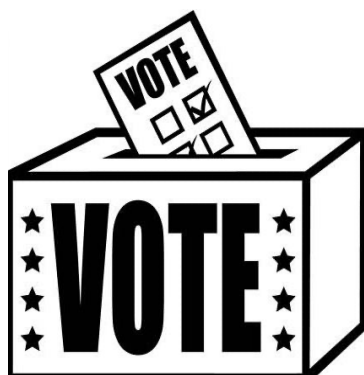


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VOTER GUIDE – Dearborn Heights
Tuesday, November 4, 2025



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MAYOR – CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Per the City Charter, the Mayor is the chief administrative and executive head of the City. The powers and duties of the Mayor include the enforcement of City laws and ordinances; appointment and removal of all directors, the comptroller, commissions, and boards which are in charge of the several departments of this City; preparation and administration of the annual budget; administration of all departments of the City government; approval of the rules and regulations of the several directors, commissions or boards in charge of the departments of the City government; and all administrative functions of the City that are imposed by law, the City Charter or any other city ordinance.

4-year term ends December 31, 2029. VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE

	What is your background and how will it help you to serve the City as Mayor?	What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?	What do you see as the most important budgetary challenge facing the city?
Mo Baydoun Education: Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University Website: moformayor.com Email: vote@moformayor.com Facebook: Mo Baydoun For Mayor	<p>As a longtime resident of Dearborn Heights, a small-business owner, Wayne County Sheriff Reserve Officer, and City Council Chair, I have a deep understanding of our community. My education in public administration, along with my practical experience, prepares me to continue addressing blight, enhancing public safety, and modernizing city services. I am committed to serving you effectively as your Mayor.</p>	<p>I'm committed to improving public safety by addressing reckless driving and enhancing neighborhood services. My plan includes upgrading city services by implementing new technologies. I'll also confront blight by enforcing stricter regulations and ramping up inspections. These practical steps help elevate the quality of life for our residents and ensure our city effectively meets community needs. With the right leadership, we can make our neighborhoods cleaner, safer, and more responsive to the people who live in them.</p>	<p>One of our biggest challenges is how to effectively invest in essential services and infrastructure without imposing heavy taxes on our community. To tackle this issue, I will continue supporting the implementation of technologies such as smart meters that help reduce costs. Additionally, I will actively pursue state and federal grants to bring more resources to our city. Finally, I plan to streamline our city operations to enhance efficiency and make sure we are getting the most out of every dollar spent. This approach will improve services while keeping taxes fair and manageable.</p>
Denise Malinowski Maxwell Education: Madonna University Graduate (Business Administration), Henry Ford Community College alumni, Crestwood High School Graduate Email: Denisemalinowskimaxwell@gmail.com Facebook: Denise Malinowski Maxwell Dearborn Heights Council	<p>Dearborn Heights Interm Mayor, City Council Chair, AT&T Retired, Real Estate agent 1993-2012, CWA Chief Union Steward 1986-2000, Madonna University Graduate - business admin, Member St Linus Church since 1962. Each of these qualifications brings a unique and distinct wealth of knowledge. Interm Mayor & City Council helped me see the day to day function of the city. AT&T enabled me to be able to speak to anyone about anything and to diffuse irate situations while remaining calm. Real Estate helped me to understand the different trends affect our community. My union experience enabled me to be able to negotiate and come to a fair solution for both sides.</p>	<p>PUBLIC SAFETY- I will work closely with the Police and Fire to make sure they have the most up to date training and equipment to ensure the safety of our residents. EQUITABLE CODE ENFORCEMENT- I will work with the ordinance department to eliminate blight in a fair and equitable fashion to improve all of our property values. ECORSE CREEK- I will continue working to alleviate the flooding problems associated with ECORSE Creek. I will seek grants available to help lessen the problems associated with the flooding. KEEP WARREN VALLEY as a GOLF COURSE- Warren Valley is our biggest flood plain. I will maintain it as a golf course to protect our homes from flooding.</p>	<p>The first thing I will do is go over the budget to ensure it is balanced. There has been a lot of new positions created. There has also been a lot of raises given. Once I'm sure the budget is balanced and accurate I will look at it more closely to see if certain areas need more funds. As far as additional revenue I would hire a qualified grant writer to help us secure more funding.</p>

COUNCIL – CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS

This is the legislative branch of city government. Per the City Charter, the 7-member city council sets policies, adopts budgets and enacts legislation. Positions are overlapping, with 3 seats up for election one year and 4 seats up for election 2 years later.

4-year terms, ending December 31, 2029. VOTE FOR UP TO 4 CANDIDATES

	Please provide biographical information and experience, including community involvement, and explain why you are running for this office.	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 work with the mayor to secure it?	Many residents have been affected by flooding and other effects of climate change. How would you address this issue?
Hassan M. Ahmad Education: Bachelor in Engineering, Master in Business Administration with concentration in Global Management. Website: VoteAhmad.com Email: hassanahmadforcouncil@gmail.com Facebook: Hassanahmadcouncilmaneect	<p>I'm running for re-election to continue serving Dearborn Heights with transparency, fiscal responsibility, and leadership focused on community needs. As a dedicated husband and proud father of three children, I understand the importance of a safe, thriving community. I've led efforts to combat blight, improve public safety, and advocate for a balanced budget. My service on various professional boards and leadership of a nonprofit serving 65,000+ residents has shaped my commitment to our city's success. I'll keep working to ensure transparent government, promote neighborhood revitalization, support local businesses, and strengthen public safety. Let's build a future where everyone in Dearborn Heights can thrive. Thank you for your support.</p>	<p>To ensure a balanced budget, I'd prioritize funding for public safety and infrastructure. For cost savings, I'd push for audits of city contracts and streamline administrative costs. If additional revenue is needed, I'd work with the Mayor to pursue federal and state grants, attract new businesses, and review taxes or fees. Additionally, I'd advocate for hiring a lobbyist to secure state and federal funding and an in-house grant writer to increase our ability to access available grants, ensuring our city gets the resources it needs to thrive.</p>	<p>Flooding and climate change are critical issues in Dearborn Heights. To address this, I'd prioritize improving stormwater management by upgrading drainage systems, expanding green spaces, and using permeable surfaces. I'd also collaborate with all cities along Ecorse Creek, Wayne County, and the state to pressure the federal government to fund the necessary projects to eliminate creek flooding once and for all. Additionally, we'll pursue grants for flood prevention and infrastructure upgrades. By working together with local, county, and state partners, we can build a more resilient city and protect our residents from future flooding.</p>
Nancy Bryer Education: Associates degree in Criminal Justice (paralegal) Email: ceimo42@hotmail.com	<p>My family has owned a home in what is now Dearborn Heights since 1946. I have lived in both North & South Dearborn Heights. Completed high school & some college in the area. Have raised 2 children who also attended Dearborn Heights schools. I was a REALTOR for 36 years, previously co-owned a mobile home park & have worked at Ford Motor Company, General Motors & Boeing Airplane Group.</p> <p>I've been involved with Girl Scouts for 20 years, collected money door to door for charities, did census collecting info in MI and WA states, been President of neighborhood associations and still belong since 2012, worked on elections in Dearborn Heights since 2009 (other locations before that), served on Van Born Corridor Commission, Ecorse Creek Commission &</p>	<p>Yes, additional funds are needed in many areas. I do not see where we could cut much. Intend to work hard to get grants which could help with this situation and raise fines for tickets, ordinance violations and possibly permits. If we were able to hire more police and firemen that would eliminate much of the overtime.</p>	<p>I too have been flooded and continually work on the Ecorse Creek Commission and with other groups to improve the problems we are having. Again, I have been involved in getting grants for some people who have been affected through our CBDG Department.</p>

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Margaret King Education: High school diploma	<p>My name is Margaret King. I have an amazing son. I have been married to a wonderful husband for 11 years. I currently sit as chairwoman on our public safety committee. I am running for council to update and maintain better public safety infrastructure insuring the well being of our residents are protected.</p>	<p>Our city needs a grant writer and a lobbyist.</p>	<p>I would work with the professionals to find out what needs need to be met and put a plan in place.</p>
Rachel LaPointe Education: University of Detroit-Mercy, Bachelor of Fine Arts Website: votelapointe.com Email: rachel@votelapointe.com Facebook: Rachel LaPointe for Dearborn Heights City Council	<p>Rachel LaPointe is a third generation resident in the south end of Dearborn Heights, a mom of four amazing children, and a passionate advocate for the city. She obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and has worked as a communications director, while mainly using her time to volunteer. Rachel is proud to be on the board of Thrive by Any Means Necessary and is currently finishing her service as treasurer of the Polk Elementary PTO. She's ready to use her talents for research and asking questions to bring common sense and logic to city council.</p>	<p>Dearborn Heights has never been a big budget city, but we've always had enough to take care of our biggest needs. Some departments have more opportunities to receive grants that supplement their budget. Our greatest challenge is figuring out how to bring in consistent income from other sources. I believe we should look at our Warren Valley Golf Course contract, we could consider allowing cannabis businesses, and we can also expand the offerings by our parks department, rather than asking voters to raise our taxes. I am committed to working with the administration to find not only ways to save money, but ways to bring funds in. If that means lobbying the state or the federal government for funds, I'm willing to put in that work.</p>	<p>The anxiety our family feels every time we see a big rain storm on the way is terrible. Climate change is a reality that we can't ignore. We need to take every possible action to have the county actually maintain the Ecorse Creek, including exploring legal options. In the short term, I believe we should first look at our emergency plans and bring back our Community Emergency Response Team program (CERT). Everyone should know what role they have to play when a flood event happens. Let's come together as a community that cares to show that even when disaster strikes, we are a family.</p>

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Tom Wencil	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline

Before you vote, visit VOTE411.org!
This site will be updated until the election.

1. Enter your home address to get started.
2. Click the “Explore Now” button under “Find what's on your ballot.”
3. Learn about your candidates and ballot proposals.

TREASURER – CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Per the City Charter, the Treasurer shall be the tax collector and shall perform all of the duties as prescribed by the Charter and the general laws of the State, together with other duties required by the Council or assigned to the office.

4-year term ends December 31, 2029. 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 your office today, and how do you plan to address them?	How will you help residents better understand municipal taxes, e.g., how they are assessed and used?
Mahdi Baydoun	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline	Candidate did not respond by deadline
Lisa Hicks-Clayton Education: Studies at Southern Illinois University, Middle Tennessee State University and University of Florida. Harvard Business School Leadership & Management Specilization and Harvard Finance Certification Email: Hicksclaytonlisa1@gmail.com Facebook: Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Dearborn Heights Treasurer	Served on the Dearborn Heights City Beautiful Commission, Commission on Aging and Commission on Disability Concerns prior to be elected to City Council in 2011. Served on City Council 9 years and was elected Treasurer in 2020. I am a Michigan Certified Public Treasurer, Advanced Certified Public Finance Investment Manager, and Certified Public Finance Adminstrator with the Association of Public Treasurers of U.S. & Canada. I have brought forward innovative & flex payment plans, operations, & wish to continue serving our community. 2020-current, wrote the policies & procedures improving and safeguarding the public funds. Introduced flexible payment plans for taxpayers and remote payment centers. Streamlined daily systems for efficiency.	The top priorities for the Treasurer's office include staff training and development. This includes streamling daily operations and increased efficiencies, as well improved accuracy in the accounts receivable records for the City of Dearborn Heights. By investing time and energy, the treasury team, can effectively perform daily responsibilities, streamline and reappropriate time for new tasks, as we continue serving our taxpayers. Our top priority has been serving and exceeding the customers' expectations. We strive to provide accurate and up-to-date resources which benefits our residents. The Treasurer's office offers constituent service days, financial literacy programs, and now offers flexible payment options for our taxpayers.	As Treasurer, I offer personal appointments, community office hours monthly, livestreams, e-new letters, and wrap around support workshops. I support many community events. I am President of the Wayne County Treasurers Association, Michigan Government Finance Officers Association, Michigan Municipal League Finance committee, and Michigan Muncipal Treasurers Association, which provided exposure to new ideas for our community. We have added to the City of Dearborn Heights website a plethora of tax information tools, including the breakdown of how tax dollars are spent. I speak at community events and neighborhood groups on taxes, how calculated, deferment and exemption processes available to our residents, and provide informational flyers.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Note: This proposal will renew and restore the authority last approved by the electors in 2016 and which expires with the 2025 levy for the School District to levy a building and site sinking fund millage, the proceeds of which will be used to make improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities. Pursuant to State law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund millage proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

Please vote Yes or No.

Shall the Dearborn Heights School District No. 7, County of Wayne, Michigan, be authorized to levy 4.6682 mills (\$4.6682 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2026 to 2035, inclusive, to maintain a sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, the acquisition or upgrading of technology, the acquisition of student transportation vehicles, trucks and vans and parts, supplies and equipment used for the maintenance of these vehicles and for any other purposes permitted by law? This millage if approved and levied would provide estimated revenues to the School District of approximately \$1,388,632.00 in the first year that it is levied.

How and when can I vote?

In Person:

- ✓ On Election Day (Nov. 4) at your normal polling location, 7 AM–8 PM (no early voting)

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 City Hall, John F. Kennedy Jr. Library, Justice Center, and Richard A. Young Recreation Center
- ✓ 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 City Hall, 6045 Fenton
- ✓ www.dearbornheightsmi.gov/175/elections
- ✓ (313) 791-3430

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)