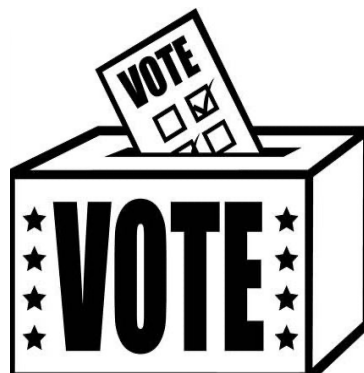


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MAYOR – CITY OF DEARBORN

*According to the City Charter, the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City, with powers and duties including enforcement of all laws, ordinances, and terms and conditions of any agreement entered into by the City; appointment and removal of appointive officers and members of multi-member bodies; preparation and administration of the annual budget of the City; recommendation to the Council for adoption of measures deemed to be necessary and beneficial to the City and its citizens; and ensuring the efficient administration of all departments and functions of the city government not under the jurisdiction of any other elected official. **4-year term ends 1/1/30. VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE***

	Please provide biographical information and experience, including community involvement, and explain why you are running for this office.	Are you in favor of a citizen's oversight committee of the police department to ensure transparency and equitable community engagement across all demographics? Why or why not?	Do you see places in the budget where additional funds are needed and/or places where funds can be cut? If additional revenue is needed, how will you secure it?
Nagi Almudhegi Education: Bachelors in Engineering Website: nagiformayor2025.com Email: nagiformayor@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573197339	<p>I've called Dearborn home for 45 years. Sadly, today our city faces serious challenges. We have some of the highest property taxes in Michigan. Reckless driving is out of control, Ford Road is a death trap, and car theft has nearly doubled in just four years. Flooding remains unsolved, marijuana stench fills our city, trash pickup is unreliable, and blight fuels a rat infestation. Worst of all, when residents call City Hall, nothing gets done. This is not the Dearborn we grew up in. I'm an engineer and manager with nearly 30 years of experience working with thousands of people in Purchasing, Design, Sales, Quality, Finance, Controlling & HR. I'm independent of any party and I will be a mayor who is a problem solver-not a politician.</p>	<p>Yes. Citizen oversight committees can be a powerful tool for promoting transparency, accountability, and trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. But their effectiveness hinges on how they're structured and empowered. At the same time, I am a strong supporter of our Police Department whose officers' risk their lives every day to protect the residents of Dearborn.</p>	<p>We must invest in what matters most: safety, opportunity, and dignity for our residents. Our City Charter calls for about 230 police officers, yet we only have 188. While adding 40 officers isn't realistic, I would hire 2–5 more dedicated officers to patrol our streets and neighborhoods, making safety a visible priority. I would also invest \$1 million in a paid internship program to help college and high school students gain real-world experience and prepare for their future, while setting aside another \$500,000 to better support seniors with the services they need. These priorities will be funded by trimming the bloated budget of the Mayor's office and putting those dollars where they truly belong—into our community.</p>
Abdullah Hammoud Education: University of Michigan Website: votehammoud.com Email: teamhammoud@gmail.com Facebook: Abdullah H. Hammoud	<p>I was born and raised in Dearborn, where my wife and I are raising our young family. After earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan, I served in the Michigan House of Representatives, fighting for investments in education, healthcare access, and infrastructure. As Mayor, I've delivered results residents can see: \$25M+ in flood prevention, a \$24M Warren Avenue façade improvement program, and fully staffing our Police Department for the first time in 20 years. We've also balanced the budget, cut costs, and secured millions in outside funding, making historic investments without raising taxes. I'm running for re-election to keep Dearborn safe, welcoming, and prepared for the future.</p>	<p>Yes - community trust is essential to public safety. Under my leadership, we've expanded transparency through full police staffing, neighborhood partnerships, and safety programs like "Traffic Tuesdays." But stronger collaboration is always possible. A citizen's oversight committee would build on this progress, giving residents a direct voice in oversight while ensuring accountability, transparency, and equitable engagement across all demographics. This approach not only strengthens public trust but also creates a safer, more united Dearborn where officers and residents work hand in hand.</p>	<p>My priorities are creating a safer, stronger, and more resilient Dearborn. We balanced the budget while fully staffing our police and fire services, investing in stormwater upgrades to protect homes from flooding, and modernizing city operations so residents get better service at lower cost. By securing millions in outside funding, we've expanded parks and strengthened environmental protections, improving quality of life while easing the local tax burden. Moving forward, I'll continue smart investments that protect families, revitalize neighborhoods, and keep Dearborn financially strong while cutting waste and leveraging state and federal resources instead of raising local taxes.</p>

COUNCIL – CITY OF DEARBORN

*Acting as the legislative branch of City government, the 7-member Council sets policies, adopts budgets, enacts legislation, and prescribes the terms and conditions governing the issuance of licenses and permits as per the City Charter. **4-year terms, ending 1/1/30. VOTE FOR UP TO 7 CANDIDATES***

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Robert A. Abraham Education: Dearborn Public Schools - Fordson High School and Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan – Bachelor of Arts in Accounting - Concentration in Computer Science – cum laude. Email: rabraham.cpa@gmail.com Facebook: Robert A. Abraham	As a third-generation, lifetime Dearborn resident, I believe leadership and experience are required now more than ever! With 24 years of City Council experience, decades of experience as a CPA, Chief Financial Officer, and community service throughout Dearborn, I bring the right mix of knowledge, dedication, and service to the Council. I will continue to strive for the highest quality city services, maintain Police and Fire staffing levels, and watch out for each resident and every neighborhood in the City. I am committed to serving my Hometown so that you and your family have the same opportunities and service I had growing up in Dearborn. Graduate of Fordson High. I am seeking re-election to help residents have a voice on Council.	Some changes should be implemented by the Mayor to improve the service model and reduce costs with technology. Streamlining processes, encouraging online “self-service”, and finding the right balance of quality service, public safety, and amenities throughout our community. Each neighborhood in the City has unique characteristics, needs, and wants to balance with taxes and revenues. Prioritizing the service mix and balancing the budget is one of the most important duties of a council member. My professional experience as a CPA, 20 years as an elected City Councilman, and in-depth understanding of community interest make for a great fit on the next Council. Vote to Re-Elect Robert A. Abraham to the Dearborn City Council.	I have worked hard for the past 24 years as your Councilman to create, improve, and aggressively enforce the City’s ordinances to reduce pollution and improve the quality of living in Dearborn. Water, air, noise, traffic, and trash are all forms of pollution that must be addressed without increasing the cost of government. Cost-neutral enforcement and a severe penalty system must continue to be enforced. Trash and litter must be addressed with more staffing to keep the city looking great. Traffic, speeding drivers, and road conditions must remain one of the top priorities for all elected officials. The Council must increase funding and budget resources to more aggressively address these problems. Vote to Re-Elect Robert A. Abraham.
Mubarek Ahmed Website: www.votemubarek.com Email: mubarekdearborn@gmail.com Facebook: Mubarek Ahmed	I’ve been proud to call Dearborn home for most of my life. Raised and educated here, I understand the values and aspirations that make our city special. My background as a merchant marine and small business owner has given me the skills to solve problems and bring people together. I’ve also been deeply involved in the community—volunteering with local organizations, youth programs, and advocating for residents. I’m running for City Council to deliver accountable leadership, safer neighborhoods, improved infrastructure, lower taxes, and first-rate services. Most importantly, I’ll keep an open door and listen, because good government begins with respecting the people it serves.	I think we need to focus more on the infrastructure of the city, specifically with the roads. In order to secure that additional revenue, we will need to reach to state representatives and other lawmakers to secure grants and funding for those kinds of projects.	We can bring back several programs, including tree planting initiatives, that help beautify the city. Also, we can continue to educate the youth and inform them on the importance of taking care of the environment of the city they live in.

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Othman Ali Alaansi Education: Bachelors In Software Engineering From UM Dearborn Website: Voteothmanali.com Email: Othmanalaansi8@gmail.com Facebook: Othman Alaansi for Dearborn City Council	<p>I am a lifelong Dearborn resident and first-generation Yemeni American. I earned my B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Michigan Dearborn and worked in tech at General Motors and Infinite Electronics, where I focused on efficiency, safety, and innovation. Beyond my career, I've been active in community service, supporting youth programs, organizing events at local mosques, and volunteering on campaigns. I'm running for City Council to bring fresh leadership rooted in unity, transparency, and problem-solving. My vision is for a Cleaner, Safer, and Affordable Dearborn, where city services are reliable, neighborhoods are safe, and families aren't overburdened by taxes.</p>	<p>Dearborn must manage its budget like a family budget: prioritize essentials, cut waste, and plan for the long term. More funds should go toward modernizing city services, upgrading infrastructure, and public safety staffing. Cuts can be found in inefficiencies, outdated processes, redundant programs, or avoidable overtime costs. If additional revenue is needed, I would work with the mayor to aggressively pursue state/federal grants and public private partnerships, not raise property taxes. We must grow the tax base by attracting businesses and jobs, easing the burden on residents while funding essential services responsibly.</p>	<p>The Council can act directly by strengthening blight enforcement, expanding recycling programs, and supporting community clean up initiatives. We can push for city buildings to adopt energy efficient upgrades, promote tree planting and green spaces, and encourage safe, non-toxic pest control to improve public health. Education and engagement are critical helping residents and businesses adopt cleaner, greener practices. These actions not only protect the environment but also improve daily quality of life, making neighborhoods healthier and more livable without increasing taxes.</p>
Kamal Alsawafy Education: B.A., University of Michigan–Dearborn; MBA, Wayne State University; Ph.D. (in progress), Public Policy; Federal Military Officer Candidate School – Fort Benning Website: www.kamal4dearborn.com Email: kalsawafy@dearborn.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/Kamal4Dearborn	<p>I am a lifelong Dearborn resident and a proud product of the Dearborn Public Schools. I earned my bachelor's at UM-Dearborn, a master's at Wayne State, and I am pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy. As a U.S. Army Officer, I was awarded the Bronze Star during my latest combat deployment. On City Council, I introduced the reckless driving ordinance, supported funding for speed humps and illuminated stop signs, and spearheaded Dearborn's first fully inclusive parks initiative. I have been a strong supporter of our seniors and am running on a commitment to a safer, cleaner, and well-maintained Dearborn. Beyond City Hall, I support the Veterans Treatment Court and volunteer with Dearborn Goodfellows. I want to continue building a stronger city.</p>	<p>City budgets must reflect both responsibility and priorities. I believe additional funds are needed for neighborhood services such as road and park maintenance, public safety, and keeping Dearborn clean and well-maintained. Where cuts are needed, my experience in the automotive industry taught me the principles of LEAN — eliminating inefficiencies and streamlining processes to create savings without reducing services. If additional revenue is required, I will work with the mayor to aggressively pursue federal and state grants that increase revenue without placing a burden on taxpayers. My goal is to maximize efficiency and protect the services residents rely on.</p>	<p>City Council can act independently to protect the environment and improve quality of life by ensuring a cleaner Dearborn with well-maintained properties and stronger neighborhood services. Quality of life also means making sure neighbors maintain their lawns and property exteriors. On Council, I supported funding for additional ordinance enforcement officers and strengthening property maintenance ordinances. I voted to pass one of the toughest environmental ordinances in Michigan addressing bulk storage and fugitive dust. City Council can fund more trees, expand parks, and invest in flood mitigation. I am researching ways to bring a compost and expanded recycling program to Dearborn, reducing waste and promoting cleaner neighborhoods.</p>

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Mark Andrew Education: Community College and Trade School Website: Markandrewforcouncil.com Email: markdbnfire@yahoo.com Facebook: Mark Andrew for Council	After 28 years as a firefighter and paramedic in the city of Dearborn, I have gained a unique perspective on how city government operates and how we, as a community, can improve. My work with the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive charity continually broadened my outlook, allowing me to witness the very best of our city's people.	I think that spending should be funded by grants as opposed to taxes since the new millage rate 4 years ago shifted the investment strategy to spending. As much as I would like to see investment in our city buildings and will support advocating for such investment, I would like to first understand the budget more through careful study before recommending cuts.	Continuing the council's work on fugitive dust and local air quality is the best path forward. As a first responder, I see firsthand how health ties directly to community well-being. But health is more than environmental issues. By prioritizing health, mental health, fitness, and food access, we can make meaningful strides in improving the quality of life for everyone in Dearborn. Rather than environmental issues the best way to improve the quality of life for our residents is to continue to grow Dearborn's economy. A strong economy creates more jobs, reduces unemployment, and raises tax revenues and incomes. Which in turn leads to greater investment in city services like public safety and parks for our children.
Sharon Dulmage Education: RN, Henry Ford College; Bachelors in Business Administration, Detroit College of Business; Graduate studies, Central Michigan University Email: sldulmage@yahoo.com	I am a 50 +year resident of Dearborn. We raised our 3 children here and they attended Dearborn Schools. I am a registered nurse and I work for PACE which is program of all inclusive care for the elderly.. My degree in Business Administration was helpful in both my professional and private life because it helped me understand budgets, funding and containing operational expenses to present a balanced budget. I served on the Dearborn Board of Education and Henry Ford College as a Trustee for 22 years and was elected to the City Charter Commission and served the length of the term. I was in nursing management for several years but left because my heart is working directly with the geriatric population.	I am not on the council so it would be speculative for me to say where cuts could be made. I would like to see additional funding for seniors, and to develop a community task force to explore a program for teens, especially during the summer. There are always opportunities to save money. Efficiency experts audit everything and recommend cost saving measures. The mayor and the council must work together. A council person is 1 of 7 members and the vote is not always going your way but once a decision is made it is the responsibility of every council member to make it work. Progress is achieved through compromise.	Independent action by the Council can start with "It begins with me" and set the example for actions to protect the environment. The simple principle of reduce, reuse and recycle is a start. We could provide more education for the community and work together to promote more activities that are environmentally friendly. There are community members who are very interested and knowledgeable about environmental quality and maintain habits daily that protect the environment. I certainly would listen to what they have to say and engage them in assisting with measures to protect the environment. Sometimes we get so focused on an issue that we don't see the resources that are right before our eyes.

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Gary Enos Education: Henry Ford Community College, Michigan State University Email: enosgary1@yahoo.com Facebook: Friends for Gary Enos	<p>I have been a Dearborn resident since 1976 and attended Dearborn Public Schools where I participated in team sports at Edsel Ford as did my two brothers Lorne and Dan. I am a proud father of my son Sean who also attended Dearborn Public Schools, participated in the football program at Edsel Ford and is currently attending Henry Ford College. My mother, Marianna, is continuing her more than 50 year career as a nurse at Oakwood/Corewell Hospital.</p> <p>I am the grandson of a WW2 Veteran and proudly support and contribute to the Dearborn GoodFellows, Friends for the Animal Shelter, and a member of the Dearborn Elks.</p> <p>I am a 30 year local small business owner of Falls Sports Lounge where I also put in a hard day's work.</p>	<p>We could always use more funding in all areas, but the reality is we only have so much to work with. We will work with the Mayor like we always do, looking to educate the community about mileages and tax information. Also, by supporting the Mayor in his efforts to secure grant money from the federal, state and county government.</p>	<p>We can add and improve existing ordinances to protect the environment by working with the Mayor and his administration, the directors and legal department. As a council we can stay diligent on environmental issues and bring our concerns forward so they can be addressed by the Mayor and his administration. In the three years I've been on council, the Mayor and my colleagues take environmental issues very seriously and want what is safest for our residents.</p>
Mustapha Hammoud Education: BS - Electrical Engineering from UoM - Dearborn Website: hammoudforcouncil.com Email: hammoudfordearborn@gmail.com Facebook: Hammoud for Council	<p>I was born and raised in Dearborn, attended Dearborn Public Schools, HFC, and UofM- Dearborn. Dearborn is close to my heart, and I have spent my entire professional career working for Ford Motor Company. I feel I owe Dearborn for my personal success, so I plan to continue serving our city and its residents on our City Council. Over the past 4 years as your Councilman, I've focused on equitable and measurable improvements like flood-mitigation investments, public-safety modernization, park and street upgrades, bilingual ballots, and fiscally disciplined budgeting, all while expanding air-quality protections, accelerating flood projects, modernizing fire stations, and removing barriers to participation for immigrant and first-time voters.</p>	<p>My Priorities: Flood/sewer resilience (pump stations, targeted drainage, green infrastructure); fire-station modernization and public-safety essentials; core neighborhood quality-of-life (alleys/sidewalks, lighting, school-zone safety, parks); and language-access/311 improvements.</p>	<p>Over the past 4 years, our Council has passed Dearborn's strictest ever fugitive-dust, truck track out, and truck-routing requirements to keep heavy trucks and dust away from homes and schools while giving our staff the resources necessary to step up enforcement on polluters to the fullest extent allowable under state law for a municipality. I also led the signing of a partnership with DTE that will have all city buildings running on 100% renewable electricity by 2026, while expecting to save money for taxpayers. On the Master Land Use Plan Steering Committee, I have championed buffers, green-street standards, EV-ready codes, parking reform, and better housing options to build a healthier, more resilient city. I plan to continue this work.</p>

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Shadi Mawari Education: Master of Public Health (MPH) - University of Michigan Website: votemawari.com Email: Shadiforcouncil@gmail.com Facebook: Shadiforcouncil	<p>I've dedicated both my academic and professional career to service. From supporting seniors at PACE Southeast Michigan, to reengaging Detroiters back into the workforce, to leading fundraising efforts for families in need, my work has always focused on strengthening community. As a public health professional and the son of immigrants, I understand the struggles working-class and historically underserved communities face, because I've lived them. I'm running for City Council to bring a public health lens to every aspect of decision-making, ensuring health, safety, and equity remain at the center of our city's policies.</p>	<p>Although Dearborn's FY 2026 budget is balanced, the millage rate remains 22.90 mills, meaning a home with a \$100,000 taxable value pays \$2,290 in city taxes. With our population growing nearly 10% between 2010 and 2020, we must ensure emergency responders are prepared by hiring additional police and firefighters for reliable coverage in every neighborhood. We also need targeted mental health investments to address the opioid crisis, more resources to curb reckless driving, and expanded senior support. Savings can come from better managing overtime, consolidating services, and phasing capital projects. I will also collaborate with neighboring cities on regional solutions that expand impact and lower costs.</p>	<p>City Council can strengthen zoning ordinances to limit industrial encroachment near neighborhoods, require greener buffers between factories and homes, and encourage more sustainable development. Council can also promote rezoning initiatives that support walkable, mixed-use areas and reduce dependence on cars. We can expand tree planting programs, green space preservation, and urban gardens to improve air quality, reduce heat islands, and increase access to fresh produce. Council can also push for stricter environmental compliance by requiring industrial facilities to meet stronger local standards for emissions, dust, and stormwater runoff.</p>
Devon O'Reilly Education: B.A., Marketing, University of Michigan-Dearborn Website: www.oreillyfordearborn.com Email: dporeilly22@gmail.com Facebook: Devon O'Reilly for Dearborn	<p>I spent almost my entire life in Dearborn, living in both the east & west ends. I am a product of St. Alphonsus grade school, Henry Ford Academy, and University of Michigan Dearborn. Over the last decade of my professional career I have worked at the Detroit Regional Chamber, helping small business owners across the region grow businesses and thrive in Metro Detroit. I have also led the esteemed Leadership Detroit program which develops the next great leaders in business, non-profit, & government. Recently, I was selected as the new President & CEO of Fair Lane (Henry Ford Estate) to lead its next great chapter as it opens to the public again.</p> <p>I was inspired to run by my father & grandfather who dedicated their careers to serve Dearborn.</p>	<p>I feel that the current administration has done a great job managing the budget and guiding the city through some very tough decisions. I have a strong relationship with the mayor and leaders in the current administration and would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with them further. I currently serve as the vice chair of the West Dearborn Downtown Development authority and have managed economic development and grant programs with budgets in the millions so I also feel confident in my own ability to keep budgets balanced while delivering the exceptional services and resources the residents of Dearborn expect.</p>	<p>Working with council to find common ground on issues impacting the environment is important. Dearborn boasts some of the best parks, public spaces, and wildlife anywhere in the region and I will only seek to bolster that. We need to continue to address companies that pollute the air and find innovative ways and regulations to address that. We must continue to invest in our public spaces, parks, pools, and trails. I don't want any resident to move out of Dearborn because they felt that they could not achieve the quality of life they desired here.</p>

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Ahmad Othman	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline
Ken Paris Education: Dearborn Public Schools, Assoc/Arts HFC, attended UM-Dearborn and graduate of EMU School of Police Staff and Command Website: paris4council.com Email: kenparis4council@gmail.com Facebook: https://facebook.com/paris4council	<p>I am a Dearborn Resident of over 60 yrs., married with 2 children and 2 grandchildren. I attended Dbn. schools, HFC, UM-D and EMU School of Police Staff & Command. I served over 27 yrs. with Dbn. Police & 12 years with UM-D Public Safety and in command positions. I was a previous member and Chair of the Dbn. Traffic Commission, and serve as an active member of the Dbn. Federation of Neighborhood Associations. As a current council member, my experience brings a needed law enforcement perspective to Council.</p>	<p>Services important to residents' guide my decision making as a current council member. Additional personnel and equipment are needed to address our blight and compromised residential and business properties that are not kept up to long standing and expected standards. Educating residents and businesses about property maintenance, upkeep and trash pick-up responsibilities is important and on-going, but much more inspection and enforcement is needed. Enough is enough, our city is dirty and trash is everywhere, we must do better. Funding can be transferred from many departments to ensure that we excel in providing excellent basic services that are lacking at this point. We also have over \$30M in our City General Fund available.</p>	<p>I have supported increased enforcement and as a council member have helped to create new and enhanced ordinances to address some of the environmental issues and concerns. Even before serving on city council, I have a history of attending a number of environmental concerns meetings affecting residents in the south end of our city, and by attending boards and commission meetings. I was an early advocate for the Dearborn Citizens Water System Advisory Commission. It was practically dormant until I pressed the issue that it was required by State Law, and encouraged more meetings than what was taking place and required by the State.</p>

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Michael T. Sareini Education: Juris Doctor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Website: mikesareini.com Email: ctemikesareini@gmail.com Facebook: Facebook.com/OfficialMikeSareini	<p>Lifelong Dearborn resident and product of Dearborn Public Schools, I was elected City Council President in 2021 by a historic margin. I am deeply committed to putting residents first—strengthening public safety, improving city services, revitalizing neighborhoods, and supporting local businesses. I listen to residents and ask the tough questions to deliver results. I am running for re-election to continue building a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Dearborn, ensuring every resident has a voice and our city continues to move forward responsibly.</p>	<p>Our city roads need additional funding to maintain safety and quality. I have been actively working with the mayor, county, and state to secure grants and other funding opportunities for road repairs. At the same time, I will continue to review the budget for efficiencies and cost-saving measures in administrative and operational areas to ensure taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. By collaborating with our State and County partners, we can fund critical infrastructure while maintaining strong city services and fiscal responsibility.</p>	<p>The Council can act independently to protect the environment and enhance quality of life by promoting sustainability and enforcing ordinances. As a Tree City, we provide free easement trees to residents and require tree replacement when removed for construction to maintain our urban canopy. We empower code officers to enforce environmental rules directly, issuing citations without waiting for police. My colleagues also supported my budget proposal creating an independent Clean Streets crew dedicated to clearing blight and keeping neighborhoods cleaner, greener, and safer, ensuring every resident enjoys a healthier, more livable Dearborn. I will continue these efforts to strengthen our city’s environment and quality of life for all.</p>
Mohammed Shagera	<p>Candidate did not respond by deadline</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond by deadline</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond by deadline</p>

CLERK – CITY OF DEARBORN

*Per the City Charter, the Clerk keeps the corporate seal, chairs the Election Commission, attends all Council meetings as Clerk of the Council, and maintains a journal of the proceedings. The Clerk is the "records keeper" of the City and maintains all city ordinances along with any official bond, franchise, contract or agreement entered into by the City. The Clerk is also responsible for registration of all births and deaths that occur within the City limits and provides officially certified copies of birth and death records for a fee. The Clerk issues and registers all licenses granted and handles many other city services, including elections, voter registration, dog licensing, garage/estate sale and block party permits, etc. **4-year term ends 01/1/30. VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE***

	Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the priority issues facing the Clerk's office today, and how do you plan to address them?	How will you ensure that information from the Clerk's office (e.g., voting information, permits) is efficiently communicated to Dearborn residents?
George Darany Education: Edsel Ford High School; University of Michigan - Dearborn, BA Economics, Central Michigan University, Certified Municipal Clerk Email: clerkdarany@gmail.com Facebook: George T. Darany City Clerk	<p>I am a graduate of Edsel Ford High School and the University of Michigan - Dearborn with a BA in Economics. I have served on the Dearborn City Council for four years, was Dearborn's State Representative for six years and have been Dearborn's City Clerk for nearly eight years. I have taken classes at Central Michigan University to gain the distinguished designation of Certified Professional Municipal Clerk. I will be graduating from CMU's Master Clerk's program later this year. I am running for office to continue moving the City Clerk's Office forward as one of the best in the State.</p>	<p>The number one priority of the Clerk's Office is to listen to resident ideas and concerns and work with them to find solutions. Together, we are currently working on how to make voting more efficient, convenient, safer, and less expensive. Another priority is the upcoming change of voting systems, tabulators and printers to be introduced statewide in 2027. Early studies have estimated the cost to the City of Dearborn at one million dollars. We are preparing reports to present to the Finance Department and the City Council for next years' budget planning.</p>	<p>I have and will continue to work with the Communications Department of the City of Dearborn to disseminate election, permit and license information to Dearborn residents on the City of Dearborn website and videos on the City of Dearborn TV channel (CDTV). I attend many neighborhood association meetings, hold coffee hours and I also send out information through Facebook and Instagram.</p>
Sami Elhady Education: Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration of Diversity and Leadership Website: www.samielhady.com Email: stelhady@gmail.com Facebook: Sami Elhady for Dearborn City Clerk	<p>My name is Sami Elhady, and I am a proud Dearborn resident of over 25 years. As the son of immigrants, who I traveled with to the United States, I experienced firsthand the challenges of navigating new systems. This journey has given me a profound appreciation for every voice in our city and has fueled my commitment to ensuring that no one is left behind. My experience as a Dearborn Housing Specialist, a City of Dearborn Clerk Specialist, and as the Business and Economic Development Liaison to the Mayor's Office of Detroit has equipped me with the skills necessary to lead with precision and integrity. I am running to be the City's Clerk "beyond the counter," committed to modernizing technology to streamline services.</p>	<p>The Clerk's office needs technological modernization. I plan to implement a user-friendly digital system for public records and licenses. I will also proactively address voter suppression with community-focused initiatives, ensuring all residents, especially non-English speakers, can vote.</p> <p>To be the City's Clerk "beyond the counter".</p>	<p>As City Clerk, I would ensure information is efficiently communicated through a multi-faceted approach. My plan focuses on three key areas. First, I would prioritize Digital Modernization. I'd create a new, multilingual website for the Clerk's office to serve as a central hub for voting information, permits, and deadlines. I would also leverage social media to provide real-time updates to a broader audience. Second, I would build Community Partnerships. I would actively work with Dearborn's diverse organizations—including cultural centers, faith-based groups, and non-profits—to share information directly with residents in their preferred languages and through trusted channels. Finally, I would implement Proactive and Multilingual outreach</p>

CITY OF DEARBORN

PROPOSAL 1: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR A WARDS SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

Note: The aim of this proposal is to amend the City Charter, expanding the current 7-member council to a 9-member council, with 7 members elected by the district they would represent, and the remaining 2 members elected by all Dearborn voters. It would further establish a commission to redraw the council districts after each census to ensure proportional representation.

Please vote Yes or No.

Charter amendments to provide for a 9-member City Council with 7 members elected from districts and 2 members elected at large; to establish an 8-member City Redistricting Commission to draw Council districts after each census which are of equal population, compact, contiguous, and allow for communities of interest; to provide for election by the Council of a Council President and President Pro Tem; to provide for the filing of vacancies among Council members; and require City Charter Commissioners be elected from Council districts.

Shall Sections 6.1, 6.4-6.20, 7.3, and 12.3 of the Dearborn City Charter be amended, as explained above?

How and when can I vote?

In Person:

- ✓ On Election Day (Nov. 4) at your normal polling location, 7 AM–8 PM
- ✓ Early Voting at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Oct. 31–Nov. 2, 9 AM–5 PM

Absentee:

- ✓ Apply online or by mail up to 2 weeks before the election or in person up to 4 PM on Nov. 3
- ✓ Return ballot by mail (postage paid) up to 2 weeks before the election – OR –
- ✓ Return to the Clerk's office or use a secure ballot dropbox! Located at the Dearborn Administrative Center, Crowley Park, Hemlock Park, Lapeer Park, and Levagood Park
- ✓ Absentee ballots must be returned by 8 PM on Nov. 4

Need More Info?

VOTE411.org

- ✓ Interactive online voter guide, polling location information

City Clerk's Office

- ✓ Information about polling locations, voting deadlines, absentee ballots, election results
- ✓ Inside the Dearborn Administrative Center, 16901 Michigan Ave.
- ✓ www.dearborn.gov/vote
- ✓ (313) 943-2010

Michigan Voter Information Center

- ✓ Information about voter registration and absentee ballot status, polling locations, accessible voting, accepted ID documents, etc.
- ✓ mvic.sos.state.mi.us

League of Women Voters Dearborn–Dearborn Heights

- ✓ Printable voter guide, *Who's Who: Your Elected Officials*
- ✓ www.lwvddh.org
- ✓ (313)-278-6476 (call or text)