary school teacher, I knew early on that I had a passion for education. Making a difference in the lives of youth has and is still my top priority. Now as a proud parent of a thriving 9-year-old daughter, I have kept this same tenacity by dedicating countless hours to ensure the success of her education. Currently, as a public servant for the last 18 years with the State of Michigan, fourteen of those years as a Departmental Analyst, I understand what it takes to have integrity, character, being diverse, having compassion, and a voice for the voiceless. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and a MBA. If elected, my top commitment will be ensuring that not only my daughter’s best interests are being heard and met, but the community as a whole.

Reopening Schools: Recently, the school board approved for the in-person and distance learning criteria that transition into a hybrid learning model within a few weeks. If the hybrid model is successful with keeping everyone safe by keeping the COVID-19 infection numbers down, then by January 2021 if elected, I will support the initiatives for in-person learning. Mental Health: The impact of student mental health during COVID will have a lasting effect on their social and emotional well-being because of all the self-isolations, being in small groups, and adjusting to new changes. Resources should be provided on a broader basis to address the mental health. Literacy: Literacy in the early stages is crucial, otherwise by the time a student reaches the 3rd & 4th-grade level, it may be too late for resolution.

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My priorities are: 1) equitable education for all - students of color, students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, Special Ed and ELL students continue to perform significantly below average levels. We need to do more work to identify the reasons for such disparities and have concrete, measurable actions to eliminate such gaps. 2) As a board member, I will work with BHS administrators on prudent investment of our $200 mil bond approved by residents and prioritize spending in a post-Covid world - While working in the corporate world, I’ve worked with boards to manage interests of multiple stakeholders. 3) I pledge to effectively implement the BHS strategic plan with a focus on mental well being and post high school readiness - I have over 30 years of experience in Strategy and Finance and have successfully managed large projects.

Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

I am running because I believe in giving back to the community and hope to leverage my experience in startup and execution to benefit BHS. I believe effective education should combine academic achievement with strong social and behavioral skills. I work as a senior director at DWH Corp, a consulting firm. I have served in leadership roles at firms around Detroit including Meritor, Ford and Tenneco. I have over 30 years of experience in Strategy, Business Development & Finance and have worked with boards to manage interests of multiple stakeholders. I also serve as an advisor at Inventor, an electric vehicle startup in Detroit. I came here as a grad student from India 32 years ago. I have an MS in Engineering from Wayne State and an MBA from the Ross School at the Univ of Michigan. My wife and I have lived in Bloomfield Hills since 2015. Our two children recently graduated from the IA and are both students at the Univ of Michigan, where one is a junior and our youngest is a freshman.

As a candidate for the Bloomfield Hills school board, my top three priorities would be to support a robust mental health education program for our students and staff expanding social and emotional wellness, increase our equity and inclusion district practices throughout individual schools and curricula to directly address the achievement gaps with established tiered interventions and targeted services for all learners, as well as improve our community relations and communication across the district through intentional connections.

I am married to a teacher, who has taught in the district for 15 years. Coincidentally, we have been married for 15 years, also. I have two children, who attend Bloomfield Hills Public Schools and a third, who will join her siblings in the fall of 2021. I grew up in a home that valued education and educators. I graduated from City High School in Grand Rapids, received a BA in Economics and Management at Albion College. I worked for several years as an accounts payable and supply chain management consultant. I went back and received my juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy, and have practiced law for the last 13 years. I have also worked as a case evaluator for the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal. I am excellent with numbers, excellent at communicating ideas, and I pride myself on being reasonable and making arguments with facts and logic.

I will skip a COVID response here. (1) Bloomfield just passed a $200 million bond, and it requires ethical, responsible and timely stewardship. I helped on the legal team with Bloomfield Forward to help get the Bond passed, and want to help complete the project. (2) Candidates, El-Gamal, Southward and I are committed to working together to introduce mental wellness across the curriculum as well as specific coursework. We believe that it is human to be anxious, stressed, to fear failure and to fear success, etc., and that in addition to normalizing communication about and discussion of mental health, the curriculum will improve self-worth, and theoretically student achievement. (3) Finally, I hope to continue the strides in the district is making regarding inclusivity and diversity from its Global Champions programs to diversity infused curriculum.

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**Bloomfield Hills School District**

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**Samuel Walker**
146 Barrington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Hello, my name is Samuel Walker; I am a father of five and a grandfather of three. I have lived within the Bloomfield Hills Community since 2009, have had two children graduate from The Bloomfield Hills school system with my two youngest currently enrolled. I have always enjoyed being a part of the community, my family and I have embraced the culture and cherish the ever-changing diversity of the area. I feel that it is important to be a part of the communities in which we live and feel that it is vital to becoming active and involved. I long for ongoing communications as well as continued improvements within our community. Currently, I carry a Bachelor’s in Psychology degree from Oakland University and am active in the process of obtaining a Masters in Community Mental Health from Oakland University as well. Coming from the inner-city of Detroit, from a school system that has had many challenges for many years, I understand what it takes to overcome obstacles …

**My motivation for running to become a school board member is to get involved in the community process. I feel that the school board is an important tool used to further the educational journey of our community. To carry a well informed and diverse school board will translate to a school system that is well equipped to handle the unique issues that may occur during these unprecedented times. My goal for running is to better understand the barriers to quality education for all of our students. I would like the school board to review where we may be lacking educationally, examine the demographics of our schools, and explore at what grade level may we boost proficiency so that we can avoid the pitfalls of lack of preparedness going into high school while setting our children up for success after furthering their education beyond high school.**

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**Brandon School District**

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**Rebecca Haynes**
764 Grange Hall Rd.
Ortonville, MI 48462

**Lisa Kavalhuna**
410 Ridgewood Dr.
Ortonville, MI 48462

**Hilary L. Stockoski**
469 Ridgewood Dr. S.
Ortonville, MI 48462

**Marla Ann Abney**
(Write-in)
770 Spruce Hill Ln
Ortonville, MI 48462

**Jeffrey Michael Zielke**
(Write-in)
356 Nuthatch Dr.
Ortonville, MI 48462

**Clawson School District**

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: Kimberley Carlesimo and Michael Frink

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**Clarkston School District**

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: Elizabeth E. Egan, Kelli Horst and Stephen J. Hyer

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Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

CHERYL BLAU
23350 Cass Ave.
Farmington, MI 48335

If the shoe doesn’t fit, is it the foot’s fault? Of course not. You keep trying on different shoes until you find the best fit for your particular foot. Yet this is not what most children in America’s classrooms experience. We keep expecting children to change to fit the shape of the school rather than changing our schools to fit the ways children learn. I want to help facilitate change in our schools so that all of our children can thrive during their K-12 experiences here. With 30 years of K-12 teaching experience, expertise in best practices in teaching and current brain research on learning, academic degrees in psychology, education, and leadership, and decades of involvement in our community as a resident, Farmington Area Arts Commissioner, Beloved Community Initiative leader, Farmers Market volunteer, Warnerette, and parent of two Farmington High graduates, I am eager to draw upon my skills and knowledge for the benefit of our students, teachers, and parents.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DAVID EHRLICH
P. O. Box 2475
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

Parents, students, and teachers are frustrated by the absence of action on the part of our administration and board to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the individual cases when they occur and systemically. New district policies, initiatives, and curricula must be put in place to address and remedy these issues at every level throughout our school system. Second, with teen suicide on the rise, we must balance our academic expectations with the overall well-being of our students and be willing to consider new instructional models that support our students’ physical, emotional, and psychological health and growth as well as their academic progress. Expanding our vocational education options can be part of this process by providing our students with more than one pathway to success and enabling more students to graduate from high school career-ready. Third, our board members must be more responsive to our community’s concerns and more respectful to one another.

MABLE FOX
23003 Fieldstone
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

My three priorities are to govern through accountability, transparency, and equity to support our students. I believe that accountability is the cornerstone of transparency and equity. It all works together when there is a process that ensures continuous data analysis by regularly evaluating, monitoring, and adjusting the District’s policies and plans. Through accountability, transparency can build trust with parents, students, teachers, and the Farmington Community. Accountability also ensures that every student receives equitable resources needed to be successful.

STEVEN GOLDBERG
23051 Fox Creek Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Julie and I moved to Farmington Hills with our son Grayson in 2011 and are happy we did. I’m a Director at Blue Cross in the Customer Experience area and have prior experience in strategic planning, finance, and provider relations. I have an MBA and a bachelor’s in finance. Volunteering has long been a large part of my life: formal mentoring programs, coaching numerous youth sports teams, presiding over the Proud Dada’s club at Hillside Elementary, and more. I believe that change is needed to unlock that passion our educators bring and address the challenges we face, beginning with how the board functions. With twenty years management in the private sector, I bring a career spanning 30 years in educational consulting. For the past 5 years, I have consulted with a leading Michigan online learning company selling, implementing, and monitoring virtual learning programs in districts across the state. I have been an advocate for students with challenges and have experienced firsthand how problematic it is as I guided my two sons and other children. As a certified teacher, I understand the teacher’s perspective.

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JANET L. RAVITZ MEIR
5554 Edinborough Dr.
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

The culture of FPS requires transformation in three major areas. First, we should educate our kids to be successful and productive citizens in the 21st century. Our current approach is insufficient. Students must learn core competencies rather than only information readily available to anyone with internet access. Today’s kindergartner will graduate high school and work in industries that do not yet exist. Second, we have already begun to transform how we operate as an educational organization. Every administrator must have clearly defined areas of oversight on major issues we face. I will make it a priority to change that. Third, our board members must be more responsive to our community’s concerns and more respectful to one another. I’m proud to be endorsed by the MEA.

RICHARD MUKAMAL
30130 Deer Run
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

I am a 26 year Farmington Hills resident whose spouse teaches in the district. My two adult daughters attended FPS and received an excellent education. My background includes 17 years as a sales and marketing executive in Fortune 500 companies, a consultant specializing in business strategy, a non profit executive and small business owner. I co-founded Crescendo Detroit, a non-profit after school program in the Dexter-Davison neighborhood of Detroit. I am running because I love our community and believe our kids deserve the best quality education we can possibly provide them. Appointed to the board in January 2019, I received my school board certification and Award of Merit from the MASB in my first year. I serve on the Academic Excellence and Policy & Governance Committees. I am a strong strategic thinker with integrity, honesty and openness to community engagement.
CANDIDATES

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

Frank Raines III
22161 Sheffield Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

I have been in education for a while now. I love educating students. We, however, are a society, all either graduated or attended our students. Our students and children could be brilliant if they were given the time to execute their skills and put into practice what’s being placed before them. Thus, being a graduate from Central High School, Detroit, I left Michigan to attend Morehouse College. I was a young preacher licensed under Rev. Dr. Benjamin Lawrence Hooks from Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist on Owens and Oakland. That was great blessing in my life. I attended one year and was chosen to be a dorm counselor for the following year, but I didn’t return. However, I received a greater Blessing by attending Wayne County Community College. Who would have thought doors would open that wide those years later, I would one of the Professors at school I finished my Associate Degree within the two years. I then matriculated at Wayne State University for a year, and later, the... I am married to Mrs. Raines, and my family.

Kevin J. Hammer
28643 Trillium Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

My wife and I have lived in Farmington Hills since we were married in 1987. We have three adult children, a 4th child by marriage, and three grandchildren. I graduated from the University of Detroit in 1980 with a BS, Accounting, and from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1983. I am a licensed attorney and CPA. Education is the most important function of state and local governments. I want to work with our Superintendent and board members for the best educational outcomes for our students. Now being retired, I have time to devote to the position as is necessary to fully engage leadership, teachers, parents and community to most effectively prepare students to be good citizens, and for a future in either college or a vocational career. I would bring a proven leadership track record, a collaborative attitude, organizational success, and a commitment to community-building, which I have exhibited in many civic events and organizations in which I have been involved.

Claudia Heinrich
21650 Mayfield St.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I am a 45 year resident of Farmington Hills, graduate of the University of Michigan, with a BA in Education and Eastern Michigan University with a MA in Mathematics. Education has always been a passion of mine. In 2013, I earned a 4 year career teaching high school mathematics at Riverside High School in North Dearborn Heights, Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and Stevenson High School in Livonia. In addition, I taught mathematics at Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College. I have been married to my husband, Dave Heinrich, for 45 years; together we raised 4 daughters who attended Farmington Public Schools from preschool through high school graduation. Two of my daughters live in Farmington Hills. My grandchildren attend Farmington Public Schools. I ask for your vote so that I may continue my dedicated life-long work with education, giving back to this great community that has given so much to me and my family.

Donald Walker
37267 Aspen Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

I want to serve in a role that helps build future ready students and be a respectful listening ear and voice for parents, teachers and staff. I am a husband, father of three children (all either graduated or attend FPS), and have nearly 30 years in communications and education as an instructor, videographer, editor, and administrator. I have worked with students for my entire professional career. I have held leadership positions in a trade school and communications department for a large school district. Currently, I am the director of a career technical education program and sit on two boards that serve high school career pathways. I am an advocate for International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Career Pathway work as great choices for both an academic and financial opportunity for students. I am open-minded, accessible, skilled, and ready to serve especially in our current climate.

Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Frank Raines III

There seems to be issues about race occurring within our district, that I read about. Our climate is changing in this society and we are falling backwards instead of moving forward. If the truism of this matter is real, this would be priority #1. Next, I am a listener, that being said, I am not a person who jumps in on anything without practicing listening. My goal isn’t to get on the board to make a name for myself, I desire to give back to the community in which my two daughters graduated. This allows me return and share my gifts from years serving on multiple boards in New York. Across the county and Michigan.

Kevin J. Hammer

In addition to restoring safe, in-person classroom instruction as soon as possible, my top priorities would be: 1. Work with the Superintendent and Board members to establish clear and aggressive goals for improved academic outcomes in order to prepare our students for responsible citizenship, and for college or career. 2. Address and resolve racial equity tensions. These are issues, however, that should not burden what should otherwise be joyful and meaningful childhoods and educational experiences. These issues should be resolved at the adult level through increased awareness and with mutual respect. Children’s futures will be more equitable and just by preserving their childhood and providing a high quality education. 3. Enhancing the parent/student/teacher relationship. I believe progress can be made in this dynamic by using the latest technology and communication tools. This, and by developing robust personal bonds, we can alleviate many of our academic and social challenges.

Claudia Heinrich

1. Ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff. Violence, school shootings, bullying, racism and the COVID-19 pandemic are all challenges that our students are faced with. Ensuring that the school district invests in the resources and training to support the social emotional needs of the students is a must. 2. A solid curriculum that addresses the needs of all learners in the school district; ensuring that every student leave our school district with a post secondary plan to be successful in life, whether it is entering the work force, trade school, 4 year college, 2 year college, certificate programs or the military. 3. Insuring that lessons in teaching tolerance and social justice are included across the curriculum – reading, language arts, social studies, civics, history, science and health – at every grade level along with a strong literacy program that includes reading materials to reflect a diverse student population. Maintaining open communication is a priority.

Donald Walker

1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - I will support the new leadership in this area. I will bring resources to support the leadership’s plan. I will support accountability measures for FPS employees and students to create a safe, encouraging, and inclusive environment for students and teachers. 2. Increased College Prep and CTE Participation - I will work to increase student participation in our advanced programs through greater awareness. I will support innovative curriculum and instruction in the earlier grades that will better prepare students for the rigors of International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement education. 3. Accessibility - I will push for a public comment policy that provides opportunities to questions 30 days after hearing them in board meetings. I will have virtual community meetings with target groups including students. I will use my media experience and time spent in the communications department of DPSDC to create additional lines of communication.
## School Board Elections

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#### HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: DENISE PISTANA and THOMAS WISEMAN

**LAURA DODD**
2253 Wixom Trl.
Milford, MI 48381

As the mother of a first grader, the performance of our schools is deeply personal. As a nonprofit professional (cancer research, historic preservation, substance abuse prevention, religious tolerance, education, support for businesses affected by COVID 19) my career has been dedicated to giving back. I am running for the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education because I want to do my part to ensure our schools support the learners in our community to become their best selves. The skills I have developed in the nonprofit world allow me to understand how to make the best use of limited resources, be a good steward of the resources we do have, and creatively work to make the best learning environment for our learners at the same time we support and build a strong staff team.

**MARK GATESMAN**
1151 N. Lakeview Ln.
Highland, MI 48357

I am a 15 year resident of Highland Township, my wife and I have two children who attend Huron Valley Schools. I am self-employed as an Attorney in my own practice. The Law Office of Mark Gatesman located in Howell, MI. As a practicing attorney for 30 years and a small business owner I understand how to successfully operate a business. I have employed individuals and I understand that any business must operate with a budget in mind. A successful business must balance return on investment, performance and professional responsibility, while striving relentlessly for high performance and excellence in customer service. I have previous Institutional Executive Board experience as a former Trustee on the Howell Carnegie District Library Board, 2000-2004. As a Library Board Trustee, the board managed annual multimillion dollar budgets. The Board successfully launched capital campaigns for major physical improvements to the library and expanded library services and technology.

**JEFFREY LONG**
3180 Long Ln.
White Lake, MI 48383

I grew up in White Lake Twp. I graduated from Lakeland High School in 1982. Both my children attended Huron Valley Schools and are Lakeland Graduates. (2017, 2018). I have served 9 years on the HV Schools Board. During that time, we have continued to be fiscally responsible and pass balanced budgets annually and protecting our 5% fund balance (rainyday). My time on the board has been spent representing the people of Huron Valley in an un-bias, collaborative way.

During these difficult and trying times it would be my priority to wisely and judiciously manage the State Foundational Student Allotment. I would also strive to maintain the District Fund balance to ensure Huron Valley Schools continue the tradition of excellence in elementary, middle and secondary instruction. I would work collaboratively with the HV Board to ensure that HVS students and faculty have access to the best and most cutting edge technology. This will allow staff to continue the HVS tradition of excellent instruction thus preparing our students to succeed in a diverse and competitive world economy. Finally, I would like to explore adjusting school start times. A growing body of research suggests later school start times for Middle and High School allow students to be more rested and alert during instruction, providing an efficient way to drive achievement, test scores and overall student performance.

**DANIELLE BRESSETT**
1220 Quail Ridge Dr.
Oxford, MI 48371

I have been actively involved in the world of education for the past 21 years as a former classroom teacher, current private tutor, and as a parent who has been deeply involved in the schools. I graduated from Michigan State University with not only my Bachelor’s degree in Psychology but also earned my teaching certificate in both Psychology and History. Now more than ever, public schools need board members who can not only provide leadership but can bring a unique perspective to the board. I work with students every day and see how the decisions that various boards of education make affect them. In addition, as a current board member for The Daisy Project of Michigan, I have a unique insight into the special needs community and want to give them a voice within the schools. As a graduate of Lake Orion Schools myself, I truly love the district and feel that my leadership and knowledge of the educational field would positively guide the district for generations to come.

The top three priorities facing Lake Orion Community Schools are communication, collaboration, and being responsible financially. Providing clear and open communication with parents is paramount within any district. As a board member, I will make it a priority to engage with the community and gain insight into what the parents, students, and community members feel that Lake Orion Schools do well and where they believe the district could be improved. Second, collaborating with staff within the district is crucial. Lake Orion Schools have incredible staff members. I will prioritize the administration working with the staff to continually improve the district. Having a true collaboration with exceptional staff and administration leads to producing exceptional students. Lastly, I believe having a district that is financially responsible is essential. With the inevitable cuts in funding, I will work to ensure that the impacts on the programs for students are minimized.

#### HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022**

Unopposed on the ballot: LINDSAY COTTER

- **Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**
  - **LAURA DODD**

#### LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

#### LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE
### CANDIDATES

#### JOEL COLE
2536 Cole Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

I decided to run for the Lake Orion school board because there needs to be another voice upholding the interests of the students, their parents, and the residents of Lake Orion. Children are our future. We all benefit when tomorrow’s leaders are given a solid educational foundation. However, I have a vested interest in the school district’s success because it contributes to the success of my children. I’m proud to call my daughter, Adeleigh, and son, Logan, dragons.

#### SUSAN FLAHERTY
1867 Arrowhead Trl.
Oxford, MI 48371

My husband and I have lived in the Lake Orion district for over 15 years. Our daughter attends Paint Creek Elementary. I am a product of Michigan public schools and the first member of my family to earn a college degree receiving my BS in Social Science and Executive MBA from Michigan State University. I am passionate about assuring all children have opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe, challenging, learning environment. Additionally, I’m a former business executive with over 25 years of experience in the Automotive and Telecommunications industries. I possess strong leadership and communication skills with a proven track record of implementing strategies, streamlining processes, and reducing costs. I’m now a fulltime stay-at-home Mom…the most challenging and rewarding job ever! I believe my enthusiasm for education and community involvement, combined with my relevant professional and personal credentials will be strong assets to the Lake Orion School Board.

#### BIRGIT McQUISTON
440 N. Broadway St.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Elected over nine years ago to the Lake Orion School Board, I remain:
- Involved - 20 year resident of Lake Orion - Married 30 years to Greg - Two children - Emily and Erich - Graduates of LOHS 2012 and 2016 • Involved - Certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards: Level 5 Master District • Diamond Award - having over 528 hours of professional development; Advocacy Skills Specialist - MASB Resolutions & Bylaws Committee - Oakland County School Board Association Board of Directors - Board Officer for 8 of the past 9 years -Revised Curriculum Committee; Policy Committee; Lamp of Learning Committee; Initiated and currently lead the Board Self-Assessment Committee - Initiated and led the creation of Board Operating Procedures - Founding and Current member of Blessings In A Backpack - Lake Orion - Advocate for our students with state legislators; testified at education committee meetings • Informed - Investing time researching, studying the issue and listening to stakeholders

#### MISTY MORRIS
2999 Buckner Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Lifelong Lake Orion resident & LOHS alumni ’98. Wife to James Morris, LOHS alumni ’95 and mother to our three children, Edwin 10th, Landon 8th & Levi 4th grade. My professional career has taught me the quality of the Lake Orion school district is the most important factor in determining property values in the area. I deal with the community & local business owners frequently which allows me to have a pulse on a wide range of issues affecting our community. I have been involved with my sons activities including serving on the PTO, school committees & taking leadership positions in groups supporting their extra curricular activities, including football & wrestling. I have learned the roles & responsibilities of the community, LOCS-Administration and the Board. I thrive in an environment that requires resolution of problems. The integration of my current experience in real estate paired with my active involvement in LOCS is why I am running for school board.

#### EDWINA MITCHELL PATTERSON
2450 Orion Rd.
Oakland, MI 48363

I decided to run for this school board position to add a Diverse Voice into our pursuit of academic excellence within our district. I am passionate about education and the achievement of academic excellence for my child and those within our community. I am a proud mother of 3 children, and have been happily married for 25 years. I have for 26 years gained extensive and diverse experience in the areas of Operations, Engineering, Safety, Business Planning, Negotiating and Bargaining, People Systems, Budget Management and Project Management. In my own pursuit of academic excellence, I have acquired a BSEE, MSM and in pursuit as a EdD candidate in Organizational Leadership with a cognate focus in Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice. I have the professional experience, educational competence, the unbiased passion, and the personal motivation needed to ensure the needs of ALL our children are being met with respect and regard for their mental, social and physical health.

Security and Safety: Pandemic Management – Immediately assisting students, parents, and teachers in successful achievement in these unprecedented circumstances. Ensure no child left behind nutritionally, academically, and socially. Behavior Issues: Establishing and managing district wide processes and policies for bullying and school violence problems facing students and teachers. Culture and Diversity: Executing a Diversity and Inclusivity Plan for K-12 Schools – Establish and execute programs that provide learning and support for administrators, teachers, and students. Curriculum Savviness: Policies in place to ensure the success of ALL students, (college bound and non-college bound including all ethnicities and genders) Advocacy Consistency: Creating and Maintaining an environment where the students and teachers feel valued and heard. Staffing- Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Teachers/Administrators. Greater emphasis on having faculty that reflects the student body demographics.
**CANDIDATES**

**AMY DENISE SILVESTER**
220 Schorn Dr.,
Lake Orion, MI 48362

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Lake Orion Dragon for life. Forty five year resident of Lake Orion; Blanch Sims, Lake Orion Middle School and Lake Orion High School Grad. Involved in Stadium Elementary, Blanch Sims Elementary and Oakview PTO programs. Father of one Oakview Middle Schooler and one Lake Orion High student, I was appointed to the Lake Orion Community Schools board of education in 2014 and was hooked! I then ran and won in 2014, 2016 and looking for re-election in 2020. I have served for 6 years as Trustee, vice president and president. I sit on the Board Policy Committee, Lamp of Learning Committee as well as the Facility Liaison for the Board and previously served on the Superintendent evaluation committee. I like to camp, boat, do home improvement projects with family and friends and watch my daughters play soccer. Currently I am involved in the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, local club soccer as well as local nonprofit endeavors to help make the world a better place for all of us.

**SCOTT TAYLOR**
1227 Stoney Creek Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Safety, Excellence, and Transparency. First, we are facing an incredibly difficult situation with COVID-19. Our students need to be back in school in a safe and responsible manner. I will work with the administration, staff, and parents to help our students get back into the classroom safely. Second, I will focus on excellence in our students’ education. In this ever-changing world, I want to make sure our students are challenging themselves so they can be prepared for their bright future. Third, I believe our district needs to be transparent with the community. This year has shown us that communication is vital. I will work hard to make sure our parents have the information they need so they can make the best decisions for their children.

**JANICE ZALE**
3338 Proctor Ln.,
Oakland, MI 48363

My husband is a Lake Orion graduate and we have 3 wonderful children. I am running for school board because I love our district and I want to give back to keep our schools the best they can be. For the past 7 years I have been involved with Blessings in a Backpack. Currently I am the Vice President of the Blanch Sims PTO and love the team that I work with. Formerly I was a Library Board Member in Oakland Township. I appreciated being a part of this as I know the importance of instilling a love of reading in our students. Locally, I also volunteer and support Dutton Farm. I love being a part of an organization that values everyone and works so hard for inclusion for all.

**LAMPERE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: ROBERT T. BORNGESSER and WILLIAM J. MIER

**MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**CANDIDATES**

**NANETTE BASLER**
28377 Couzens Ave.
Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

I am a mother to five children who attend the schools in Madison District. I am involved daily at different activities throughout the district. Being able to see how the day to day operations at the school work has put me at an advantage for knowing areas of our strengths, as well as areas we need to improve on. I am current PTO President, as well as an active member in the band boosters as well as athletic boosters. Setting goals, managing fundraising operations, creating budgets, and seeing projects out from start to finish isn’t anything that is unfamiliar to me. I think with my openness and being willing to learn new things to work as a team I would be able to help bring our district to the next level.

**CRYSTAL BEAVER**
808 E. Rowland
Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

There are five priorities I feel are a necessity for our school board to address. However, the top three would be to seek academic curriculum that is comparable to the top schools, secure a financially sound budget, and to increase available training for the Board of Education. Madison District Public Schools needs to offer our children a wider range of curriculum options to help target our struggling students as well as curriculum to challenge our advanced students. We need a strong financial budget because without operating on a fiscally sound budget we are not only doing a disservice to our students but our taxpayers as well. By having available training for our board members it will help them to understand their roll and responsibility to our students, staff, taxpayers, and stakeholders in our community.

**LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**SCOTT TAYLOR**
1227 Stoney Creek Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Properly funded schools is the number one issue facing our schools. The budget process is very challenging each year with never knowing what funding is available and what will be allotted per student. The main action that we can do as a board is remain vigilant in presenting a balanced budget as well as being active with our legislatures and voice our needs as a group. The second challenge for this year is dealing with a world wide pandemic and determining when it is truly safe for our students and staff to return to face to face learning. The Lake Orion administration has been very diligent in using all available health care experts to determine when it is safe because we ALL want our students back in face to face learning but we cannot accomplish this until students and staff safety can be insured. The third and final challenge is bond implementation and construction. Bond implementation has been going very well in spite of delays caused by Covid. Projects are all at budget.

**JANICE ZALE**
3338 Proctor Ln.,
Oakland, MI 48363

Safety, Excellence, and Transparency. First, we are facing an incredibly difficult situation with COVID-19. Our students need to be back in school in a safe and responsible manner. I will work with the administration, staff, and parents to help our students get back into the classroom safely. Second, I will focus on excellence in our students’ education. In this ever-changing world, I want to make sure our students are challenging themselves so they can be prepared for their bright future. Third, I believe our district needs to be transparent with the community. This year has shown us that communication is vital. I will work hard to make sure our parents have the information they need so they can make the best decisions for their children.

**MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**
## School Board Elections

**CANDIDATES**

### Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

### Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

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<td><strong>REBECCA CHAMBLISS</strong>&lt;br&gt;103 W. Dallas Ave.&lt;br&gt;Madison Heights, MI 48071</td>
<td>I have been a RN for going on 11 years, specializing in Emergency Medicine, wounds &amp; Infection Control. I am also the mother of 5 beautiful children. Having children in 3 of the District buildings, Children who are active within their community, gives me the ability to see first hand how decisions made affect the most vulnerable population. I am running for School Board Trustee because as a teenager I was failed by my District due to lack of resources. I started my life out on the wrong foot and easily could of ended up a statistic. I refuse to allow any child to fall through the same cracks that I did. I believe in a transparent board that welcomes residents and parents to voice their opinions as well as concerns. Having been in management most of my career I am knowledgeable in budgets, nurturing professional relationships, educating myself on processes &amp; Focusing on trying to improve systems to benefit the most. The children need to come first, we are strong but we can be better.</td>
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<td><strong>MARK HOLCOMB</strong>&lt;br&gt;628 W. Brockton&lt;br&gt;Madison Heights, MI 48071</td>
<td>I’m running for the school board,because I believe our students need another choice other than College. I have been working with local unions. OE 324 which they put on a career day every year. Continue working with our superintendent to get (MAMC) Michigan Advanced Manufacturing Collaboration program going again.</td>
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**League of Women Voters**

**Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022**

Unopposed on the ballot: YOSEF KLEIN

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: PAUL D. COOK, WILLY MENA and DANIELLE RUSKIN

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

**CANDIDATES**

**OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NEN BAILEY**
21661 Cloverlawn St.
Oak Park, MI 48237

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

**CHRISTOPHER R. DAVIS**
13320 Irvine Blvd.
Oak Park, MI 48237

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

**AL ELVIN**
2451 Pinehurst Ave.
Oak Park, MI 48237

As a father of three sons – two of whom are currently pursuing college degrees – I understand the concerns parents have in wanting their children to attain a quality education. I want the same for my children and, as a parent in Oak Park, I've felt the sting of being denied this right for my sons. I believe my broad education; unique life and work experience; time spent as a middle and high school teacher, as well as a Communications instructor at Wayne State University, mesh well to prepare me for a role of this magnitude. Combining these qualities with my experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets, as well as my thorough understanding of contract management and negotiations, qualifies me to serve as a school board member.

Education: • Juris Doctor, University of Detroit-Mercy • Master's Degree – Business Administration, University of Detroit-Mercy • Master's Degree – Communications, Wayne State University • Bachelor's Degree – Journalism, Wayne State University

**MAXINE GUTFREUND**
22101 Jerome St.
Oak Park, MI 48237

As a proud lifelong resident of Oak Park, I am deeply entrenched in our community. I have served on the board for over 11 years, as well as many years in the '80s, and want to continue my work hard for the educators and children of Oak Park. I have forged deep networks that have enabled me to get support for many initiatives like passing mileages to better our schools. Also, I helped bring early childhood programs into the district, and I spearheaded the plan to bring an instrumental program to Oak Park - we now boast an award-winning 100+ member marching band. I want to continue to serve the community of Oak Park because I believe in complete accountability and transparency for the taxpayers. You should know where your money is going when it comes to the Oak Park Schools and I will continue to work to keep up with where your money is spent in the district.

The top three issues facing Oak Park schools: 1) we need to raise the overall test score average. I will work with the superintendent and other school board and faculty members to build programs that will provide students with better learning skills. I believe in teaching up and encouraging growth. 2) Update school facilities. We need to continue to work with the community on this issue so they understand how vital their support is in fixing and maintaining our buildings. 3) Fill the waterless swimming pool. We need to either get the swimming pool at OPHS repaired or replaced. I firmly believe all our children need to learn how to swim and have strong water safety skills. Too many children drown in the area simply because they weren't taught the proper water skills.

**BEN VINEBURG**
14361 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Oak Park, MI 48237

I am the product of a public school education. My father and grandfather are both educators and I was taught from a young age about the importance of a good, high quality public schools. I feel my skills as a hospital chaplain and former City of Southfield tax clerk have adequately prepared me to be a calm, optimistic and responsive voice for students and parents of the district. Additionally, I feel my involvement in Oak Park Youth Assistance and as past president of the Tri-Community Coalition have helped educate me on the challenges youth face in our community and identify some ways I may be able to help. The public education model was formed with communal "buy-in" amongst district residents. I would like to build a "it takes a village" approach with the district’s parents; partnering with them in providing their children with the values and skills to succeed at home, at school and in the community. 3. To work with local and state elected officials to put forth comprehensive incentives to attract students to our district and keep resident students within the district as well. Oak Park Schools are a hidden gem in our community and I look forward to enthusiastically supporting our district’s mission in the community.
School Board Elections

**OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** ★★★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: DANIEL V. DALESSANDRO, THOMAS E. DONNELLY, JR. and HEATHER SHAFAER

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**PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT** ★★★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: GILL GARRETT, G. KEVIN GROSS and MIKE MCGUINNESS

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**ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT** ★★★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**KRISTIN BULL**

720 Sunlight Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

The Rochester community elected me to the Board of Education in 2014; since then, I have served as treasurer, vice president and now president. Under my leadership, our district’s accomplishments include: the overwhelming community support of a $185 million technology and infrastructure bond that has led to improvements at every school building; an upgraded AA credit rating, which allowed the district to sell those bonds at a premium; and the opening of Caring Steps, a center for the community’s youngest learners. The work I’m most proud of is related to programming, however. In addition to launching a string orchestra program, we expanded our foreign language options, added an exclusive AP Capstone diploma and doubled down on early literacy. Beyond the classroom, I am grateful for the priority we have been able to place on diversity, equity and inclusion, along with social emotional learning and wellness. Every student should feel safe and like he or she belongs.

**SCOTT MUSKA**

306 N. Alice Ave.
Rochester, MI 48307

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

**JOE PITTEL**

5958 Stonehaven Blvd.
Oakland, MI 48306

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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**ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT** ★★★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**ERIKA ALEXANDER**

3592 Arbor Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48073

My name is Erika Alexander. I’m excited about the opportunity to run for a seat on the Royal Oak School Board. My husband Don and I have lived in the city for 17 years. We chose Royal Oak in part because of the quality of the schools. Our daughter, age 11, is a 6th grader starting virtual middle school this year. I hold a master’s degree in counseling from Oakland University and work full time for a local non-profit where I currently serve as Director of Quality Assurance. My husband is a small business owner. Our daughter recently retired her soccer cleats after playing for 7 years but remains active in dance and is preparing to begin guitar lessons.

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<td>227 E. Twelve Mile Rd. Apt. 8 Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>I made my home in Royal Oak 12 years ago. It was on of the greatest decisions of my life. I have served on the Royal Oak Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Board for nearly 4 years, currently the Chair. I am a member of the Royal Oak Downtown Park Taskforce. I want to use this public service experience on a larger scale to serve my community. I am a member of numerous civic organizations and actively use my time volunteering throughout the Royal Oak community. Professionally, I have used strategic negotiation techniques to achieve an unanimously approved collective bargaining agreement; this ability will serve me well when elected to the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education. The Royal Oak School District is a great public school system. As with everything, there is always room for improvement. I will use my encouraging and advocating voice to progress the ROSD into the a position that other districts want to follow.</td>
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<td><strong>LISA-ALINE HANES</strong></td>
<td>4003 N. Blair Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>My name is Lisa-Aline Hanes and I have lived in Royal Oak for over 20 years. I am married and have 2 children at Royal Oak High School: Bryan, who is entering his Senior year; and Maddie, who is entering her Sophomore year. I am a first generation American on both sides of my family and am proud to share that I am of Lebanese and Maltese descent. I was raised to value hard work, honesty and integrity while embracing the strength and fortitude that makes living in our country so great. In my teenage years my family was hit with tragedy when my younger brother died and it was then that I realized my passion for helping others. I have a BA in Psychology from MSU and and my BSN in Nursing from U of D. I have been a nurse for 23 years and have been blessed to save lives, educate and take care of others. I have been very involved in Royal Oak through the PTA, Choir and Drama Boosters, Royal Oak athletics, Gilda’s Club and Stagecrafters Theatre.</td>
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<td><strong>DUSTIN G. KAUPP</strong></td>
<td>520 Martin Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>I am running to make royal oak schools better for the future. I want my children to have to opportunity to attend the best school possible. I am looking forward to serving the Royal Oak community.</td>
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<td><strong>LAKEESHA MORRISON</strong></td>
<td>1316 Millard Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>Hello, my name is Lakeshe Morrison. I am a 36 year old wife, mother of three children, and a lifelong resident of Royal Oak. I am also a former Royal Oak student and now my own children are currently in the same district. I want to represent the personal interest of all Royal Oak students, including students of color. Honoring the diversity in our schools is important to the Royal Oak community, diverse representation on the school board is extremely important. I plan to continue engaging our Royal Oak community by continuing to use my voice and holding family orientated rallies!</td>
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<td><strong>MARYANNE VANHAITSMA</strong></td>
<td>2624 Glenwood Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>I am Maryanne VanHaitsma, the only incumbent running for re-election to the Royal Oak School Board. My husband and I are 23-year residents of Royal Oak and parents of two graduates of Royal Oak schools in 2017 &amp; 2019. I have been active in our district for 17 years through PTA, school and parent committees. I am also a member of the Oakland County School Board Association’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, as well as the State PTA Advocacy Committee and the State PTA Committee for Diversity. Equity and Inclusion. I serve on numerous other committees that advocate for our children, including Royal Oak Youth Assistance and the Royal Oak Schools Foundation. I hold bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayne State University and I worked in health care for over 30 years. I am committed to the community I live in and believe strong schools build a strong community.</td>
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<td><strong>ROBERT TIMOTHY J. JONES</strong></td>
<td>520 Martin Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073</td>
<td>Diversity and equity has fortunately come to the forefront of our society. The ROSD has acknowledged the disparity with in the school district. There have been steps, slowly, taken to address this issue. I want this progress expedited. This is an “act now” moment. No longer can this progress be talked about without substantial and immediate action. Resolutions without action are simply hollow words. We have found ourselves suddenly living in a virtual world. The ROSD needs to be the best in online education, I want to see the ROSD become the leader education technology. There will be unprecedented budgetary struggles next year. Planning for this shortfall needs to begin now. Creative and new budgetary procedures will be necessary. We can not ask students and staff to take concessions in their education or pay. I will work tirelessly to accomplish these goals by listening to the community, students, parents and staff. I will encourage fellow trustees to take these progressive actions.</td>
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**1. Diversity-** teachers, leaders and curriculum improvement. Every child of color should feel safe and have educators who put their needs and quality education first while also being role models and mentors within our district. I would like to work on supplementing the curriculum with additional subject matter on diversity throughout the entire year. **2. Healthy and safe environment:** As a healthcare professional my passion is to assist others in living healthier lives: physically and mentally. If elected, I would like to enrich this effort by ensuring that all students have resources that improve their physical and mental wellbeing. **3. Modernization of classrooms and curriculum:** work to equip all classrooms with the latest technology and use best practices in enhancing the curriculum to meet the varied needs of our students. **1. Safety-** students need to feel safe going to school everyday. **2. Nutrition-** students to be educated on the proper things to put in their bodies and know everyone’s body is different. **3. Students Opportunity-** students learn more from being on teams, clubs, etc. this starts with getting students back to in person learning. **1. Safety-** students need to feel safe going to school everyday. **2. Nutrition-** students to be educated on the proper things to put in their bodies and know everyone’s body is different. **3. Students Opportunity-** students learn more from being on teams, clubs, etc. this starts with getting students back to in person learning. **1. Safety-** students need to feel safe going to school everyday. **2. Nutrition-** students to be educated on the proper things to put in their bodies and know everyone’s body is different. **3. Students Opportunity-** students learn more from being on teams, clubs, etc. this starts with getting students back to in person learning.

**The Top three priority issues I believe needs to be faced is ensuring that ALL children have the best proper learning experience while in school, the lack of a diverse staff and curriculum and safety in our schools. If I were elected I would consider the opinions of fellow board members, parents and the community. Bringing their concerns to the table and collectively coming up with a solution. Communication is key when it comes to meeting these issues.**

**Fiscal responsibility is always a top priority. As an incumbent school board member, I am proud to serve on a board that has managed available resources in a sound and prudent way that allows for educational and extracurricular programs to continue and thrive. A quality education in a safe environment for students and staff is a priority. We need to ensure a quality education and the continued provision of a safe and healthy environment in which students and staff can thrive. A key priority is always working to improve equity within our district. Every student, employee, teacher and administrator must be given every opportunity to thrive. Equity remains the overarching work that becomes inherent in all district efforts (professional development, curriculum, discipline, resources, etc.). As a member of the district’s Cultural Competency Engagement Committee, I work to see its goals and objectives are aggressively pursued and met.**

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**SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms*

**ASHANTI BLAND**  
27331 Red River Dr.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

My name is Ashanti Bland and I’m running for a seat on the Southfield Board of Education. I have lived in Southfield and Lathrup Village for over twenty years and I am a proud product of Southfield Public Schools (SFS). After graduating from Southfield-Lathrup High School I attended Central Michigan University and received my Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. I am a parent of two children. My son is a University High School Academy alumni who is currently starting his sophomore year at The University of Michigan Ann Arbor. My daughter is entering the second grade at McIntyre Elementary School. I’ve had over twenty years of administration experience working in the manufacturing and automotive industry, managing budgets and ensuring that organizations use best practices in diversity and inclusion. For the last five years I’ve been an active board member of Helping Operations for People Empowerment (H.O.P.E) a 501c3. I am a parent, alumni, and advocate for the SFS district.

**VICKIE BROCKMAN HALL**  
18400 Wilshire Blvd.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

I am a Director of Human Resources Operations for a large public university. I have a doctorate in Public Administration with a focus on leadership and a Master’s degree from both Lathrup Village and Southfield for a combination of 17 years, and as well a former parent of the district with two of my three children in attendance. I served as an administrator (2015-2019) of the district in the role of Associate Superintendent of Human Resources/Legal and Labor Affairs. Serving in this role provided me with the inside knowledge of the daily operations of the district. However, most important serving in this role allowed me to attend to the district’s most value assets, its employees, students and stakeholders. I will look to bring a collaborative spirit to detail short/long term goals of an education strategy that commits to a vision of high expectations for safety for all, student achievement and quality instruction in the district.

**AMANI JOHNSON**  
29726 Somerset Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48076

I’m a life-long Southfield resident, proud graduate of Southfield-Lathrup High School, and member of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Board. My degree from Central Michigan University is in Public and Nonprofit Administration. When I was in high school, we faced many of the same challenges that our schools do now: crumbling infrastructure that forces kids to sit in hot classrooms or miss school altogether, suspensions and missed days of school due to dress code or other minor infractions, and a tightening budget that limits academic and extracurricular options for our children. I am a former substitute teacher and have worked alongside leaders that have helped to shape Southfield into the vibrant community it is today. I’ve worked in the offices of former Mayor Brenda Lawrence, former State Representative Jeremy Moss, and the Southfield City Administrator. My youth, ideas, and experience make me the best candidate for Southfield Board of Education.

**MICHAEL POOLE**  
18830 Lincoln Dr.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Michael Poole was elected to the Southfield Board of Education in 2009. He entered the Southfield Board of Education with a “Yes We Can” approach to Leadership. His vision was to provide a servant business management style in developing cost effective solutions that would offer greater college and career workforce opportunities to students. The focus is on design, collaboration and implementation of quality accredited educational programs that would meet the economic development goals of the community. Michael, holds academic degrees from the following colleges and universities: • Bachelors of Science Degree in Business from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. • Masters of Science (MSA) Degree in International Administration from the Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Michael is a Master Platinum member of the Michigan Association of School Boards, National School Board Association, and a Lifetime member of the National MBA Association.

**BETTY CARLTON ROBINSON**  
21899 Glenmore St.  
Southfield, MI 48076

I am a former substitute teacher and have worked alongside leaders that have helped to shape Southfield into the vibrant community it is today. I’ve worked in the offices of former Mayor Brenda Lawrence, former State Representative Jeremy Moss, and the Southfield City Administrator. My youth, ideas, and experience make me the best candidate for Southfield Board of Education.

The primary issues of my campaign are health and safety for students and staff, enhancing parent engagement and allocating resources appropriately to propel the incline of student test scores in the district. I want to work as a Trustee to solidify SFS as a key Public School District in the state which will act the state’s goal of becoming a Top 10 education state in 10 years. Health and safety for SFS students during this pandemic is a top priority, ensuring that the district is engaging stakeholders to assess their concerns and needs. Regular assessments of the districts communication tools through district surveys and phone calls will increase engagement and allow for more fiscal accountability of district funds. Test scores have increased in SPS for 2018-19, we can continue this trend by supporting the Superintendent to carry out evaluations of professional staff members, and their implementation of development/training programs.

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<td>Candidate Andrea Wright is a long time resident of Southfield, Michigan with 20+ years in Southfield Public School District. She is a mother of three and has held various PTA positions as well as board president. She is experienced in strategic planning and policy committees. She is passionate about school culture initiatives and human resources. She is thrilled to offer the widest range and greatest depth of experience in education.</td>
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<td>19785 W. Twelve Mile Rd., #145, Southfield, MI 48076</td>
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<td>Enrollment - Regaining the community trust (stakeholder, students, and teachers) with transparency and integrity. Equity Access - Community involvement writing to our state and federal government demanding the people we elect in position to give funding to our school district to ensure ALL children have an equal opportunity to be successful and our teachers and staff get equal pay. Southfield Schools Infrastructure - Sitting down with the board members to develop a plan to get ALL school buildings up to par and functioning to restore student morale.</td>
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## SOUTH LYON DISTRICT

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1. Funding concerns. It is always discussed how the district is underfunded compared to others in the state. I’d want to focus on how we can utilize and promote resources available to make up for funding gaps. 2. Staffing resources. In this challenging time it appears that staffing resources are also a big concern. I want to help the district look at creative ways to operate with the resource challenges. 3. School health and safety. This is a challenging time for all of us. I believe that we should operate in a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. I think we need to look to other successful districts on how we can do this in an in-person situation. I believe that there was not enough time spent on planning what the fall would look like, and the start of school has been a bit of a challenge. I would have asked the administration to work the contingency plan much earlier in the year.
### SOUTH LYON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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<td><strong>BRIDGETT ANNE MCDOWELL</strong></td>
<td>13795 Forest Ridge Cir. South Lyon, MI 48178</td>
<td>Managing Online and In-Person Teaching - No one could have predicted a pandemic, but SLCS teachers and staff do an amazing job adapting and showing students they care. Our educators are experts trained to teach in-person. Administration and the Board need to listen to teachers, parents, and students and support them by providing staff opportunities for professional growth and families the resources they need. 1) Early Literacy - SLCS’s lack of a comprehensive, evidence-based early literacy program sets our students up for struggles across content areas for their entire academic careers. Teachers and staff need more support and training, including ongoing professional development. Students and teachers need evidence-based instructional resources that are proven effective for all. 3) Early Literacy - Because early literacy touches every aspect of a student’s academic experience, I’m saying it again.</td>
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### TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Unopposed on the ballot: VITAL ANNE and NANCY PHILIPPART

### WALLED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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<td>4488 Phillip Ln. Commerce, MI 48382</td>
<td>The top three priority issues I see facing our District are 1) The need for continued advocacy 2) Keeping children and staff safe and 3) Retaining and acquiring innovative educators. Continued advocacy: As I have done in the past, I will continue to lobby my state and federal legislators for increased funding for our public schools. I have gone to Lansing and D.C., written letters, made phone calls on behalf of our community, and have encouraged our community to get involved with doing the same. I will share all legislative information received with all stakeholders and encourage their continued advocacy for our schools. Keeping children and staff safe: We are facing one of the most critical times in our children’s education because of Covid-19. This in addition to the threats we face with active shooters, bullying, and their emotional well-being, something we must continue to prioritize. My goal is to get the kids back to face-to-face education when it is safe for our students</td>
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★★★★ WALLED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT ★★★★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

JOEL MURAV
7350 Water Oaks Dr
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

As a father of 3 young kids, who are all in the Walled Lake District, I want to help the community come together in our time of need. We need to continue to support our teachers, students, parents, and community members through these unprecedented times. As a former legislative rep for the Keith PTA, and as a continued volunteer within the school, I want to help be a positive voice for the community. I plan to help disseminate factual communications to the public and bring their concerns when appropriate to my fellow board members. Working as an IT Project Manager for a consulting firm. I am faced with making tough decisions daily. While it is a team effort, as the Project Manager, I am the one who is ultimately held responsible for the success or failure of the project. I feel that my experience working with a global team, managing project timelines & budgets, & navigating high-pressure situations, provides me with a perspective that will be helpful as a board member.

CRAIG PETERSON
3829 Canute Rd.
Commerce, MI 48382

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★★★ WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT ★★★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: I. SUSAN KATTULA and CARL B. WECKERLE

★★★ WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★★★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

FRANKIE HERNANDEZ
2949 St. Jude Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329

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THOMAS HUBBARD
127 Deni Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329

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DANIEL MAJESKE
3174 Pirrin Dr.
Waterford, MI 48329-2740

I am at a point in my career where I have the experience to make a difference for Waterford Schools. I retired from teaching high school after 38 years and am now in my 14th year of teaching part-time at Oakland University. I have been able to make a difference in the academic and interpersonal lives of my past students and I would like to see what I can do for this community. I have two married daughters and seven grandchildren. After I retired from teaching high school, I chose to remain current and relevant in the field of education. Not only does Oakland University give me teaching experience for undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Education, it also gives me continual professional development in the current methods for this profession. I joined the Field Office and have worked with dozens of Student Teaching Interns and their Mentors at various middle and high schools across Oakland and Macomb counties.

Safety of the adult staff and students is the top issue facing every school district. Waterford Schools appear to have some well thought plans for virtual and remote learning. I would work with the administration and education association to continue to refine these plans for schedules and best teaching practices with necessary technology as needed and how the eventual transition to in-person instruction can be accomplished safely for everyone. Funding and allocation of resources are top priorities. Public schools have had huge cuts since the 2008 recession and now the State is squeezed even more in this pandemic. I would work with the Waterford administration and education association on any avenues to mitigate revenue loss and lobby for increases as well as creative and brainstorming thinking to allocate resources effectively across the district to keep and improve instructional delivery, building maintenance, and raise, not cut payroll or staff.
### School Board Elections

#### WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

| NATHAN MOSSERI | I have been teaching and developing the Holly Area Schools STEM program since its founding in 2018. Before this, I taught 3rd and 4th-grade math, science, and social studies in South Carolina. I earned my Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and my Master's Degree in Educational Technology from American College of Education. Outside of the classroom, I am a member of the Michigan Education Association (MEA), a union representative for my school, and the secretary of my local association. I chose to run for School Board because it's time for educators to be part of the decision-making process. Too often, School Board Trustees' only experience with the public school system is from when they were children. With all of the changes occurring in the wake of COVID-19, someone with current classroom experience must have a role in moving the district forward. |
| MICHAEL RISTICH | As a father of two Waterford School District students, the husband of a Waterford Schools District Teacher, a university faculty member, and a lifelong Waterford resident, I offer a set of perspectives and experiences that will help the Waterford School District remain focused on raising student achievement and attracting and retaining talented staff and teachers (even during Covid-19). Too, as an appointed member of the Waterford School District Board of Education, I know that effective board governance means doing what our teachers and students do everyday: listening, learning, asking the right questions, and making decisions based on the best data available. |
| KRISTEN WAGNER | I am a fierce advocate of public education and the Waterford School District. I am running because I feel it is imperative that we have voices on our board that are focused on creating positive initiatives that enhance education and encourage high standards that support academic and social/emotional growth. I am a graduate of Waterford Mott and Oakland University and my husband and I have three children currently enrolled in the district. I have been actively involved in the schools for many years as a member of the PTO’s, volunteering, chairing events and more. I am also active at the district level, including being part of the 2016 Parent Bond Committee and I was the chair of the 2020 Bond Proposal Campaign that successfully passed on August 4th. I was instrumental in creating the Waterford Public Education Advocacy Committee to advocate for policies in legislation that would adequately and equitably fund our public schools. My candidacy is endorsed by the Waterford MEA. |

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

The three issues facing Waterford School District are an outdated technology plan, a potential decrease in overall per-pupil funding, and racial inequities. I will address the outdated technology plan by reviewing and updating the district’s technology plan. A new plan would include time for teacher training and technology implementation, purchasing devices to create a 1:1 technology environment, and adequate funding to upgrade existing wireless networks. To address the potential decrease in funding, I will defend students and teachers through any budget cuts that may occur. To provide students with the education they deserve, we mustn’t decrease per-pupil spending. Lastly, to lessen any racial inequities I will analyze data and root out any bias in suspensions, referrals, and expulsions. If the data reveals there are clear biases, I will push for professional learning programs that aid staff in the exploration and acknowledgment of their personal biases.

Under “normal” circumstances, the focus should be on raising student achievement, attracting and retaining talented staff and teachers, and ensuring effective board governance. However, Covid-19 has forced a shift in goals. In light of the global pandemic, we need to ensure, above all, the safety of our students, staff, and community. We also need to do everything in our power to advance and support student learning in a remote/virtual setting. At the same time, we need to develop plans and procedures to welcome back our students into the classroom when the situation allows. Doing so means working collaboratively as a Board and with our District administrators, advocating for resources to ensure safe schools, listening to our community, asking the right questions, and making decisions based on the best data available.

### Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022

Unopposed on the ballot: JOHN HIMMELSPACH
STACY GOLD BRICKMAN
7330 Village Square Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

- Incumbent • President, WB School Board, 2019 & 2020 • Master Board Member & Data Specialty Awards (MABD) • Michigan Week Hidden Treasure Award • Proudly endorsed by the Michigan Education Association • Led the 2017 Bond Campaign and serves on the Bond Construction Team to ensure our promises are kept.
- Currently serves on the following District Committees: District Learning Design Team & Strategic Planning, Curriculum Council, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Interest-Based Bargaining • My six years of school board service and 18 years of district involvement has given me solid knowledge of the issues that not only affect our school district but our community as well. Our visionary board members and district leaders have led the way during the pandemic and has strived to offer safe educational choices to our families. Our school district is the heart of our community and I will continue the hard work of raising the bar and continuously improve.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our students, our staff and our community. The district’s instructional practices and student learning experiences have changed dramatically. We know students may have gaps in their learning and we will work hard to meet their needs. Increase Student Achievement and Growth
- Focus on our instructional priorities and district goals
- Support our teachers and staff to meet the needs of ALL learners
- Prioritize continuous improvement
- Increased Focus on the Whole Child
- Meet the social and emotional needs of students
- Prioritize building strong relationships
- Support social justice initiatives
- Maintain and Improve our Current Financial Health
- We currently have the healthiest fund balance in decades
- Support plans to decrease operating overhead by right-sizing our district
- Support initiatives that attract students and families to the West Bloomfield School District

CRISTINA ELSEN
1407 Beachland Blvd, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

I am running for a second term to the WB Board of Education to continue serving the 5800 kids of WBSD. Since elected, I have been part of a collaborative team where we have raised the fund balance from 0.5% to a healthy 17%+. I’ve been part of right sizing our school district, allowing us to consolidate middle schools & provide kids a new, state of the art middle school. Part of my 2014 campaign was to offer students a rigorous & challenging STEAM program, which became a reality in 2016 for elementary kids, & for the rest of the district in 2017. I’ve served as a board liaison for the following: WB Educational Foundation, Blessings in a Backpack, WB Youth Assistance and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee with Oakland County School Board. I understand district finances serving as the Treasurer 2 years & am currently the board Secretary. I’m dedicated, passionate, honest & want to continue creating the best Portrait of our Graduates.

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1). Provide a safe learning, emotional/mental support/environment for our students, teachers & staff.
- I will continue to engage in robust discussions with our Superintendent, review academic & financial feedback from Central Office, MEA, Michigan Association of Oakland County School Boards(OCSBA), State of Michigan, MDHHS & from parents with options as to how to meet that goal. My decisions will be based upon data provided from the aforementioned sources. 2). Support economic & racial diversity within the WBSD.
- The “Resolution to Change the System, Eradicate Racism & Create More Equitable & Inclusive Schools for All Children”, which I supported in June. I’m a representative on the newly formed DEI Committee through the OCSBA having discussions with key representatives throughout Oakland County collaborating to meet this goal. 3). Student Enrollment -Will continue to evaluate enrollment trends & offer attractive academic programs (ie STEAM) to draw families to WB.

DEBORAH J. EVANS
4273 Cherry Hill Dr. E.
Orchard Lake, MI 48323

My K-12 public school education is the foundation that prepared me for my best life. I graduated from Tuskegee University with a degree in accounting and earned an MBA from Walsh College. Married 30 years and a resident of Orchard Lake Village for 15 years, our daughter is a magna cum laude graduate from the West Bloomfield school district. My belief in quality, equitable, resource rich public education for children motivates me to run for trustee of the West Bloomfield Board of Education. I am a human resource professional experienced in organizational leadership, labor relations, and strategic planning. As a successful corporate director my skills include budget development and team building. I have managed large teams from 2 to 250 people and operating budgets over $150 million. Being an active mom at Roosevelt Elementary, Orchard Lake Middle School, West Bloomfield High School and the International Academy, I understand the meaning of community, partnerships, and family.

COVID-19, a top issue may affect the student achievement gap and manifest symptoms of depression. While working with educational professionals and community, I will seek to understand and support students’ social, emotional, and academic needs during the pandemic. Another issue for the West Bloomfield School district is to create equitable and inclusive schools for every child. It is essential that our education system creates a culturally diverse and responsive environment for our students, teachers, and staff. I will value opposing opinions, speak honestly and deliberately, listen carefully and respectfully with the goal of honoring the adopted West Bloomfield Board of Education Resolution. Adequate school funding is a priority. Safeguarding our community assets and reconciling expenditures to district goals ensures the ability to provide the most effective resources for our children. I will support strategic plans that properly allocate district resources.

KIRSTEN SONNEVILLE-DOUGLASS
1703 Maddy Ln.
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

I understand the importance of being a contributing member of one’s community and have a passion to serve. I have been an active volunteer in the schools since 2008 and serve as Vice-Chair of the City of Keego Harbor’s Parks and Recreation Commission. With over 20+ years of project management experience and as a mother of a K-5 child, I would bring a different perspective to the Board. And as a WB graduate, I want to see my district continue to excel and ensure that every student has a safe and productive path to graduation.

I believe the top three (3) priorities facing our district are: 1.) Social Justice – I continue to work on my own cultural humility and will work to change the system, eradicate racism and create more equitable and inclusive schools for all children. 2.) Public Health Crisis – Having served on our school’s Return to Classroom Task Force, I will continue working to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and administrators continues to be a priority. 3.) Social-Emotional Support – Our children, staff, administrators and families are faced with new stressors daily. I will work to remove barriers and ensure the necessary support, programs, and resources are available.
**State Proposals**

**PROPOSAL 20-1**
A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent

This proposed constitutional amendment would:
- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches $800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**PROPOSAL 20-2**
A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications

This proposed constitutional amendment would:
- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person’s electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person’s electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person’s house or seize a person’s things.
- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person’s electronic data.

Should this proposal be adopted?

**Local Proposals**

**OAKLAND COUNTY**

**Millage Replacement and Increase to Operate, Maintain, and Park, Open Space Areas, Trails, and Recreation Activities in Oakland County, Michigan**
The Oakland County Parks System includes 7,000 acres and 80 miles of trails preserving and protecting the environment. There are 13 Oakland County Parks and recreational activities throughout the County including campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, water parks, and mobile recreation units. To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, shall the current millage, which has been reduced by required rollback, be replaced and increased to .35 mills for 10 years from 202o to 2029? The .35 mills is equal to .35 cents per $1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if approved and levied, will generate approximately $22,026,860.00 in 2020. The purpose of the millage is to increase environmental conservation and recreation activities. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed only to the Oakland County to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission with external audits and oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

**BIRMINGHAM**

**Parks and Recreation Bond Proposal**
Shall the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars ($5,845,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issue, to pay the cost of constructing, improving, and maintaining streets? If approved, the estimated millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.9176 mills ($3.92 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage to be levied in 2021 is 3.9307 mills ($3.93 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage to be levied in 2021 is 3.9307 mills ($3.93 per $1,000 of taxable value). This proposed constitutional amendment would:
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Should this proposal be adopted?
WIXOM

Renewal of an Additional Operating Millage for Municipal Operating Purposes Including Police and Fire, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation

Shall the previously approved additional operating millage in Section 9.4 of the Wixom City Charter be amended to read as follows: 1.88 mills for general administrative purposes; 0.8184 mills for Baldwin Public Library services; 0.32 mills for capital park improvements/replacements for village wide parks.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Renewal of Special Millage for Police Services and General Fund

Shall the currently authorized special millage rate of 0.3802 mill ($0.3802 on each $1,000 of taxable value) for real and personal property in the Village for police services and general fund stabilization (Police services are paid from (full fund millage) and General fund stabilization from 2020 through 2030? The current millage expired with the 2020 tax levy. If voters approve this millage renewal, it will raise approximately $144,650 in the first year if levied in full.

HOLLY VILLAGE

Charter Amendment

Shall section 3.4 of the Village Charter, which calls for the President and each council member to receive as compensation for his/her services to the Village the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars ($900.00) be amended to read as follows: 3.4 Compensation of members of the Council. Each member of Council shall receive as compensation for his/her service to the Village a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) per year. Shall this amendment be adopted?

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to the constituent school districts. Shall section 3.4 of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency be increased to 19.25 mills ($19.25 per $1,000 of taxable value), with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy ($18.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), to be imposed for purposes described in the Agency’s charter and by law? Shall this amendment be adopted?

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★★★ Partisan Ballot ★★★
U.S. President/Vice President ____________________________
U.S. Senator ____________________________
U.S. Representative ____________________________
State Representative ____________________________
State Board of Education (2) ____________________________
University of Michigan Regents (2) ____________________________
Michigan State University Trustees (2) ____________________________
Wayne State University Governors (2) ____________________________
Oakland County Officers - Countywide Races:
  Executive ____________________________
  Prosecuting Attorney ____________________________
  Sheriff ____________________________
  Clerk/Register of Deeds ____________________________
  Treasurer ____________________________
  Water Resources Commissioner ____________________________
  County Commissioner ____________________________

★★★ Nonpartisan Ballot ★★★ (Contested Races)
Michigan Supreme Court (2) ____________________________
Circuit Court ____________________________
Probate Court ____________________________
District Court ____________________________
OCC (2) ____________________________
Township/City/Village Offices ____________________________
School Board ____________________________
Library Board ____________________________

★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★
State (20-1: y/n?) _______ (20-2: y/n?) _______
County (y/n?) ____________________________
Local/Library/School (y/n?) ____________________________