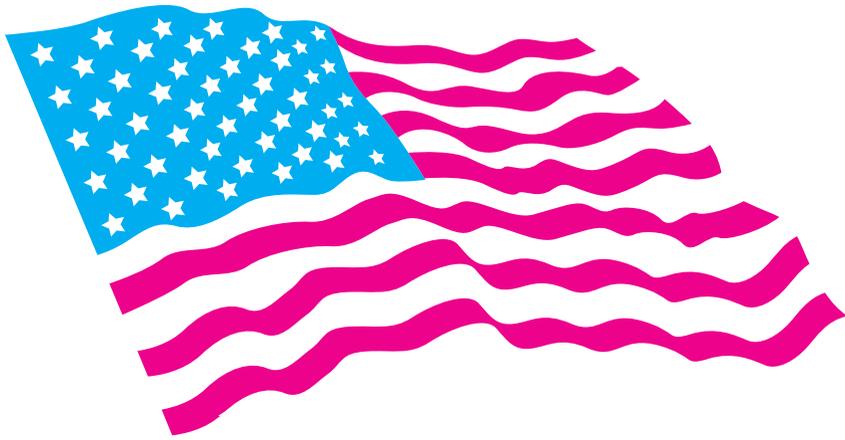


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VOTER GUIDE

for residents of **OAKLAND COUNTY**

2016 GENERAL Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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: LWVOA.org. This website links to federal and state election information at lwvmi.org.

**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
and PROPOSAL SECTIONS 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.

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ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

Who Can Apply?

Registered Voters who are in one of the following categories:

- Age 60 years or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to go to polls due to religious reasons
- Election worker in a precinct other than yours

A person who has registered to vote by mail must either vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates, or, if an absentee ballot is necessary, application must be made in person at the City or Township Clerk's office. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 years or older.

Where and When?

Apply to your Township or City Clerk by mail or in person by 2 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2016.

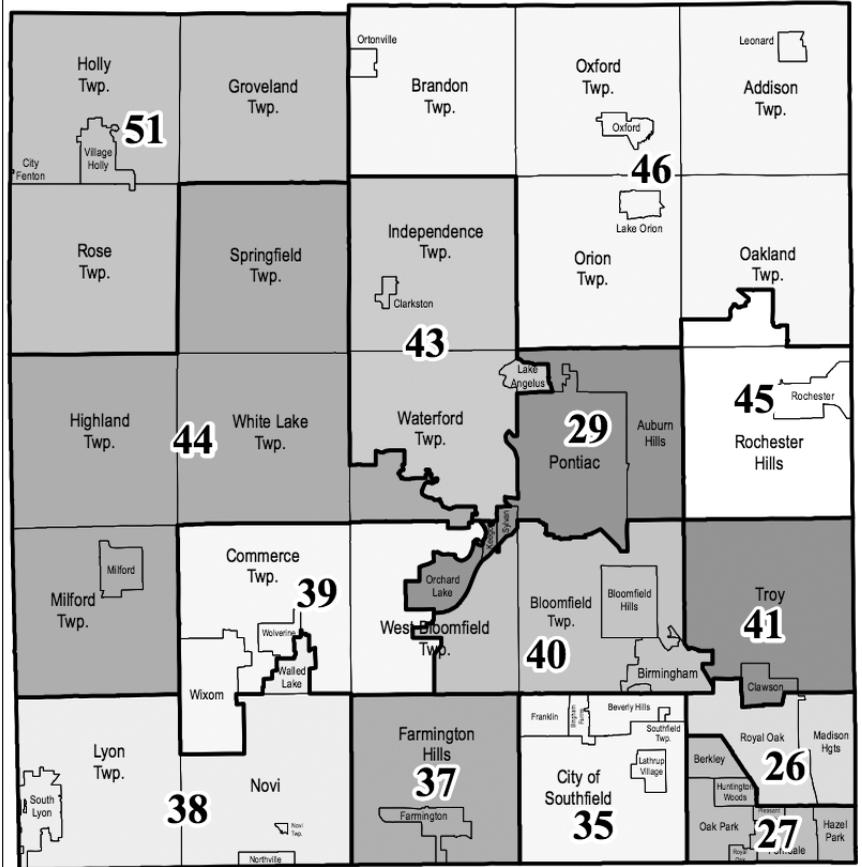
Emergency requests may be made until 4 p.m. on the election day Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

What is the Return Deadline?

By 8 p.m. on election day.

Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may vote in person at the Clerk's office until 4 p.m. on the day preceding the election. For more information, call your City or Township Clerk.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 2013-2022

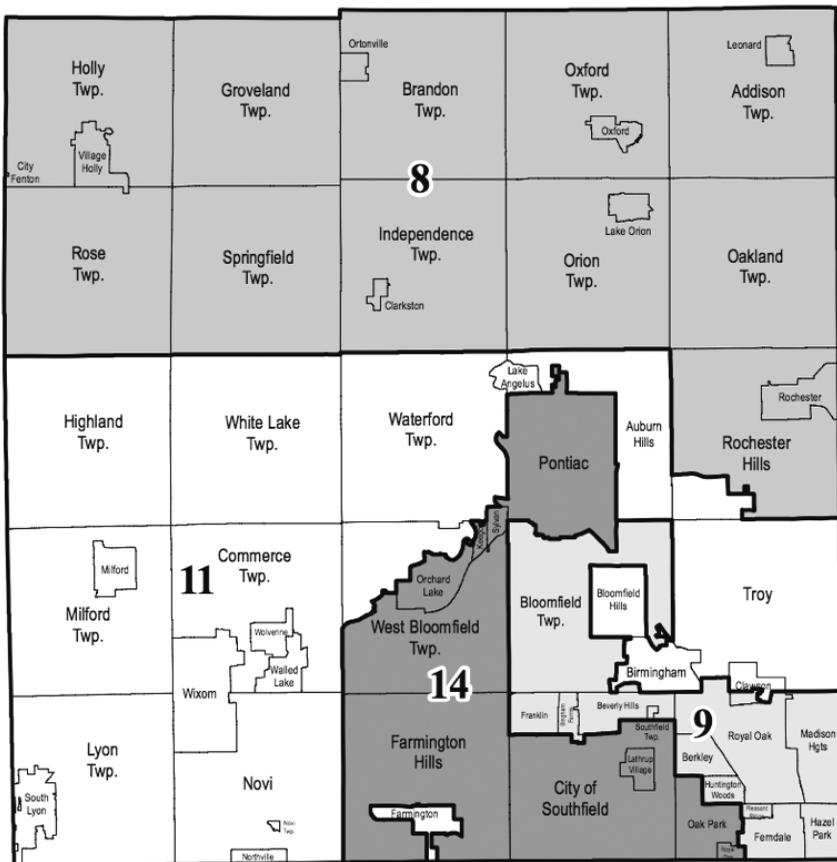


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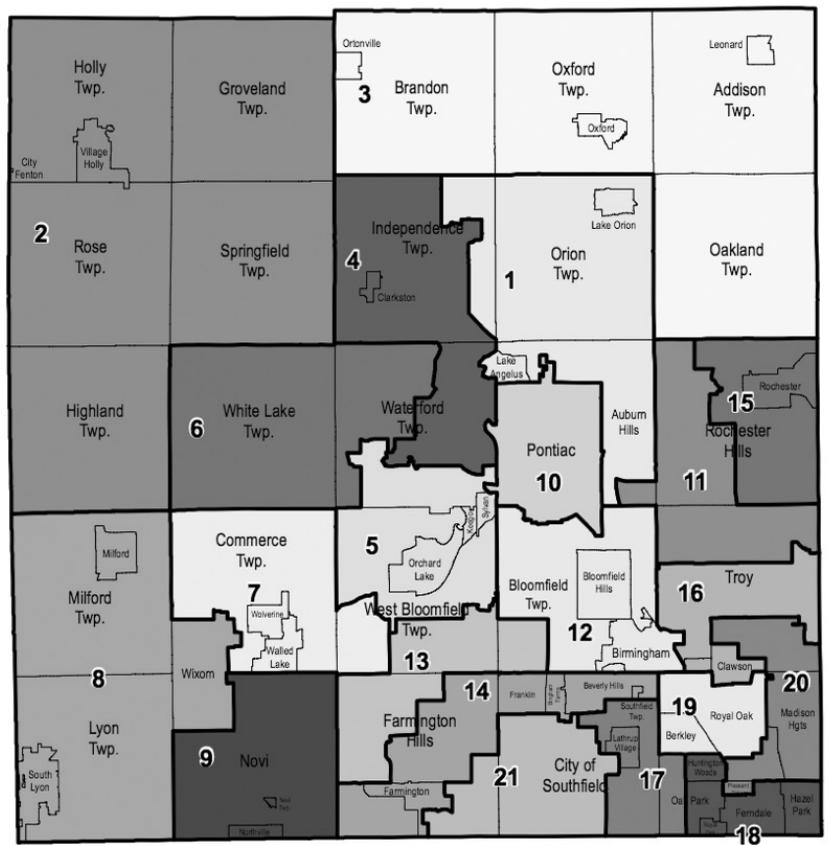


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COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 2012 - 2021



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President/Vice President of the United States - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1) pair

Duties: The President is the head of state of the United States of America and is the Chief Executive Officer and is the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are described 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. Limit of two terms.
Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Personal Statement:</i>	<i>Top Three Goals</i>	<i>What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?</i>
<p>DONALD TRUMP, Republican Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Michael R. Pence Website: http://www.donaldjtrump.com/ Campaign Email: info@donaldtrump.com Campaign Phone: (646) 736-1779 Campaign Address: Donald J. Trump for President, INC 725 Fifth Ave New York, NY 10022</p>	<p>Personal Statement: The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.</p>	<p>Top Three Goals: Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore Constitutional limits on government.</p>	<p>I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.</p>
<p>HILLARY CLINTON, Democrat Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Tim Kaine Website: http://www.hillaryclinton.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/hillaryclinton Twitter: twitter.com/HillaryClinton Campaign Email: info@hillaryclinton.com Campaign Phone: (646) 854-1432 Campaign Address: Hillary for America PO Box 5256 New York, NY 10185</p>	<p>Personal Statement: I'm running for President to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face—because we're stronger together.</p>	<p>Top Three Goals: 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.</p>	<p>My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.</p>
<p>GARY JOHNSON, Libertarian Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Bill Weld Website: http://www.johnsonweld.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/gov-garyjohnson/ Twitter: twitter.com/GovGaryJohnson Campaign Email: Info@JohnsonWeld.com Campaign Phone: (801) 303-8922 Campaign Address: PO Box 4422 Salt Lake City, UT 84110</p>	<p>Personal Statement: I am Governor Gary Johnson and along with my running mate Governor William Weld we are honored to accept the invitation of the League of Women Voters to participate in their efforts to inform the voting American public of all options available to them during this Presidential election year.</p>	<p>Top Three Goals: Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; Liberalize trade and economic activity.</p>	<p>Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.</p>
<p>JILL STEIN, Green Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Ajamu Baraka Website: http://jill2016.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/drjillstein Twitter: twitter.com/DrJillStein Campaign Email: info@jill2016.com Campaign Phone: (347) 425-1910 Campaign Address: 318 Franklin Ave Brooklyn, NY 11238</p>	<p>Personal Statement: After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.</p>	<p>Top Three Goals: 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy, and respect for all human beings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work. • Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges. • Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water. • Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

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:

DARRELL L. CASTLE,
U.S. Taxpayers

Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Scott N. Bradley

Website: <http://castle2016.com/>

EMIDIO MIMI SOLTYSIK,
Natural Law

Vice-Presidential Running Mate: Angela Nicole Walker

Website: <http://www.rev16.us>



All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to specific questions.

Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria:

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

President/Vice President of the United States - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1) pair

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Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

<i>What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?</i>	<i>What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?</i>	<i>What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?</i>	<i>What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?</i>
We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.	My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.	We are the leader of the free world - whether we like it or not - and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam, & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.	The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return Constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court Justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The President must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level & not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.
A: In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As President, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.	Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.	The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests—our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change—require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As President, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.	Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.
Ensure a pathway to citizenship for deserving immigrants by first establishing a way for non-criminal undocumented immigrants to achieve documented status. After that crucial first step, the pathway to citizenship will be the same as it is for all immigrants. No cutting the line. No unfair advantages. Just a legal status that allows immigrants to pursue the traditional path to becoming a citizen.	Education works best when decentralized. Since President Carter created the Dept. of Education, test scores have stagnated despite any new initiatives or spending programs. Parents and teachers make the best decisions for students, not bureaucrats at the DoE. Education is traditionally a state and local responsibility, and should remain so for innovation, best practices and even competition.	Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.	I would do everything in the Presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.
First, end the massive deportation schemes that have torn families apart. I would also end the so-called Secure Communities program that has led to abuse of both citizens and non-citizens. End the misguided free trade agreements and regime change wars that have forced people to emigrate for their own survival. Finally, provide a welcoming and legal path to citizenship for current immigrants.	1) Protect our public schools from privatization schemes that will inevitably undermine the American dream of quality public education for all. 2) Increase federal funding of public schools to make sure all school districts have the financial resources they need to provide quality education. 3) Ensure that kids come to school ready to learn: healthy, nourished, and secure.	Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.	My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we can not just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.



Additional information on
presidential candidates is available at
www.VOTE411.org



US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

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There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

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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MIKE BISHOP, Republican

Campaign Website: www.electmikebishop.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ElectMikeBishop>
Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Congressman
Education: Juris Doctorate of Law - Michigan State University DCL (1993), B.A. of History and Psychology - University of Michigan (1989), Real Estate Broker's License- Curry Management Institute (1994)
Qualifications / Experience: Private Practice Attorney (1994-1999), Michigan House of Representatives (1999-2000), Michigan Senate (2003-2010), Senate Majority Leader (2007-2010), Private Practice Attorney/Chief Legal Counsel (2010-2015), U.S. House of Representatives (2015-present)

Economy: Michigan is the Comeback State but we have more to do. With so many families still facing economic uncertainty, we don't need more taxes, spending and regulation. Debt: I cosponsored a Balanced Budget Amendment, so we can rein in federal programs and slim the size of government Kids & Education: I supported the Every Student Succeeds Act to reduce the federal role and empower parents and teachers. I'm working on higher education reauthorization to help provide all students with greater access and streamline the student loan process. I also coauthored the Child Protection Improvements Act to keep kids safe.

Regulatory roadblocks are draining taxpayers' hard-earned wages and preventing opportunity and growth. Tomorrow's good-paying jobs will come from our local communities, not Washington bureaucrats. That's why I introduced the bipartisan RESTORE Resolution (H. Con. Res. 67), to bring together members of the House and Senate to review federal regulations, make recommendations to reduce their burden and submit a list of rules that should be fully repealed.

SUZANNA SHKRELI, Democrat

Campaign Website: www.SuzannaForCongress.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SuzannaForMi>
Occupation / Current Position: Assistant Prosecutor, Macomb County
Education: Oakland University, B.A. in Political Science; Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.
Qualifications / Experience: As a prosecutor in the Child Protection Unit, I take on tough fights every day in the courtroom to protect children from sexual abuse and violence. I get more done in one day than Mike Bishop and this do-nothing Congress gets done in an entire session. I'm ready to take on the tough fights in Congress – and win for middle class families here in Michigan.
Twitter: twitter.com/SuzannaForMI

In Congress, I'll take on the tough fights and stand up to both parties to get Washington working for Michigan's middle class again. It's time we had a representative who will fight against the big corporations and lobbyists who are rigging the system against regular people. I'll support our middle class families and create good-paying jobs by saying no to unfair trade deal; I'll protect Social Security and Medicare for current and future generations by opposing any effort to privatize Social Security or turn Medicare into voucher program; and I'll make smart investments to improve our schools for our children.

The first step to sustaining economic growth here in Michigan is to create jobs, and we can do that by blocking unfair trade deals that ship our existing jobs overseas. That is why I oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership and, in Congress, will fight for trade deals that are fair to American workers. As someone who grew up working in my family's diner, I also know that small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and have a vital role in our economic recovery. I will work to keep taxes low for small business owners and cut back red tape and bureaucracy that makes it harder for entrepreneurs to create jobs.

JEFF WOOD, Libertarian

Campaign Website: <http://Jeffwood4office.com>
Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/jeffwood4office>
Qualifications / Experience: Principled Libertarian

1. Strike the entirety of the United States Code 2. Abrogate the US Constitution 3. Dissolve all 3 branches of government

End government interference in the economy by ending government.

MARIA GREEN, Green

Campaign Website: <http://mariagreenforcongress.com>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mariagreenforcongress/>
Occupation / Current Position: Activist/Herbal Practitioner

1) End the War on Drugs and Legalize Cannabis. I would introduce or sponsor a bill to end the War on Drugs and decriminalize drug infractions, putting the issue of drug use into the capable hands of the health system. 2) Establish term limits for Congress and cut salary for Congressmen. 3) Revamp the "Safe Families Act" to remove funding incentives to states for removing children from homes. Grant incentives like that in the SFA unfairly favor the unjust tearing apart of loving families while leaving suffering children to fall through the cracks of the system.

I favor a \$15 minimum wage, the forgiveness of college student loans, and slashing of the Nation's military budget to reinvest money into our economy and the people of America.

JEREMY BURGESS, Natural Law

Campaign Website: <http://www.facebook.com/jeremyburgessforcongress/>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/jeremyburgessforcongress/>
Occupation / Current Position: Research and Development Engineer
Education: B.S. Biochemistry - Oakland University M.S. Chemistry - Oakland University
Qualifications / Experience: My current job is to solve problems, and isn't that what our country needs and our representatives should be doing?

My three top legislative priorities are growing the economy, national debt reduction, and education. We need to grow the economy by encouraging businesses to keep jobs in the United States instead of moving them out of the country. We also need to reduce the national debt by not giving money to other countries to fund their militaries, and instead spend that money on Americans. Finally, we need to take a hard look at our education system. Let's focus less on standardized tests and teach our children how to think for themselves, solve problems, and learn valuable life skills such as following a budget.

We need to give our public every opportunity to improve their economic situation by providing lower interest loans to anyone wishing to further their education. We give foreign countries money for free, yet allow our citizens to be charged interest rates that are higher than necessary. If you are not happy with the pay you receive at your minimum wage job, then these loans would allow you take action and do something to improve your situation instead of waiting for the government to raise your wage. It can be done if you're willing to sacrifice. I am proof of that.

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

ELECTIONS: What policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies or programs?

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I support an "all of the above" Energy strategy that includes ethanol and other biofuels and green energy sources. The U.S. must continue developing domestic sources of energy as well as new renewable and energy-efficient technologies. We also need to improve our infrastructure so energy reaches rural areas - especially natural gas. This vital energy and economic development will not happen in Washington, D.C. however, and I am committed to removing Washington's roadblocks from the path of entrepreneurs and America's energy future.

There is no reason we can't have full, real-time disclosure of campaign donations to any organization. We need to have reform across the board; we either need to tackle this by disclosing every dollar raised by any organization with no limits and immediate reporting, or respect the Citizens United ruling by the Supreme Court. If H.R. 885, the Voting Rights Amendment Act, is brought to the floor, I would support it. This legislation would implement new criteria in Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act and require states with three or more voting rights violations in 15 years to go through a preclearance program.

It is evident that we have a broken immigration system that undermines existing laws and threatens our national security. It is time to replace ineffective policies with real solutions. America must control its own borders, reform federal work laws and provide law enforcement with resources to protect local communities. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee I will continue working to strengthen our border patrol and enhance immigration enforcement efforts across the country, while keeping America a welcome place for legal immigration.

Obamacare is continuing to drive up health care costs while limiting Americans' choices. That's why I'm working with my colleagues to: 1. Give all Americans the opportunity to have health care that is affordable and portable; 2. Increase choices so families can choose plans and providers that suit their needs; 3. Ensure quality care for all patients; 4. Harness innovation and new technology to improve care and lower costs; 5. Strengthen health care security for our seniors and most vulnerable by preserving Medicare and Medicaid.

Growing up in Michigan, I know firsthand the important role that our natural resources play in our economy. In Congress, I will support policies that keep energy prices affordable for middle class families in Michigan, while also protecting our clean air and water for current and future generations. As we bridge the gap between our current dependence on fossil fuels and a future that relies on renewable energy, we must make sure that Michigan is a leader in green jobs. That is why I'll support legislation that makes significant investments in renewable energy research and development here in Michigan.

In our democracy, we should promote policies that expand access for all Americans. In Congress, I will support legislation that overturns the Citizens United ruling, which put more political power in the hands of big corporations and the wealthy. Corporations and the wealthy shouldn't have a bigger voice in our democracy than regular everyday Michiganders. Similarly, in regards to voting rights, we should be looking at ways to expand voter participation. Voting is a fundamental American right, and I will support policies that increase voter participation, including same day registration and expanding early voting.

I'm a first-generation American. My parents are Albanian immigrants who came to the United States in search of a better life. I know firsthand the important role that immigrants play in our country. As a prosecutor who spends my day in the courtroom, I also believe strongly in the rule of law. In Congress, I will work to fix our broken immigration system and pass bipartisan immigration reform that secures our border, provides a tough but fair path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the shadows, and prevents our neighbors and their families from being torn apart.

As a result of health care reform, more than 16 million Americans have gained health care coverage that they previously did not have. The law was by no means perfect, and that's why we need to find ways to bring costs down for families and small businesses; however, we cannot go back to a time when insurance companies were able to charge women more than men or denied health care coverage to those with pre-existing conditions. That is why I support common sense fixes such as scrapping the "Cadillac Tax" on high-cost health plans and supporting small businesses by raising the cap on small businesses to 50 employees.

The largest polluter in the United States is the US federal government, by abolishing it we can make great strides toward reducing pollution.

The fact that a person wins an election does not grant them the moral authority to rule over their fellow men. Electoral politics is a sham meant to lend legitimacy to the edicts of tyrants. The electoral system should be abolished along with the rest of the government.

Open the borders. Free people in free societies should be able to travel freely.

The government has no business interfering in the healthcare system. The most effective thing that government could do to lower healthcare costs is to stop granting pharmaceutical companies unjust monopolies on production via intellectual property laws.

I support switching to renewable energy as quickly and completely as possible. I also believe that legalizing hemp and using its resources to provide energy can bring relief in the U.S. from using fossil fuels for energy. I would like a policy to stop the building of pipelines altogether. That money can be better spent developing renewable sources.

I support any policy that eliminates corporate financing of Candidates and their campaigns. I support public funding for campaigns which would foster candidates who are actually interested in the needs and desires of the people they serve. Furthermore, I support automatic voter registration at the least, and more ideally, a voting system that does not rely on a separate registry.

I believe that immigration is necessary for our economy and compassionate to our neighbors. I would like to see an easier road to citizenship implemented in the U.S.

I would like to see universal health care that actually works and doesn't leave those in need of healthcare behind. A single-payer system would be better to serve the needs of Americans.

We need to focus on building a sustainable energy infrastructure in this country. Not only do fossil fuels damage our environment, but take a few minutes to look down the list of oil producing countries ranked by production and tell me how many of the top 20 are our allies AND shares our values of democracy and human rights. It is not only eye opening; it is a national security concern. Let's focus on wind power and wave power to save our environment and keep our nation safe. Let's have Americans be dependent on America for our energy needs.

Corporations are not people. When you are elected you are not being elected to serve the corporations, you are being elected to serve the people. We need to reform our campaign finance system. I am also a firm believer in trying to make it as easy as possible for registered voters to vote while still trying to eliminate fraud. I support encouraging (not requiring) voters to show ID and I also feel strongly about allowing absentee ballots without giving a reason.

I support legal immigration and feel that it benefits our country to continue to allow immigrants to come to the U.S. with the dreams of becoming citizens. Illegal immigration is a problem though, and deporting people and trying to build walls to keep them out is not the solution. We need to remove the incentive for illegal immigrants to come to the U.S. We can do this by drastically increasing penalties for employers who employ illegal immigrants. Instead of increasing agents at the border, let's increase the amount of agents investigating the employment of illegal immigrants.

We cannot have government sponsored healthcare for all Americans as we cannot afford it, but we cannot allow Americans to not have access to affordable healthcare. What we need to fix this issue is for a diverse group of individuals to sit down and discuss ideas how to solve this issue and then work together to implement the best possible solution. Corporations use methods like this involving teams all the time to grow their businesses. It's time Congress worked together in a nonpartisan manner in order to solve this issue instead of waiting for one party to have complete control and dictate policy.

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Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

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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CHRISTOPHER R MORSE, *Republican*

Campaign Website: <http://votemorse.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Morse4Congress>

Occupation / Current Position: Retired Military Officer
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Drury College - 1996, NASD Series 7 and 63 - 2005

Qualifications / Experience: Served as a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy with 12 years of service, expertise in anti-terrorism and naval coastal warfare and then 5 years in the US Army, as a Major, in the Military Intelligence Corps. Recently retired in November of 2015 from the Active Duty Army. Worked as a stock broker for Edward Jones Investments from 2004 to 2006 until recalled to active duty.

My three national legislative priorities are as follows: 1) Ensuring the protection of the United States, 2) ensuring veterans receive the proper care for their service, and 3) applying fiscal conservative principles to help control spending and budgeting. You address each priority by looking at what we currently have in place, what can be streamlined and reformed, prior to spending more money. Cut the programs that don't work and then see if what remains addresses the required issue.

I support cutting taxes to help people have more money in their pocket where they decide how to spend it, vice the government. An American knows better than the federal government how to prioritize the money they receive. The federal government will try to apply a "one size fits all" approach, and that does not always work for the average American. I also support cutting taxes on businesses to allow businesses to expand and grow. Business growth leads to lower unemployment and more money within the economy. This then leads to a larger tax base for needed services.

SANDER LEVIN, *Democrat*

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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress representing Macomb and Oakland counties in Michigan's 9th Congressional District

Education: I graduated from Central High School in Detroit. I received a Bachelors from the University of Chicago, a Masters from Columbia University and a law degree from Harvard University.

Qualifications / Experience: Currently, I am the lead Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, where I can focus on issues important to Michigan like job creation, fair trade policies, protecting Medicare and Social Security, tax reform and the implementation of health care reform. I have worked to establish local community anti-drug coalitions, a small business incubator, job training programs and clean water initiatives.

My top priority is the economy and ensuring a full recovery from the 2008 recession and financial collapse which resulted in the loss of 8.7 million jobs and a weakened automotive industry. The auto industry has recovered but wage growth is slow, and too many people are still looking for good paying jobs that support a middle class lifestyle. I am also focused on improving U.S. trade policy. I oppose the TPP trade agreement because it doesn't have strong enough worker rights provisions, doesn't address currency manipulation, doesn't set strong enough investment and environmental rules.

The growing income gap is not healthy for the country. We need to focus policies on creating opportunities for success while ensuring fairness. We must make higher education affordable to middle- and lower-income families. We must strengthen our training and re-training systems so that individuals can transition from one career to another. I also support a long-overdue raise in the minimum wage and equal pay for women. I am also the author of legislation to stop corporate inversions - situations where a U.S. company takes a foreign address by acquiring a smaller company simply to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

MATTHEW ORLANDO, *Libertarian*

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Occupation / Current Position: Outsourcing & Consulting Group, Manager

Education: Bachelor of Science Working toward MBA

Qualifications / Experience: I meet the requirements set forth in Article I, section II of the Constitution

Taxes & Spending: We need to take a hard look at all of the federal government programs, costs, and benefits to determine if they are truly federal responsibility, if they are efficient, and beneficial to the American people. Second Amendment: The intent of 2A is clear, however, we need to sit down with subject matter experts and take a look at current legislation for relevancy, repealing those that are not, and to develop new legislation that keeps guns out of the wrong people's hands. Freedom: It's time to repeal victimless crimes legislation, legislation that is intrusive or that restricts American's rights.

Congress can and should be working together to increase economic opportunities so that all Michiganders and Americans have a chance to achieve the American dream. I believe a complete overhaul of our corporate tax policy is in order to make us globally competitive is in order. Furthermore, I would seek to remove unnecessary regulations that are hindering economic growth.

JOHN V McDERMOTT, *Green*

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney. Self employed.

Education: B.A. Accounting, M.S.U. 1986, J.D. University Detroit-Mercy Law 1994.

Qualifications / Experience: I was an accounting controller in the auto dealership industry before law school. After law school I became a commercial-industrial real estate broker in downtown Detroit specializing in land acquisition. In 2004 I began using my financial, legal and real estate skill sets to identify public officials, including Federal law enforcement officials, involved in mortgage fraud.

1. The U.S. House must form a Special Committee on 9/11 to investigate the 9/11 event itself as well as the political manipulation of the event. 9/11 was an inside job whose perpetrators have escaped justice. 2. We must restore effective financial regulation of our economy including Wall Street. Reenact Glass Steagall Act and forensically audit the Federal Reserve Bank. 3. We must downsize the Federal government, restore constitutional protections against governmental intrusion, withdraw from military misadventures particularly in the Middle East and fire those many Federal personnel who have betrayed their oaths.

Treasury debt now exceeds Gross Domestic Product. 1. Renegotiate NAFTA and reject TPP. 2. Reenact Glass Steagall. 3. Forensically audit the Federal Reserve and seize those banking enterprises which owe their existence to the Fed's Quantitative Easing. 4. Restore SEC and DOJ Antitrust Division. Enforce SEC Acts and Sherman and Clayton Antitrust Acts. 5. Publicly acknowledge Social Security and pension underfunding. Propose and debate the conversion of underfunded Defined Benefit Plans to Defined Contribution Plans. 6. Propose and debate the creation of a separate Social Security Trust for those born after 1960.

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

ELECTIONS: What policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies or programs?

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I do support clean energy and renewable sources, but not by leaving those behind in other energy sectors. The transition needs to occur, but gradually, so as not to devastate local economies that were based on fossil fuels. Incentives for companies to explore cleaner ways of producing energy from fossil fuels will help in the transition. I also support updating our power grids to become more efficient and safer from terrorist attacks.

I think Citizen's United was a mistake and needs to be re-addressed through proper legislation. I think everyone who is a legal US citizen has a right to vote. If you are not a citizen, you do not get the right to shape this country through voting. A valid photo ID should be required for voter registration. This ID can be a passport, a driver license, or even a state issued ID at the DMV.

The border needs to be secured using physical and technological barriers and immigration needs to be reformed. Incorporating biometric programs across the Departments of Defense, Justice, and Homeland Security will enhance border protection. After securing the border, the focus needs to be on a fair immigration system with the requisite background checks to prevent criminals and people seeking to harm others, from entrance into the United States. People who are here illegally need to be fined, forced to pay back taxes, and then allowed to start the legal citizenship process.

The Affordable Care Act is shoddy legislation which burdens people and the economy. The only parts worth keeping are the changes to pre-existing conditions and the ability of a college student to remain on their parents' insurance plan until age 26. The rest needs to be repealed and replaced with the additional requirement of health insurance being able to be sold across state lines. However, no repeal should occur until a replacement has been presented.

-We need to do more to encourage clean, renewable sources of energy and move away from unneeded subsidies for fossil energy production – currently projected to cost taxpayers about \$40 billion over the next 10 years. I support the Clean Power Plan, which aims to combat carbon pollution from coal power plants – the largest single source of carbon emissions in the United States. I also support an extension of the renewable energy tax credit and funding for programs that research technologies to make renewables cost-competitive and I am a longtime supporter of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

We need a renewed call to strengthen voting rights – our country's most fundamental right. I support the Voter Empowerment Act to improve voter access and streamline registration. I support the SIMPLE Voting Act to simplify and improve methods at polling locations so that no one has to wait hours to cast their ballot. We must also pass bi-partisan legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act. Additionally, I support the Disclose Act. I believe that all entities seeking to influence elections should disclose their donors. Unlimited secret spending by outside groups does a disservice to the public discourse.

I support a bipartisan bill that includes a path to citizenship for those undocumented immigrants already here and willing to meet certain tough but fair criteria, enhances border security, and streamlines our legal immigration system based on national economic needs and the importance of family reunification. I also support the DREAM Act and the President's executive orders, which would provide a path to citizenship for young people brought to our country and who are enrolled in college or serve in the military. We must also do our part to resettle refugees who are fleeing persecution in troubled parts of the world.

In the 6 years since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, health care costs have risen at the slowest rate on record. In Michigan, the uninsured rate declined to 7.6% in 2015 from 12.4% in 2009. More than 345,000 Michiganders signed up for insurance through the federal marketplace in the most recent enrollment period, over 620,000 Michiganders are now covered by the ACA's Medicaid expansion, and 212,075 seniors have saved on average \$1,176 on prescription medications. I support further efforts to improve the quality of care and reduce costs. The funding of medical research is also a top priority of mine.

I think we need to continue looking into & testing clean energy sources, and looking at how current energy sources such as coal impact our environment. End government protections such as caps on liability if a disaster happens. If an oil rig can't get insured to drill then that activity does not happen. If a pipeline cannot be laid by the company negotiating with private property owners then it does not get laid. Governments using eminent domain for financial gains is a coercive behavior to enrich the politically favored groups at the expense of private property owners and potentially putting the environment at risk

I believe only private American citizens should be permitted to give money to campaigns, however, there should be a limit on how much they can give. I would support legislation that stops all businesses domestic & foreign from donating to campaigns. I believe that every of age legal citizen should be allowed to vote.

Our borders are not secure, systems are not adequate, and our policies are outdated. We are in dire need of an overhaul of our immigration system. We need a policy that protects our borders, that is faster when it comes to uniting families of those that have petitioned for citizenship, and for those seeking asylum.

Health insurance costs continue to increase. Government health programs are inefficient and are in need of an overhaul, and our elected officials continue adding on more and more regulations. We need to take a step back and bring non-partisan subject matter experts and design a system that does not allow corporations to shed their benefit plan, or penalize our citizens for opting out of a plan, but does offer plans to those that don't have benefits. We also need to look at the thousands of regulations on the books and ensure they are efficient & relevant. We should look at privatizing federal agencies like the FDA.

We still subsidize with a substantial Investment Tax Credit those pickups and SUV's over 6000 pounds. Do the Citizens of Michigan prefer this subsidy's boost to Big Three truck sales over the environmental advantage of ending this ITC subsidy and thereby reducing fuel consumption and emissions? We must publicly debate this question. DTEEnergy deserves credit for retiring several coal fired plants and developing solar arrays. I support the White House's "28 Percent by 2025" carbon reduction forecast. We must fire all of those EPA and MDEQ personnel whose malfeasance and nonfeasance enabled the Flint Water Crisis.

Paradoxically and counter-intuitively, the gerrymandering of Legislative Districts and the resulting disenfranchisement of many constituencies is made possible by the formulas within the Voting Rights Act. Michigan ranks 50th (dead last) among the States in requiring transparency from public officials. Hillary has received tens of millions of dollars of foundation contributions from FOREIGN contributors. We must again enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act which has been nearly dormant since 1963. The Michigan Legislature must reverse its grotesque gerrymandering of Districts, for example the 14th District.

Three percent of the US population may be illegal aliens. Of those eleven million persons, two million may have criminal records or be incarcerated. The US border with Mexico is the principal narcotics entry channel into the US and may allow between \$13 and \$49 billion of narcotics to enter annually. The USA's appetite for narcotics has caused a drug war in Mexico among traffickers. NAFTA may have additionally destabilized Mexico's agricultural industry. 1. Renegotiate NAFTA. 2. Add 5,000 border patrol agents. 3. Deport aliens with felony convictions. 3. Enforce existing laws. 4. Deport expired visa holders.

Prescription drug deaths now exceed street narcotics deaths. The Affordable Care Act is poorly written, has undesirable economic consequences, is unconstitutional, is unaffordable and must be repealed and rewritten. We must harness the bargaining power and thrift of all health care consumers to contain medical costs within reasonable bounds. Health care in US is too expensive and not necessarily better than abroad. We must consider a single payer public health system which allocates enough cost to the consumer to keep consumers sensitive to costs. Prescription drugs are being dispensed too freely and are abused.

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DAVID A TROTT, *Republican*

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Occupation / Current Position: Former Lawyer/Businessman, current Member of Congress (MI-11)
Education: Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, Juris Doctor from Duke University
Qualifications / Experience: As a lifelong resident of Oakland County, I have a proven track record of innovation, integrity, job-creation and solving problems. For more than 30 years, I have honed my skills as a leader and innovative businessman with expertise in technology, legal affairs, and housing. Throughout my career, I have created and saved 1,800 jobs in southeast Michigan.

I support policies to create a healthier economy, improve the lives of hard working families, and protect our citizens and nation from those who wish us harm. We must work to create good paying jobs and reduce the size of Washington so that everyone has the opportunity to succeed. We must reduce our national debt, balance the budget and reduce Washington's wasteful spending. We must let families, hardworking taxpayers, and small businesses keep more of their hard earned money to spend it as they see fit. We must ensure that America takes an active and strong role in protecting our nation from terrorists.

I support balancing our national budget, reducing our national debt, and ending job killing regulations. We must allow job creators to grow and innovate by creating certainty-not changing the rules on them. I support reforms to simplify the tax code to make it fairer and lower rates, close loopholes, and put hardworking taxpayers ahead of special interests. Hardworking taxpayers and small businesses know how to spend their money better than Washington, DC. I also support ending harmful regulations on small businesses sent down from Washington, DC bureaucrats that hurt job creation and stifle growth.

ANIL KUMAR, *Democrat*

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Occupation / Current Position: Urologist, President and CEO of the Kumar Surgical Center
Education: University of Bombay
Qualifications / Experience: Chief of Surgery at Crittenton Hospital, President and CEO of Michigan United Physicians and Kumar Surgical Center, Board Member of the Oakland County Medical Society, and a faculty member at Michigan State University

Healthcare: Strengthen the Affordable Care Act with a focus on preventative care and cost reduction. Protect Medicare for our seniors and improve their access to prescription medication. Education: College needs to be affordable for every American willing and able to attend and we need to hold charter schools to the same standard as our public institutions. Veterans: Expand access to the VA and other veterans' programs to honor the commitment we make to our vets.

I support increasing the minimum wage, ending gender-based pay discrimination, increasing the top marginal tax rate, and investing in job training for a changing economy.

JONATHAN RAY OSMENT, *Libertarian*

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Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/osment2016
Occupation / Current Position: Software Engineer
Education: BA in Computer Science and Economics from Kalamazoo College
Qualifications / Experience: Ran my own Startup geared towards online debates. Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.
Twitter: twitter.com/JonathanROsment

Personal Freedom: I believe we should at a minimum legalize marijuana and decriminalize other drugs. I am for a woman's choice on abortion and would protect legislation to that effect. Political Reform: Work on passing legislation to eliminate the influence of the private sector over the government. An example of this is to ban companies which accept public funds from participating in the electoral process. Economic Reform: Eliminate farm, oil, and other subsidies. Ease trade restrictions. Slowly replace the income tax with a different model. Replace large facets of federal government with state level control.

For the economy I support eliminating current subsidies which create monopolies. This would increase the power of the individual as monopolistic power is weakened. I believe that reducing the income tax and replacing it with a different model will put money back into the pockets of the individual increasing their purchasing power and helping to drive the economy. Easing trade restrictions will increase competition with monopolies, in general allowing more innovation and aiding entrepreneurship. I would also be for easing regulations and restrictions on small businesses allowing them to better operate and flourish.

KERRY BENTIVOLIO, *No Party Affiliation*

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Occupation / Current Position: School Teacher. Hobby Farmer.
Education: M.Ed, B. A.
Qualifications / Experience: Served in the 113th Congress from 2013-15 and rated the 2nd Most Transparent (out of 435 members of Congress), won 2 awards for Constituent Services for my mobile Congressional Outreach Program, Saturday Office Hours, 22 Issue specific Round Tables, and for posting my votes online explaining why I voted a certain way. I earn 100% rating from the Council of Citizens Against Government Waste.

I will re-introduce H.R.1831 "Read the Bills Act" which I originally introduced. The Read the Bill Act requires 7 days for members of Congress to examine the merits of a Bill before voting. Read the Bills Act prevents changes to Bills hours before voting. I will sponsor a follow on Bill entitled "Single Issue Legislation" which prevents congress from submitting thousand page Bills covering a variety of issues. These two Bills will allow us ALL to fully examine and understand the merits of any legislation. It will force congress to be transparent and accountable.

I am proud I received a 91% "A" Rating from the DC watchdog group, "Club for Growth" and a 95% "A" rating from FreedomWorks during my time in the 113th US Congress. Both of these organizations advocate the principles of economic policies that strengthen our nation's economy, lower taxes and the rule of law. I received an "A" rating from various manufacturing and small business groups. I once wrote, "investment goes where it is welcome and stays where it is appreciated" which is my guideline on economic issues.

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HOWARD KLAUSNER, *Republican*

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Occupation / Current Position: Senior Staff Physician, Department of Emergency Medicine, Henry Ford Health System
Education: University of Michigan, Bachelor of Science in Engineering 1990. University of Michigan, MD 1995
Qualifications / Experience: *Vice-Chair, Health Emergency Medical Services, Inc. *Health Emergency Medical Services, Inc (HEMS 2011-present. Board of Trustees. *Region 2 South Healthcare Coalition, Planning Board.

Health Care. As an emergency room physician in the heart of Detroit, I have worked with some of the most in need and lowest income. I understand how to increase access and lower costs for citizens. Balance the budget. The US spends billions of dollars more than it takes in. This could lead our country to bankruptcy. We must, as legislators, be at the forefront of ensuring the financial security of our children. Roll Back of Iran Deal. Iran is one of the most dangerous destabilizing countries in the world. All treaties should need the approval of the US Senate and should not be implemented by executive orders.

Balancing the federal budget. Simply put, we need to spend as much as we take in, and not more. By adding to the federal deficit, we are placing an undue burden on future generations. A balanced federal budget will provide increased stability in the economy which in turn leads to job growth and increased opportunity for all. Balancing the budget is most important for small business to survive and thrive.

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We cannot afford a national energy policy that shuts down domestic production, eliminates jobs and leads to families paying higher energy costs. Development of our abundant energy resources presents an enormous opportunity to our local communities, our state, and our country's energy security. Michigan is home to a diverse supply of energy resources including natural gas, wind, solar, nuclear and hydro power. I believe we must balance a healthy environment with a healthy economy, rein in the EPA, and get the government out of the business of picking winners and losers.

I support current law and Supreme Court rulings that campaign contributions and expenditures are political speech protected by the First Amendment. I also do not believe taxpayers should be forced to foot the bill for campaigns. I support current campaign disclosure requirements that provide voters with information and allow them to determine which candidate to support. Voting is a fundamental right. I believe States are best able to determine how to protect that fundamental right while ensuring the integrity of our voting system and protecting it from fraud and abuse.

Our current immigration system is not working. Our borders are not secure and there's a lack of enforcement of the laws already on the books. I believe we must first secure the borders. Then we need to improve the system so that people who want to come to America and work and contribute to our nation can come here right away and legally. There are immigrants in Southeast Michigan who get an education and want to stay here to start a business and better our communities. I support a step-by-step approach that offers a complete solution, so that 30 years from now we are not in the same situation we are in now.

Whether it's higher premiums, loss of coverage, or less access to care, Obamacare has hurt hardworking families in Michigan. Rather than putting bureaucrats in charge of health care decisions, we need to craft patient-centered reforms that lower costs, create jobs, and improve the quality of care. I support allowing people to buy insurance across state lines, putting patients in charge of health care spending by expanding Health Savings Accounts, and stopping needless lawsuits while ensuring those with preexisting conditions get coverage they need and allowing those 26 and under to remain on their parents' insurance.

Building 21st century energy infrastructure and investing in renewable energy technologies that will allow the US to exceed the commitments of the Paris climate agreement.

I support a commitment to campaign finance reform to restore transparency to our elections and a full reinstatement of the Voting Rights Act.

I support immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship and an expansion of the E-Verify system to ensure that US companies can hire anyone they choose with confidence.

Protecting and improving the ACA will require a renewed focus on preventative care, continued pursuit of cost reduction, and protecting patients' rights. I support reducing wasteful spending by holding providers accountable.

Entrepreneurship and innovation without the influence of outside forces will help drive the renewable industry, therefore it is important to encourage an environment where competition can win out. I support the reduction of oil subsidies which will raise the price of oil, this will help to level the playing field with alternative energy. I also believe strongly in the protection of private property and the liability of companies when they infringe on the individual - in the case of the environment this means that pollution or cases such as the flint water crisis are criminal and tort cases.

I believe that campaign funding needs to be reformed. Current corruption within the sphere is rampant and spending has gotten out of hand. There are multiple issues that this causes, including the continuation of a two party status quo. Third party candidates for congress are easily outspent 100 to 1, sometimes more. We deserve to have more than two options. That is why I am also for banning straight ticket voting as it increases the perception of only having two viable options in an election. That said, citizens have a right to vote and in our current system it is up to the states to uphold that right.

Immigration is one of the bedrocks of our country. Having undocumented workers is very bad from a humanitarian standpoint and an economic standpoint. It reduces hardworking immigrants to very low wage workers, which drives down wages. What we need is a clear and expedited path to legitimacy. There are many well educated, employed, immigrants who want to stay in the United States but cannot due to our stringent and seemingly arbitrary policies. We need to make it much faster for highly qualified workers to live, work and pay taxes in the United States.

Health care costs have skyrocketed due to scarcity, regulation, government sponsored monopolies, and Medicare and Medicaid. Rather than going for universal health insurance I would focus on how best to reduce the cost of the industry. Why does it cost thousands of dollars for a hospital stay? By easing regulations and taking actions to, replace the FDA, start a system for Medical Saving accounts, make healthcare more tax deductible, and limit the scope of medicare and medicaid we can start to mitigate our ever rising health care costs.

To be energy independent we must work together and examine each and every opportunity to reduce our dependence on foreign energy. I have a record of protecting our environment, our forests, our Great Lakes, our inland lakes and streams and it will remain a priority issue.

Campaigns are expensive and money buys the narrative. Corruption is rampant in campaigns and disillusion voters. I support holding legislators accountable and transparent and lead by example as one of the most transparent members of Congress during my term of office.

During my term in office I toured both our northern and southern borders. I spoke with Border patrol agents, Homeland Security on all the immigration issues. We need to protect our borders! Human and drug trafficking has drastically increased because of our porous borders. There is a direct collation between increased drug use within our communities and lax border security that permitted increased illegal drug smuggling. I support repealing the President's amnesty program, increased border security and returning illegals to their home country. I support vetting all refugees from nations harboring terrorism.

Health care is between you and your physician. Critical voters must first examine our government's foray into running health care, the Veteran's Administration, where more than 300,000 veterans died waiting for care and long waiting periods are common. When the Health Records of our veterans were hacked I introduced and the House passed my Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act which protects a citizen's personal health and financial information on ALL federal websites. Federal website sponsors must be accountable. The Bill passed with 100% bi-partisan support. I support Tort reform and healthcare saving accounts.

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The US needs to open the market to all forms of energy. Robust competition will only serve to help keep energy costs low. The US should immediately work with Canada on the Keystone pipeline as well. We can learn from our largest trading partner on how to use all forms of energy and still protect our environment. Energy is a lot like an economy, it needs to be diversified.

Money in politics continues to be a major issue. On some level, it would be great to get rid of all monies, but that is probably not reasonable. Having no limits on personal donations would show the public who is truly participating on trying to influence a politician. More importantly is having the voting public choose the best candidate. Party of politics is what makes for divisiveness.

Immigration has long been the beacon of hope for millions across the world. It still is. We must make sure that our immigration policy is overhauled to ensure that we have people that can be fully integrated into the United States and be fully functioning members of our great country.

Rising health care costs have continued to place a strain on families. Since the introduction of the ACA, health insurance premiums have increased substantially. With the ACA came increases in federal regulations that have further strained hospital budgets. Most of the reductions in numbers of uninsured have been the result of increased enrollment in Medicaid, which may look good on paper but only provides marginal increases in access to healthcare. We need healthcare policies and programs which provide increased access to care as well as decreases in costs to both patients and providers.

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BRENDA L LAWRENCE, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Congresswoman, Michigan's 14th District

Education: Graduate of Pershing High School, Detroit (my hometown); Graduate of Central Michigan University, BA, Public Administration. Alumnus, Leadership Detroit. Honorary Doctorate, Lawrence Tech University.

Qualifications / Experience: Currently serving in the United States House of Representatives, 2015 to Present. Mayor of Southfield, 2001 to 2015. Served as head of the National Association of Democratic Mayors. Former Trustee, the U.S. Conference of Mayors. A term as Southfield City Councilwoman, which included serving as Council President. A term on the Southfield School Board, which included serving as Board President.

Priority 1: Secure increased federal funding for education, training. Greater support for displaced workers training, career and technical schools, community colleges, expanded early childhood development and urban-focused literacy programs are sorely needed. I've created the Skilled Trades Workforce Caucus in Congress, introduced related legislation. Priority 2: Defend Medicare, Social Security, Obamacare. These successful programs are under attack. Priority 3: Demand action to end gun violence. Sensible gun legislation is long overdue; I actively participated in the "sit-in" on the House Floor to demand action.

For our cities to foster more job growth, we need regional mass transit and improved transportation. I've been advocating for our region's piece of the funding pie at the federal level, including support of transit projects and addressing crumbling roads and infrastructure, which are hindering our economy. No longer should we send Washington more tax dollars than we receive back; increased transportation funding for our state can boost job growth. I strongly support increasing the federal minimum wage and have co-sponsored that legislation. I'll advocate for equal pay for women and advancing the Paycheck Fairness Act.

GREGORY CRESWELL, Libertarian

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Facebook Page: <http://facebook.com/gregorycreswell>

Occupation / Current Position: medical records clerk
Education: attended Wayne County Community College: fire science and fire protection technology

Qualifications / Experience: a consistent defender of individual rights, the free market, the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

1) returning to the gold/silver standard asap. 2) repealing all forms of socialism laws/programs etc. 3) repealing all federal fees, taxes, permits, licenses etc. I would address them all by sponsoring/co-sponsoring and or voting for those bills to achieve those goals.

a) returning to the gold/silver standard. b) repealing all taxes, fees, permits, licenses, regulations etc. c) reducing the size of the federal gov't back to the year 1790.

MARCIA SQUIER, Green

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Occupation / Current Position: Equipment manager and Instructor for Tumblebunnies International

Education: Bachelor of Science from WSU

Qualifications / Experience: I am the Chairman of the Board for the IGPA (Ingleside Grosse Pointe Park Association)- a private park on Lake Saint Clair in St. Clair Shores, which includes over 300 families (approximately 1000 people)

My top 3 national legislative priorities are the following:
 1- Defending the constitution and our rights as Americans.
 2- Election Integrity and maintaining the democratic process through accurate and fair voting processes.
 3-Fighting against misleading and destructive trade deals like the TPP.
 I would address these issues by supporting legislation that addresses these issues, introducing legislation that would support these issues, and opposing legislation that would be harmful to these extremely important issues.

I support the Green New Deal, which will provide millions of new jobs in the renewable energy fields and in infrastructure improvements. This emergency jobs program will provide countless families with the opportunity to support themselves at a liveable wage (\$15/hr min.), thus reducing the burden of safety nets built into the country.

Michigan Representative – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Two Year Term

Duties: The Michigan House shares responsibility with the Michigan State Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Biographical Info

Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

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RANDY LEVASSEUR, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Co-Owner of Michigan Property Tax Relief LLC, Co-Owner of LeVasseur Dyer & Associates PC

Education: University of Michigan - A.B. - Political Science - 1985, University of Michigan Law School - J.D. - 1988

Qualifications / Experience: I am a Proven Tax Fighter, having started a small business that has helped the owners of thousands of homes reduce their property taxes. I am NOT a career politician, and offer a different perspective from them. While they concern themselves with increasing government revenue and serving their special interest friends, my focus is on helping ordinary citizens keep more funds in their own pockets.

First, to reduce the cost of government. Government too often demands more money from the people who pay the bills - the taxpayers. We need governments to live within their means just as the citizens of our state must live within their means. Second, to improve our economy by reducing and eliminating regulations that do not clearly and directly protect public safety. Unnecessary regulations stifle economic development and discourage job and income growth. Third, we must restore integrity to public service. Theft and self-dealing by people who are supposed to be serving the public cannot be tolerated.

Schools and school districts need to focus on the needs of students and their families. Parental input and involvement is critical for student success. We also need ALL school districts to be financially responsible. When a local school district is bailed out by the state, it means fewer funds available for students in other school districts. Where traditional schools are failing, charter schools offer an alternative that is more responsive to the needs of students and their families. In Detroit, for example, roughly half of families choose charter schools over traditional public schools.

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

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

ELECTIONS: What policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies or programs?

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I continue to support the President's initiatives to diversify our national energy production, in order to secure our energy future without being reliant on foreign entities. In Michigan our environment is a quality of life issue and an economic engine. Our freshwater is critical to our region's success. I've fought to protect our Great Lakes. Any efforts to weaken the Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act have been met with my firm resistance. I oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline, as well as storage of petroleum coke near the Detroit River or our neighborhoods. Our cities should not be treated like corporate dumping grounds.

We must address the broken system of funding campaigns in our country, as well as protect our citizens' voting rights. In Congress, I've co-sponsored the Voting Rights Act's renewal. It is unacceptable that the Republican leadership allowed it to expire. I also support the DISCLOSE Act because transparency is important for good government. Our democratic processes are undermined by the undue, pervasive influence of money. Expanded safeguards against illegal contributions and greater disclosure requirements are essential. The Citizens United Supreme Court decision set a dangerous precedent, which must be reversed.

Taking steps to improve our immigration process is overdue and necessary. I support establishing a pathway to citizenship for those already in our country, as well as passing the DREAM Act in Congress. The diversity in our 14th Congressional District, from Detroit to Pontiac to West Bloomfield to Hamtramck, is amazing. Our strong history of immigrants coming to America in search of a better life is part of what makes our region and our country strong. I'm gravely concerned by the divisive rhetoric from Donald Trump and I strongly oppose his absurd wall-building fantasies.

I support the Affordable Care Act and advocated for its passage. The ideal federal health care program would be a single-payer system, but 'Obamacare' is a proven major step in the right direction, with millions more Americans accessing affordable health care and many previous hurdles from insurance companies now eliminated. The most time-sensitive priority for this topic area: correcting flaws in the Veterans Administration (VA) health care system. Deficiencies must be addressed – and we must also prevent efforts to privatize the VA, which would be a great disservice to the men and women who defended our country.

on the issue of energy: complete privatization without any gov't incursions at all. on the issue of water/air/land protection: only polluters pay while completely privatizing water and land.

campaign funding: no limits. no donations from non-citizens, non-US companies etc. voting rights: it must be protected while defeating fraud, corruption, multi-voting by one individual etc.

Stop illegal immigration immediately. protect the border, begin deportation of illegal aliens asap.

completely privatize health care, i.e. repeal Medicare, Medicaid, Obama-care etc.

I support being fossil fuel free by 2030, and will introduce incentives for cities, counties, and states for achieving this goal early. This will end oil drilling, fracking, and other destructive, non-renewable energy sources, thus preserving the environment.

I support public funding for campaigns, and I oppose super pac, corporate, and foreign donations. I support automatic voter registration and removing obstacles that prevent too many voters from being heard and represented.

My concern regarding immigration is that we need to stop contributing to the reasons that cause refugees to flee their homelands and focus more on peace throughout the world. America, being the Melting Pot that it is, needs to remain a haven for those seeking to become part of the American Dream.

I am very concerned with the health care of all ages of people. I support changing the Medicare age requirements that would make health care (including vision, dental, mental, and chiropractic care) available from cradle to grave for all Americans.

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Elections: What policy changes do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights for Michigan voters? ?

Economy: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic position

Energy & Environment: What actions or policies do you support to meet Michigan energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

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Voters often are asked to increase taxes, but need greater opportunity to hold governments accountable if the funds are no longer needed or used unwisely. Millage increases should be for a very limited time, with governments regularly held accountable for how they use taxpayer dollars. Governments and elected officials must not be allowed to use public funds to promote candidates, millage increases, or ballot proposals. Newsletters and other materials paid for with government dollars are rarely neutral, even if they are designed superficially to appear so. Their use prior to elections should be limited.

We must continuously look for ways to make government less expensive so that we can reduce taxes and fees. High taxes and fees deter job creation and directly impact the household budgets of our residents. Wasted funds also take away from our ability to maintain and improve our infrastructure. We must reduce regulations that do not clearly and directly protect public safety. Such regulations deter business and job development. We need greater uniformity in business regulations, expenses and procedures between municipalities. Too many variations make it more difficult for businesses to expand and create jobs in Michigan. We must encourage energy production and competition. Lower energy costs will help Michigan residents keep more money in their wallets. It also will reduce the cost of doing business in Michigan, encouraging business and job expansion in our state.

I support greater competition among energy providers. DTE and Consumers Energy currently control 90% of the market, but are pushing for legislation that effectively would give them the remaining 10%. Currently, only large institutions such as hospitals and schools have the opportunity to purchase from energy providers other than DTE and Consumers. Those hospitals and schools are saving millions on their energy bills because of the competition, and I believe more Michigan consumers should have the same opportunity to save on their energy bills. I support responsible energy exploration that protects our natural resources and environment. The latest technologies in retrieving energy resources have allowed our country to become much more energy independent in recent years and greatly reduced energy costs for our citizens. Those technologies also have made much more natural gas accessible to us, which is a much cleaner and environmentally friendly resource compared to other fossil fuels.

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Biographical Info

Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

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JIM ELLISON, Democrat

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/JimEllison4StateRep

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Education: Kimball High School, Class of 1970 Qualifications / Experience: Mayor of Royal Oak (2003-Present); Royal Oak City Commissioner (1991-1995); Committee chairs: Planning Commission, Woodward Dream Cruise Liaison Committee, Traffic Committee, Housing Commission; general member of several other boards; Royal Oak Citizen of the Year (2002)

1) Restore adequate funding to local municipal governments and school boards; 2) Prioritize infrastructure dollars towards: maintaining and modernizing our existing roads and bridges; passing and implementing the RTA Master Plan; implementing integrated Connected Cities technology and policy; and investing in robust, seamless rapid transit; 3) Repeal or drastically rework anti-democratic statewide programs including: the Emergency Manager program as it is now written and implemented; the ban on straight party ticket voting; and abuses of the appropriation funding loophole to suppress voter review of bad legislation

1) Address insufficient state revenue sharing with local municipal governments and school districts; update Prop A to more accurately reflect current economic models and conditions; 2) Increase quality control, state oversight, and credentialing requirements for charter schools to decrease the regulative and educational outcome disparities between public and charter schools; 3) End or drastically curtail unfunded educational mandates which primarily impact public, but not charter, schools; 4) Review statewide protocols (including requirements for charters) for constructively working with students with special needs

★★★ District 27 ★★★

KYLE FORREST, Republican

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ROBERT WITTENBERG, Democrat

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Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/RepWittenberg

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative - 27th District

Education: Berkley High School, Indiana University - Bachelor of Science in Business Management

Qualifications / Experience: Licensed Life and Health Insurance Agent - 10 Years, State Representative - 17 Months

Continue fighting for our cities, schools, and seniors. Cities - Work to reverse the trend of taking money from our local communities to balance the state budget. Schools - Push to properly fund our public schools and fight against for-profit charter schools that only care about the bottom line and not the students' success. Seniors - Work hard to make sure our seniors can retire with dignity and financial security.

Properly funding our public schools so that ALL kids can get a first-class education. We need to do a better job of making sure our educators have the proper resources to educate our children and that our schools are safe learning environments. Please see my website for more information.

★★★ District 29 ★★★

GARREN W GRIFFITH, Republican

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TIM GREIMEL, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, 29th District

Education: Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science, Master's degree in Public Policy, and a Law degree, each from the University of Michigan.

Qualifications / Experience: I have dedicated my life to giving voice and power to people in need. As an attorney, I represented individuals who were discriminated against in the workplace. I served on the Rochester School Board, and I served five years as an Oakland County Commissioner. I have volunteered as a Sunday School teacher and served as a board member of a number of nonprofit organizations.

Create Good-Paying Jobs – refocusing development policies on growing small businesses, instead of lavishing tax credits on big corporations; investing in skilled trades programs. Invest in Education – restoring K-12 schools and higher education funding; investing in quality early childhood education; instituting reforms and accountability measures to enhance achievement. Protect middle-class families and seniors – increasing the minimum wage; enacting a pay equity law; ending job discrimination; increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor; repealing the pension tax; instituting a childcare tax credit.

Investing in quality education is the most important thing we can do to be competitive in the 21st century global economy. State funding of education should never be put at risk to fund corporate tax cuts. Moreover, we need common sense reforms to improve the quality of education: I supported the enactment of a new educator evaluation law to ensure that the effectiveness of teachers is assessed consistently across schools and districts, and I am fighting to enhance early reading interventions to ensure that elementary school students successfully read at grade level.

ARTELIA MARIE LEAK, Green

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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ROBERT BRIM, Republican

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JEREMY MOSS, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

Education: BA in Journalism and Political Science, Graduated with High Honors from MSU (2008); Studied Race Relations in South Africa (2007); Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship through MSU (2013)

Qualifications / Experience: After serving a term on the Southfield City Council, I was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 35th District, winning with 83 percent of the vote in 2014. I immediately stepped into leadership roles, becoming the highest-ranking Democrat on the House Local Government Committee and assistant floor leader for the Democratic Caucus.

Growing our economy – I introduced legislation, which became law, to expand a powerful economic development tool communities use to eliminate commercial blight. This is important in our district to redevelop Northland Mall and other vacant properties. Funding schools - I will protect public school funding to ensure every child has access to a quality education. A strong public education system is the state's best tool to jumpstart the economy with a skilled workforce. Promoting transparency – I'm leading a bipartisan effort to expand Michigan's open records laws to the Governor and State Legislature.

Education is key to a good foundation in life – but the foundation in Michigan is cracking. I have been working to reverse the State Legislature's trend of investing in for-profit education, including charter and cyber schools, which operate with little to no state standards or measurements for student achievement. Our public education system must enable all students to acquire advance skills and knowledge needed to compete for jobs in the ever-changing global economy. I've been working to ensure learning standards are competitive globally, while also ensuring that schools get the support they need to improve.

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Economy: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic position?

Energy & Environment: What actions or policies do you support to meet Michigan energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

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1) Repeal or drastically rework the Emergency Manager program as it is now written and implemented; pursue a rule change to end abuse of the appropriation funding loophole; 2) Voter registration modernization: online voter registration; automatic voter registration with drivers license processing; same-day voter registration; 3) Allow early voting at election clerk office weekend leading up to election; allow absentee ballots for any reason; 4) Repeal ban on straight party ticket voting; 5) Common-sense campaign funding reform: 48-hour contribution reporting; lower PAC limits; public financing of judicial races

1) Support public research dollars for new mobility, clean energy generation and storage, water reclamation, and biomedical technologies to generate high-paying and not-easily off-shored jobs for Michigan's next economy; 2) Increase funding for childcare and elder care to help out multi-generational families often caught between paying for food, shelter, or care; 3) Pursue public-private partnerships where appropriate for responsible and community-centered redevelopment projects; 4) Restore adequate funding to local municipal governments to establish a firm foundation for quality of life improvements and community-centric economic development; 5) Maintain funding for small business education and resource programs to foster innovation and entrepreneurship; 6) Require responsible oversight of so-called sharing industries to guarantee minimal safety and worker protections; 7) Advocate for the return of the film subsidies

1) Oppose all hydraulic fracturing in Michigan; 2) Shut down the aging Enbridge line 5 pipeline across the Straits of Mackinac which potentially puts the Great Lakes, our greatest resource, at risk of serious environmental and economic damage in the event of a leak; 3) Incentivize small cities to prioritize public green spaces, bike- and pedestrian-centric development, and invest in solar energy for longer term energy security and cost savings; 4) Invest in autonomous vehicle technologies to increase the efficiency and significantly decrease the energy usage and environmental impact of both transportation and logistics/shipping; 5) Revise laws to allow third party ownership of solar panels; increase energy efficiency tax credits for homeowners; 6) Roll back legislation against urban and rooftop farming; 7) Encourage pursuing green building certifications whenever applicable

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Public financing of elections, no reason absentee voting, early voting, preregistration for 16 and 17 year olds, online voter registration, voting by mail, end gerrymandering with a nonpartisan redistricting commission and many other initiatives that will decrease the money in politics and make it easier for people to vote. Please see my website for more information.

We need to invest in our schools, our infrastructure and our people. Education and the economy go hand in hand. We need to invest in our K-12 schools, our colleges and universities and our career technical schools. We have to push policies for pay equity and equality of opportunity for all persons in employment. Please see my website for more information.

I worked with my colleagues on a package of bills to Power Michigan's Future. The plan would increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) as well as energy efficiency/optimization standards. The following bills were introduced: House Bill 4055 would double the energy optimization standards (ramping up to 2.0% for electric and 1.5% for natural gas by 2019). House Bill 4518 would increase the RPS to 20% by 2022. And this is only the beginning. We can do so much more to reduce the use of fossil fuels in order to have any hope of fighting the destructive effects of global climate change. In our own lives, we must make choices each and every day to reduce our carbon footprints. We have a moral obligation to leave a better world for our children than we inherited. Please see my website for more information.

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Robust voter participation and counting every vote are essential to a healthy democracy. To ensure that voting rights are extended to every citizen equally, we need to: enact no reason absentee voting and automatic voter registration; implement non-partisan redistricting reform; restrict the influence of money in politics; and require more government transparency.

As a state representative and the House Democratic Leader, I have made it a top priority to create an economy that works for everyone and to expand the middle-class. I support legislation to guarantee equal pay for equal work, eliminate job discrimination, and provide quality educational opportunities that prepare individuals for the 21st century global economy. Furthermore, economic development policy needs to be refocused on growing small businesses, instead of lavishing tax breaks on big corporations.

I have consistently voted in favor of protecting the environment, especially Michigan's fresh water. As House Democratic Leader, I have worked closely with my colleagues to craft bill packages that create long-term, affordable, and sustainable approaches to address Michigan's need for more renewable energy and to reduce energy waste by enhancing energy efficiency. Transitioning to cleaner energy protects the environment, while creating jobs.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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I introduced legislation to improve the process of redistricting Michigan's political districts by creating a nonpartisan commission that would oversee the drawing of political boundaries. In a healthy democracy, voters pick their elected representatives. Gerrymandering turns that on its head by allowing politicians to pick their voters. That's not right, no matter which party is in charge. The legislation I sponsored calls for the creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission comprised of regular citizens who would be tasked with creating district maps that are not simply drawn to protect incumbents.

Michigan residents work hard for their money and I'm committed to helping them keep more of it. I joined House and Senate Democrats to offer a solution: the Blueprint for Michigan's Families. This plan puts Michigan residents and families first, and gives them the tax cuts, deductions and credits they need to really make a difference in their lives. Michigan Republicans claimed that their tax cut giveaway to big corporations would create jobs and improve lives for Michigan families, but it hasn't worked out that way, and it won't ever work for Michigan families. Our legislation reverses one of the largest tax shifts in Michigan history and takes aim at stagnant incomes and tax increases that make it difficult to achieve and sustain a middle-class quality of life while coping with the rising costs of living.

Any sound energy policy reforms must be carefully enacted to protect the health and safety of our citizens and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Unfortunately, my district has been targeted by a profit-driven effort to drill for oil in a densely populated residential area of Southfield. As a result, I introduced legislation that would place limits on oil drilling in residential areas. Specifically, House Bill 5258 would prohibit the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality from issuing an oil drilling permit in a county with a population of 750,000 or more unless all of the following conditions are met: The proposed well will be located at least 2,000 feet from a residential building; The location and operation of the proposed well will be in compliance with applicable local ordinances; and The department has held a public hearing in the city, village or township in which the proposed well is located and has considered the public input from that public hearing.

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Biographical Info

Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

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MITCH SWOBODA, *Republican*

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Education: Bishop Borgess High School, Henry Ford CC,
Qualifications / Experience: Leadership True Conservative Values, Security training,

Protect retirees pensions. To many public and private pension funds are under funded. , Veteran rights helping Michigan vets get proper care, To listen to the people of my district and do what is best for them.

Stop Common Core. Safer schools adding resource officers to keep the children safe. Cut down on mandated testing so the teachers can have more freedom to teach and not just teach the test. Cut the fraud and wasteful spend and give it back to the students. Get the parents more involved in the students education.

CHRISTINE GREIG, *Democrat*

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Facebook Page: ElectChrisGreig
Twitter: @ChrisGreigMI37
Occupation / Current Position: State Representative
Education: BA, American Studies and Computer Applications, University of Notre Dame
Qualifications / Experience: Incumbent, Business Owner, Education Advocate, Non-Profit Management

Modernize our infrastructure: We need additional investment in roads, bridges and water systems. We must make it a budget priority. We must also revise the funding formula to prioritize local roads. Make Michigan a Top 10 State in Education: modernize our funding calculation, partner with higher education and business, 4 year preschool for all kids, enact charter school reform. Modernize mental health service delivery and funding - consolidate common administrative functions including audits and reporting, regionalize services, improve private care provider accountability, increase direct provider worker wages.

Expand early childhood services for at risk 0-3 children. Provide 4 year preschool services for all low income families. Improve child care options for families. Enact Charter School Reforms - certificate of need, improve accountability for schools and authorizers. Redesign our funding calculations to match the Education Study Commission's recommendations. Reduce class size, recruit and compensate high performing educators. Provide more wrap around services to support at-risk students and their families.

JAMES K YOUNG, *Libertarian*

Campaign Website: No campaign website presently.
Facebook: <http://No Facebook page presently.>
Occupation / Current Position: I am a retired Chemical Technician, although I still work at temporary job assignments.
Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI A.S. Chemical Technology, Lawrence Tech. University, Southfield, MI B.S. Business Management, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
Qualifications / Experience: I believe that I am qualified to be the State Representative of District 37, because I have many years of experience in the working world including three years of active duty in the Army, and just generally knowing the way our world of politics has been functioning over the years. I am 61 years old, so I have seen a great deal. I was Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County 2011-2015.

Small government, which is constitutionally limited, must always be our main goal. It is the type of government which our founding fathers intended for us to have, and is the type of government that does the most to promote peace, prosperity and freedom in our society. It is adaptable to all levels of government. Having said this, I choose as my first legislative priority to downsize our state government. I would go through checking for excess, and write bills to eliminate it. My second legislative priority is to simplify our state tax code. My third legislative priority is to make it easier to start new businesses.

Education is a product which is strictly of the mind, and needs a finite amount of resources to achieve. Think about it. Most of the learning that a student does is a direct result of reading, studying, listening to class lectures and often some hands-on laboratory experience. This requires only so much financing, and we are already spending about half of our state budget on it. Therefore we reach a point to where it does no good to throw more money at it. The biggest problem in education is a motivational problem. When a student attends class who really wants to learn, there is almost nothing that they can't do.

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KATHY S CRAWFORD, *Republican*

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative-38th District; small business owner, KATHY CRAWFORD COMMUNICATIONS
Education: High School graduate
Qualifications / Experience: A professional in the field of aging for more than 30 years: •2007: Elected to the Novi City Council and served three years, •2010: Elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for District #9, •2012: Re-elected for a second term on the Oakland County Commission, •2014: Elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives for District #38 (98th Legislature).

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! We must focus on creating high-paying jobs by maintaining a business-friendly environment through lower taxes, by streamlining government bureaucracies and by reducing unnecessary and job-killing government regulations. 2. Economic Development: I believe in developing equitable policies that promote free enterprise solutions and business growth. 3. Increase access to health-related services for Older Adults should be a budget priority. More than 1.9 million Michigianians, over 60 years old, deserve our utmost respect, gratitude and support for their many contributions in our local communities.

I believe in high educational standards that allows us to hold our schools, administrators and teachers measurably accountable – through testing, classroom observations and a focus on making sure our teachers “connect” with our students. We need these high standards to get our students career and college ready. However, these high standards are only good for our educational system if curriculum decisions are made LOCALLY – by our community School Boards – and not by county, state or federal government agencies. Let’s be honest. Top-down government doesn’t work – Washington D.C is a great example of that.

AMY MCCUSKER, *Democrat*

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Occupation / Current Position: Vice-President South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education, Consultant, mom of three
Education: University of Michigan Dearborn, B.S. Political Science, Minors: History/English, Walled Lake Western High School
Qualifications / Experience: My entire life has been dedicated to public service. As a School Board member, Consultant, Community Services Director for a local municipality, mom and volunteer I’ve made a commitment to the people of our community. I’ve been involved at all levels, listening to their concerns, fighting passionately for them and been an independent voice locally. We need this and fresh perspectives in Lansing.

Education, Infrastructure, Jobs/Economy. We need to ensure schools are fully funded and return local control. Our children’s education must be our priority. Our infrastructure is a mess. Voters made it clear with Proposal One they disagreed with Lansing’s road funding ideas yet they approved a similar plan disregarding our vote. We need to look at reducing the fuel tax, funding through the current sales tax, vehicle weight, as well as what works in other states. Economically, we’re losing the middle class, our state’s backbone. Tax relief to the middle class, jobs, fiscal responsibility/accountability are critical.

Stop raiding the School Aid fund and make district funding more equitable statewide. Return local control to districts - School Boards, administrators, teachers and parents know kids best. State legislation on funding, evaluations, 3rd grade retention, the “gag order” law, etc. have been appalling. Re-evaluate Common Core and statewide testing. Hold charter schools accountable to the same standards as public schools and stop using taxpayer money with no accountability. Fund vocational programs - not all are college bound. Make sure our students and teachers have the resources needed to compete in a global world.

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Economy: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic position?

Energy & Environment: What actions or policies do you support to meet Michigan energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

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Voter ID to eliminate voter fraud.

Cut job killing regulation that make it hard to start new business, Make Michigan a business friendly state,

Support All-of-the-Above Energy Policy , Keeping our lake and rivers clean, keeping invasive species out of our lakes.

- Create an independent redistricting commission to draw our district lines; do not let politicians draw the lines. - Modernize our voting process: pre-registration, online registration and/or voting, no reason absentee. - Reform Campaign Finance - reduce PAC contribution limits, require PAC donor disclosure, eliminate robocalls.

- Enact B-Corp legislation to grow the entrepreneurial base and attract new talent to Michigan. - Increase wages and benefits to ensure all fulltime employees earn a livable wage and can take care of sick relatives (earned paid sick time). - Implement Pay Equity Reforms to bring women’s wages in line with male counterparts performing the same work. - Work with students at an earlier age to explore career possibilities - this can be done through public-private partnerships, more co-op and intern programs, career days, additional course offerings in careers that do not require a 4 year degree. - Fix our infrastructure and develop mass transit options for workers. We must make Michigan attractive to employers and employees.

- Revise our energy plan to increase our renewable portfolio and incentivize energy efficiency gains for business and residents, and continue to support net metering - Bring back citizens commission for DEQ oversight. We need citizen input for the DEQ permit process to protect our communities from bad actors and irresponsible drilling, fracking or other energy operations near high population areas.

First of all, with respect to voting rights for Michigan voters, I believe that all citizens should have the right to vote, as long as they are old enough to do so. It doesn’t matter whether this is in person at the polling place or by absentee ballot, especially for homebound citizens. If they are old enough for military service, they should be old enough to vote. Second of all, with respect to campaign financing, I don’t believe that there should be any limits placed on campaign financing, and no reporting of this financing should be required.

As mentioned in my legislative priorities, I would like to make it easier to start new business. Small business is a great foundation for jobs and economic growth in our state economy, perhaps at least as much as big business is. A person who really wants to start a new business shouldn’t get discouraged and turned away because of highly burdensome state government bureaucracy, and unnecessarily high start up fees. We should even be ready to put them in touch with the financial institutions that offer the best financing deals to assist them in the start up process. We need our own state bank. I would sponsor bills to cut through the excess bureaucracy. It really does no good to adjust the minimum wage higher or lower. As a matter of labor economics, it is true that the higher the minimum wage, the lower the supply of jobs in an economy, and the lower the minimum wage, the higher the supply of jobs in an economy. Minimum wage can’t be too low because people have to live on something.

Energy is a very basic resource that we need, not only to assist in the function of business, but also to assist in household needs, actually for all aspects of life in general. Two big problems with the production of energy is cost, and pollution of our environment with energy production by-products. Clearly, we need to encourage energy production that is clean and inexpensively renewable, such as solar energy through solar panels, wind energy through windmills, and hydroelectric energy through water turbines. This costs money, and I would encourage all of this to be produced privately as much as possible. For example, business could produce more of this kind of energy with low cost loans that we could arrange for them. Another type of energy that I support greater production of is energy through the production of biofuels. Anaerobic decomposition of organic matter can produce methane, a major component of natural gas. Biodiesel can be produced from waste motor and vegetable oil.

★★★★ District 38 ★★★★★

Elections are a constitutional right of our great society. We must encourage full participation. I support changes to absentee voting laws that would increase turnout at elections. As a life-long advocate for older adults, as well as individuals with health/mobility issues, I believe we should make it as easy as possible for this growing group of citizens to participate in the process. I also believe in fair and honest electoral processes, including full transparency of all campaign funding records. All Michigan residents (and all U.S. residents) should show photo identification at the voting polls.

The Michigan economy finally is rebounding after the “Lost Decade” under Democratic control. More than 2,000 government rules & regulations have been removed since 2011 to encourage accelerated job growth. We must continue to focus on creating high-paying jobs through lower taxes and free-market solutions. I represent citizens in southwest Oakland County, which is one of the fastest growing business corridors in the State of Michigan (I-96 expressway, west of I-275). I promote my District through core conservative values with a perpetual focus on JOBS, FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITY.

I support Governor Snyder’s vision to derive 40% of Michigan’s electricity usage through renewable energy or energy efficiency by 2025. I believe this “40 x 25” standard will protect our environmental assets. I support policies that promote diversification of our energy portfolio, but only if diversification is economically beneficial for Michigan businesses and residents, (i.e. creating jobs, infrastructure improvements and reducing energy waste). Our parks, lakes, streams and forestry are wonderful resources that should be preserved, but only through reasonable regulations that insure robust economic development.

Elections are the basis of our democracy. Priorities are: Repeal the voter id law. Voting is a constitutional right. I’ve seen many, including seniors, not able to vote as they don’t have proper id. We should encourage people to vote. Ensure locals have the training/resources to prevent fraud. Get money out of elections. Unregulated, unrestricted money has taken away the voice of the people. Elected officials should spend more time on constituent’s issues then raising money. Stop gerrymandering. Both parties dropped the ball on a much needed Independent Redistricting Committee. Institute no reason absentee voting.

Our shrinking middle class (most declining state in the U.S.) is frightening. We cannot succeed without them prosperous and a successful economic climate. We should: Stop raising taxes on the middle class. Over the years we’ve had Proposal A, instituted a sales tax, raised the sales tax, raised fuel taxes, instituted a pension tax, etc. These taxes have hurt our pocketbooks and certainly not permanently fixed our economy or provided enough job creation. We must support small businesses, helping them excel in a global economy and reward businesses that stay in Michigan. Focusing on job creation in skilled trades, technology, renewable energy, life sciences and tourism is crucial. It is critical that we create an infrastructure improvement plan that puts people to work fixing our roads, bridges, etc. Annual evaluation of the budget and all programs to confirm they are working and cost effective must be a priority. Ensuring pay equity for everyone is common sense and long overdue.

While we need to make sure our current energy needs are met and cost effective we must become a national leader in the pursuit of more renewable energy. Our Great Lakes and natural resources are our greatest gifts. They must be protected at all costs. Invasive species, loss of our shoreline, etc. are all detrimental to our economy, tourism and daily life. Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac should be shut down. This pipeline is a hazard and a leak would be catastrophic, destroying not only our Great Lakes, but our economy, local communities and life as we know it. Michiganders do not benefit enough from this pipeline for the risk - yet would reap the complete impact of a spill. Protection of our wetlands must continue to be addressed. Natural gas hydraulic fracking should be banned. We need to create more incentives for homeowner’s and businesses that use renewable energy, cutting costs and lessening our dependence on oil.

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Biographical Info

Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

★★★★ District 39 ★★★★★

KLINT KESTO, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, House District 39
Education: University of Michigan, Wayne State University Law School
Qualifications / Experience: Klint has served as the State Representative for the 39th District since being elected in 2012. Klint served for more than five years as a prosecuting attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. He is a manager of his family's small business, Buscemi's Pizza and Sub Shop. Klint also previously worked for the United States Department of Energy and the United States Department of Justice.

Fighting the opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic – As an assistant prosecutor, I saw first hand how this crisis has devastated families. I will continue to work to implement prevention and treatment programs that help save lives. Improve Michigan's economy – Create a climate that will allow businesses to create jobs, increase the wages for Michigan families, keep workers in the state, and reduce the tax burden on Michigan families. Improving roads and infrastructure – We must spend taxpayer dollars efficiently to upgrade our state's deteriorating roads and infrastructure.

It is our duty to provide the students of our state with a quality education that sets them up for success in the future. I was part of a legislature that this year allocated a record amount of funding to K-12 education. I work closely with local school officials, teachers, and administrators in the 39th District to better address their interests in Lansing. We must increase standards of learning. Also, we need to maintain funding for our schools and bring the lower funded districts up. Additionally, I believe that it is imperative that students are provided with more skilled trade training options.

MICHAEL STACK, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Vice President of Sales & Distribution, Penguin Toilets, L.L.C.
Education: Painters & Allied Trades Apprenticeship program. Completed four year trade program in two years.
Qualifications / Experience: 10 years as a Walled Lake Village Councilman, President, Lakes Area Youth Assistance Program, Chairman of Taste of the Lakes, Board member of Coalition for Healthy Communities.

I want to see Michigan's economy grow through stable job creation and by giving our kids a better chance at a well-funded higher education, while bringing greater transparency to state government.

A better focus on teacher certification is needed, as well as funding fairness between for-profit and public schools.

BETH MCGRATH, No Party Affiliation

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

★★★★ District 40 ★★★★★

MICHAEL D McCREADY, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 40th District
Education: Bachelors of Science, Western Michigan University
Qualifications / Experience: State Representative 40th District; Former Mayor and City Commissioner, City of Bloomfield Hills; Zoning Board Chairman and board member; Planning Board Liaison

Ensuring an efficient and transparent state government with an annual balanced budget approved in a timely manner. Prioritize funding to ensure proper funding for schools, county and local government as well as address our infrastructure needs. Adopting policies and laws to foster and improve economic growth and development.

I support reducing our State's reliance on complex testing and would rather adopt a simple, state determined testing assessment. I also support properly investing in our schools and adopting a school evaluation tool that all residents can understand. I believe that current term limits for legislators has led to frequent changes in the direction of education policy and curriculum, which has had an impact on our education system. As a state we need to recognize this shortcoming and work towards an education policy that is stable.

NICOLE BEDI, Democrat

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Facebook: <http://http://www.facebook.com/votebedi>
Occupation / Current Position: Registered Dietitian / parent to two beautiful girls.
Education: Lincoln Park High School (1996), Michigan State University, B.S. in dietetics, B.S. in psychology (2001), Massachusetts General Hospital, Dietetic Internship (2002).
Qualifications / Experience: I am a first time candidate. I became active with grassroots organizing after the murder of my colleague and have been on the leadership of the Michigan Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I have completed the inaugural session of Emerge Michigan, the premier program for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for office.

Keeping communities safe through sensible policies to reduce the level of gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding responsible gun owners, including strengthening our background check system, implementing child access prevention laws, and keeping guns out of schools. Standing up for women and families by protecting the right of women to make their own reproductive choices and advocating for equal pay for equal work and family leave. Fixing a broken education system from ensuring universal early education, improving performance of our public schools, and promoting affordable higher education.

We need to ensure that schools have the adequate funding that they need for a safe and healthy learning environment. Our schools need more than funding alone, they need a holistic plan guided by research, data collection, and transparency to make sure that our investments in education are working, and make changes when they are not. We need to maintain limits on the number of new schools that can open in a district, as districts that suffer low enrollment are suffering the most crippling debt. Charter schools should have to have the same transparency in financial reporting as public schools.

★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★

MARTIN HOWRYLAK, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: CPA/State Representative
Education: Master of Accounting, University of Michigan Bachelor of Science (Geological Sciences), University of Michigan
Qualifications / Experience: State Representative since 2013; Troy City Council 2000-2011; Troy Mayor Pro-Tem 2002-03 and 2007-09; Owner of Howrylak & Company, PC (public accounting firm) since 2011; CPA since 2009; small business owner since 1990; Clawson Lions Club member;

Economic prosperity, Education excellence for all, Government transparency, integrity and accountability.

Properly invest in schools. Don't create winners and losers. While charter schools and alternatives to traditional public schools have a role in education, those pathways should not be funded at the expense of traditional school districts. We must reduce and eventually eliminate the unfunded pension liabilities. That debt burden reduces the effectiveness of education funding because it drains money from the classroom. We need to focus on the skills of the teachers, while also balancing accountability metrics. Reduce the overdependence on standardized tests and return the focus to curriculum, the family and the teacher

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Elections: What policy changes do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights for Michigan voters?

Economy: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic position?

Energy & Environment: What actions or policies do you support to meet Michigan energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

★★★★ District 39 ★★★★★

Voting rights are a cornerstone of our democracy. It is important that we uphold the integrity of each citizens' vote. The entire election process should be one that encourages an informed constituency, and I will always work to protect this fundamental right.

I support policies that eliminate the burdensome regulations that hinder the growth of business and job creation. As a small business owner, I understand the hard work that goes in to running a successful establishment. We must establish an economic climate that allows the entrepreneurial spirit to flourish, small business to succeed and create jobs, and reduce the tax burden on Michigan families. I support policies that keep hard-earned dollars in the pockets of hard-working taxpayers.

It is important that our energy sources are safe, sustainable, and reliable. While we explore new energy sources, we must keep in mind the impact on Michigan residents paying for the energy. Increased rates will hurt Michigan families and businesses, yet we must be cognizant of have safe and reliable sources as well. As the Great Lakes State, Michigan is known for its unique and beautiful natural resources, and we must be responsible with these resources. Michigan's great outdoors contribute to a tourism industry that is an important part of our state's economy, and that contribution should be preserved.

No-reason absentee voting must be enacted, as well as early voting, to get more voices involved. I also support more transparency in the way our elections are funded.

Better educational training, including on-the- job training for those in skilled trades.

Renewable, affordable energy must be made a priority with our funding and other legislative initiatives while also prioritizing job creation for Michigan residents.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

★★★★ District 40 ★★★★★

I support adopting a secure no reason absentee ballot policy for Michigan and other measures to ensure the integrity of our elections such as identification requirements at the ballot box, and maintaining a campaign funding system that is open and transparent. The state should also work with local clerks to identify and correct errors in the qualified voter file and maintain up to date voting equipment.

Our tax and regulatory polices should be reasonable and not overly burdensome. I support reviewing current state laws and policies to identify places where the State can reduce its regulation of the free market. I also support lowering state income taxes from the current 4.25% to 3.9% and investing state funds into critical areas such as state infrastructure, education (K-12 and Higher Ed.), and public safety.

With new federal mandates, Michigan must continue to work towards a robust energy policy that is specifically tailored to our state while focusing on the resources that our available to us in the Great Lakes region. I also support the State's continued membership in the Great Lakes Water Consortium that works to protect our great lakes, so that our state can enjoy this natural resource for years to come.

We need to improve the accountability and transparency of the campaign finance process. I support the initiative to lower the amount that PACs can give over individuals to decrease the influence of special interest groups over the amount allowed to Michigan citizens. Donors to super PACs should need to be disclosed. I would advocate for an automatic voter registration process, that one would require opt-out of instead of needing to opt-in, as well as online voter registration and same day voter registration on Election Day. I would advocate for everyone to be able to vote by mail or no-reason absentee ballots.

We can strengthen the middle class with tax plans that benefit families, such as tax breaks for children, dependent care, senior citizens, and college affordability, instead of tax breaks to corporations who are readily sending our jobs overseas. I support an increase in the minimum wage to a living wage that not only benefits the lives of workers, the majority of whom are women, but the increase in money earned will be spent and will stimulate our economy and support new jobs. We must continue to advocate for paid sick days and paid family/maternity leave because career and family care shouldn't be a choice.

It its vital to the next generations of Michiganders that we reduce our dependence on coal to curb climate change, and decrease pollution for a healthier Michigan. We can achieve this goal through continuing to decrease our energy waste, and through continuing to encourage and promote innovation and competition in the development of clean energy sources. That means not only are Michiganders saving money on their utility bills, but jobs are being created in engineering and manufacturing.

★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★

No reason absentee voting, in-person early voting. I also support increased transparency and accountability regarding campaign finance reporting. I have sponsored a bill to reduce the contribution limits for PACs, relative to individual campaign contributions. Elected officials should focus on their communities and the citizens of the state first and foremost.

Stop picking and choosing winners and losers. Tax fairness and equity, a reasonable and not overly burdensome regulatory and tax environment will help to incubate and grow businesses in our state, while also encouraging economic development. A high quality education and a multi-faceted transportation system, along with an entrepreneurially friendly environment will help to ensure opportunities for all.

I support a balanced approach to electricity production with a continuation of the energy efficiency standards that have served our state well.

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Biographical Info

Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

CYNDI PELTONEN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Graduate Assistant, International Academy, Bloomfield Hills

Education: Central Michigan University, Master of Science in Public Administration, in progress; Wayne State University, Bachelor of Music, Music Education K-12

Qualifications / Experience: A unique blend of professional experience - 8 years in the corporate world, 15 years as a small business owner, and 28 years in the education community - lets me look at issues through a multi-faceted lens. Elected to the Clawson Board of Education five times - serving my fellow citizens for over 20 years - I know how to build consensus with other leaders to get things done for the good of all.

I will work with other legislators who agree serving constituents trumps partisan rhetoric, to: 1. Strengthen our economy by supporting small businesses, workers, innovators, and higher education - and return tax dollars to our seniors, working families, schools and communities. 2. Adequately fund local schools, community colleges, and public universities - and hold charter schools accountable. Legislators must work with educators to do what's best for kids. 3. Stand up for transparency in government and integrity in public service. The Governor and Legislature should be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Conduct an adequacy study for school funding. 2. Fully fund and clearly establish the purpose of all state mandated testing. 3. Ensure safe and secure schools through state financial support for facilities and infrastructure, including technology. 4. Guarantee funding equal to the rate of inflation for early childhood, K-12 and higher education. 5. Provide universal access to preschool for all 4 year olds, staffed by fully certified teachers. 6. Provide K-3 reading intervention tools - not 3rd grade retention. 7. Hold charter schools accountable to standards of transparency, reporting and treatment of employees.

★★★★ District 43 ★★★★★

JIM TEDDER, Republican

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Facebook Page: State Rep Jim Tedder

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, 43rd District

Education: Education Specialist in Education Leadership - Oakland University, Master of Business Administration - Oakland University, Bachelor of Applied Arts - Central Michigan University

Qualifications / Experience: Incumbent State Representative for the 43rd House District. 29 year small business owner, former school administrator and social studies teacher. More than 26 years of grassroots political experience.

Fix roads and infrastructure - Prioritize spending and support efficiencies to ensure valuable road funding dollars are allocated and spent properly. Improve Education - Continue to work with parents, students, and local school officials to support education reform where it matters most, at the local level. Improve Economy - continue to support legislative efforts that ease tax burdens on seniors and families, reduce red tape for businesses, and provide an appealing and welcoming economic climate for all businesses.

I am a strong supporter of local control and believe that the most important educational decisions should be made by local communities and schools. To that end, I meet regularly with local parents and education officials in support of better educational outcomes for students. I am also a strong proponent of reinvigorating skilled trades education in our schools across the state; I would like to see more opportunities for Michigan's kids to gain exposure to these valuable skills and career pathways at a younger age.

TED VILLELLA, Democrat

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

★★★★ District 44 ★★★★★

JIM RUNESTAD, Republican

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MARK VENIE, Democrat

Occupation / Current Position: Technical Writer

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, end corporate welfare and restore funding to the public school system, repair and upgrade Michigan's roads, bridges and tunnels.

Michigan must restore full funding to the public school system, with more teachers and smaller class sizes. We must also improve testing programs to better reflect the school curriculum. .

★★★★ District 45 ★★★★★

MICHAEL WEBBER, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative serving the Greater Rochester area.

Education: BA in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University. 2006 Michigan Political Leadership fellow

Qualifications / Experience: 26 year resident of Rochester Hills, Product of the Rochester Community Schools as a Rochester Adams HS graduate. Spent nearly 10 years as Legislative Staff in MI State Government. Spent over 7 years as a member of the Rochester Hills City Council, the final 3 years as Vice President. Involved in various committees as part of city activities, including the OPC Governing Board and Brownfield Auth.

- Education: As a product of Rochester Community Schools, I am supporter of public education. For the 2015-2016 legislative session, I have supported increases in Per Pupil funding each year. As we continue to pay off DPS debt we must do so without burdening other school districts. - Roads and Infrastructure: I supported a comprehensive road plan that will get needed resources to our local and county roads, ramping up the program so that we can plan projects appropriately. - Oil/Gas exploration: I introduced House Bill 4260 to increase setbacks in urban, residential heavy areas like Oakland County.

Education is a critical part of state government and that is reflected in the budget. During this legislative session there has been much discussion about 3rd grade reading proficiency. Some of our students cannot read at 3rd grade and this is setting them up for potential failure as they move forward. Any program dealing with 3rd grade reading will have to come with the proper funding to implement. Another issue is expanding the use of voter approved Sinking Funds to include technology. Many schools are bonding for technology which is not a good approach.

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★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

The current system needs reform. Voters need to know who gives large amounts to candidate and issue campaigns. We should: 1. publically finance campaigns. 2. reverse Citizens United. 3. require full disclosure of donations to Super PACs. 4. reduce the amount Super PACs can contribute to campaigns. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy, yet many people don't vote because they feel it doesn't matter. We must: 1. promote ballot access. 2. fight voter suppression. 3. expand early voting to all, for any reason. 4. insure sufficient number of polling places and accurate voter records. 5. end gerrymandering.

We must rectify the massive tax shift orchestrated by Gov. Snyder and the republican controlled legislature, which increased taxes on the middle class, seniors and working families by \$1.6 billion, while cutting taxes for corporations by nearly \$2 billion dollars. I will work to help implement the Democratic Blueprint for Michigan Families. This plan would reinstate the senior income tax exemption, create child tax credits, expand the Homestead property tax credit, and create an income tax credit of 50% of the amount paid on student loans. <http://www.housedems.com/article/blueprint-michigans-families> We need to restore funds that were taken from cities and schools, so we can fully staff police, fire, paramedics and other community services, and re-hire teachers and support staff to offer the world class education our children and grandchildren deserve. Putting people to work rebuilding our failing infrastructure is a proven model of growing the economy from the middle out.

Continuing to increase Michigan's clean energy targets creates jobs, controls energy costs and protects the health of Michigan kids, families and seniors - and continues our path to energy independence. Michigan's successful energy laws have spurred more than \$3 billion in investment since 2008 and support over 87,000 jobs in the clean energy sector. Besides lower utility bills for everyone, renewable energy and energy efficiency policies are tools for economic growth. Conservation of our abundant natural resources must become a top priority for Michigan again. To this end we should: 1. strengthen air quality standards. 2. dedicate funding for land conservation programs. 3. invest in public and non-motorized transportation. 4. protect our water from "fracking". 5. keep oil out of Michigan waterways. 6. stop toxic run off. 7. reduce energy waste. 8. adopt a strong recycling rate target. 9. support responsible food production. 10. return to local control and citizen oversight.

★★★★ District 43 ★★★★★

It is important that campaign funding sources and the use of those funds remain open and transparent. Voting is among the most sacred of rights and I will stand to ensure that the security and integrity of the voting process is protected.

I am in support of economic policy that provides needed relief for Michigan taxpayers and businesses. I am in support of phasing out the state income tax with a more equitable, consumption based means of taxation. I do not favor targeted tax breaks and, instead, favor broad based tax policy that supports economic growth and opportunity for all.

As Michigan utilities close older coal-fired energy plants in favor of cleaner, more efficient natural gas plants, we must be considerate of the rate and expense at which this transition occurs. Doing so too quickly will likely be to the detriment of ratepayers. Maintaining choice as part of the energy debate will also be important as we must remain sensitive to cost for Michigan consumers, businesses and government entities such as schools. As Michiganders, we must remain good stewards of our precious natural resources, including our Great Lakes, and allow market forces to continue to incentivize the use of renewable sources of energy. Strict and arbitrary mandates will stifle the continued growth of the economy.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

★★★★ District 44 ★★★★★

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Michigan should have motor-voter registration and mail-in voting similar to the law in Oregon. Voters would be automatically registered to vote and would receive a mail-in ballot 2 weeks before the election.

Increased consumer spending is what creates new jobs. Consumers must have an increase in income. To accomplish this, we must increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, repeal the tax on pensions and restore the earned income tax credit to the previous amount.

Michigan must stop investing in obsolete technologies like burning coal and gas to generate electricity. Michigan needs to make a complete conversion to renewable energy linked solar and wind power. Consumers should receive a tax credit for installing solar panels in their homes. Michigan must also build offshore wind farms. Businesses that pollute air and water should pay the clean-up costs.

★★★★ District 45 ★★★★★

I believe that we need increased transparency in campaign finance reporting. I have introduced a bill to increase the fine for candidates who do not get their campaign finance report in on time. The current fine does not seem to get some candidates attention, so we hope that increasing it with incentive them to get their reports in on time.

I support the governor's push to have an increased focus on career and technical education to compete with college. These are good paying jobs that were not focused on during the Lost Decade as the push was towards attending a 4 year university. I also support efforts at job re-training as the defense industry and technology intensive industries emerge in Michigan. I speak with employers all the time who have job openings that remain unfilled because workers lack the needed training to do the job. As a state we need to adapt to meet the demands of these emerging sectors.

For me Energy Policy is all about Reliability and Cost. For our residents, businesses and schools etc. energy reliability effects their productivity and quality of life. If the power is out, businesses cannot be productive, schools remain closed and residents suffer from poor quality of life. But cost needs to be competitive. Businesses look at that when looking to stay or relocate in Michigan. It is one of the biggest costs that we have as residents and businesses. At the same time, since the law changed in 2008 the state has seen increased use in alternative energy like Wind, Solar, and Hydroelectric etc. that continues to be a part of the discussion and balance as we discuss energy policy in 2016. The state will need increased energy capacity as power plants go off line in our state. As stated above I remain concerned about how Oil/Gas drilling affects urban, residential heavy areas in Oakland County. The Flint Water Crisis shows the need for legislative oversight for state dept.

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Education: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes for students and for school districts?

★★★★ District 45 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

TED GOLDEN, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Physician - Dermatologist / Retired

Education: University of Michigan 1961-1968, M.D. Degree U. of M. 1968, Internship Sinai Hospital of Detroit 1968-1969, Dermatology Residency Henry Ford Hospital 1969- 1972 Board Certified Dermatologist

Qualifications / Experience: Numerous life experiences, U.S. Navy 1972-1974, Private Dermatology Practice 1974-2013, Chief of Dermatology William Beaumont Hospital 1981-2002, Political Outsider, Superior Political Thinker, Best Candidate for House Rep

Governor Synder improved the business climate. I want to improve the living climate in Michigan in order to reduce government induced stress and anxiety. A better living climate is needed to attract high paying jobs. Recent sub-standard government performance has been detrimental to citizens health. Outsiders like myself are needed to advance health and health care standards in Michigan. Michigan has an unemployment rate less than the national average. Per capita income is low compared to other states. The poverty rate high. Michigan needs to attract higher paying jobs. Business incentives may help.

The number one educational problem is poverty. This exists in the Rochester area and has to be addressed. The gifted and high achieving students should be taught at their level. Adequate funding is a key factor in providing superior public education. Good buildings and excellent teachers cost money. Small class size especially in early elementary school is essential for students to receive individual attention. I believe in the Common Core Standard so students have academic goals that will prepare them for the future. The curriculum should be individualized so each student achieves full potential.

★★★★ District 46 ★★★★★

JOHN REILLY, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Home service business owner 14 years. Twenty years of experience in Automotive Engineering.

Education: Automotive Technology Engineering Associate's Degree from Oakland Community

Qualifications / Experience: 6 years Precinct delegate and organizer of Oakland township delegates.

First, I will seek to reduce the growth of government, while prioritizing spending. Many good ideas exist in Lansing without the support to pass them. Second, I will seek to improve education by opting out of Common Core and promote freedom of educational choices. Third, I will seek to promote legislation which supports free markets and rejects crony capitalism.

First, I will seek to defund and opt out of Common Core and restore educational decision making to the state and local level where decision makers are more accountable to parents. I am opposed to the nationalization of education through the adoption of Common Core. Second, I will seek to provide local school district officials with greater flexibility in seeking the best educational choices for its students. Third, I will work to empower parents with freedom of educational choices for their children.

DAVID LILLIS, Democrat

Occupation / Current Position: Executive Sous Chef

Education: Grad. Boyne City High School-Associates degree Oakland Comm College

To represent the district 46 on behalf of the people, they will tell me how we will cast OUR vote and working seven days a week, twelve hours a day. Using district time to be in our area to inform and get feedback from constituents ,schools ,businesses and services to find out what their needs are and make it happen. We have a representative in both the house and senate yet we haven't been represented although there party has been. To set a standard as a public servant to make the lives of our district and state better in the past. At this point our children will not have a life as good as we did, WE MUST FIX THIS NOW

Revamp the schools class structure to do more to get our children ready for the future at hand, Investigate where and how the money is distributed and used (schools should not be for profit) , by visiting all the schools in our district to see first hand just what needs to be done. The situation in Detroit and other school districts have been neglected by the legislator for to long , they use it as a tool to get elected then ignore it . I will work one on one with teachers ,personal and administrators to fix there problems, not just talk. I WILL BE IN THE SCHOOLS WEEKLY AND PUSH TO GET OUR SYSTEM IMPROVED!!!!

★★★★ District 51 ★★★★★

JOSEPH GRAVES, Republican

Campaign Website: <http://www.voteforgraves.com/>

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

RYAN BLADZIK, Democrat

Campaign Website: <http://vote.ryanbladzik.com>

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/VoteRyanBladzik>
Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner/Marketing Consultant

Education: MA Communication-Michigan State University, BA International Studies-Michigan State University, BA Political Science-Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Village of Holly President; Michigan Municipal League Energy, Environment and Technology committee; Oakland County Business Roundtable;

1) Education: Michigan's education system has been dysfunctional for more than 25 years, and I would champion system-wide reforms in funding and achievement. 2) Revenue Sharing: Michigan is the only state to have disinvested in its cities in the last 10 years, yet our cities and villages are our centers of community, economy and services, as well as public safety. We need to refocus our budget priorities. 3) Economic Opportunity: Michigan needs to invest in providing economic opportunities for all citizens, from skilled trades to professional careers.

Our school children need to stop being treated like factory-made widgets and commodities to be evaluated and traded. I support more comprehensive student evaluation for achievement and advancement that integrates more qualitative factors in addition to quantitative measurements—take the focus off standardized tests. Funding needs to be reformed to allow for smaller class sizes and provide more learning resources. I also support more funding for early childhood development programs to give kids the jump-start they need to be successful in school.

MARK L SANBORN, Libertarian

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Michigan Representative – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Two Year Term

Elections: What policy changes do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights for Michigan voters?

Economy: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic position?

Energy & Environment: What actions or policies do you support to meet Michigan energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

★★★★ District 45 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

A central theme of my campaign is to empower citizens by retention elections for Michigan judges. A judge who seeks another term is listed on the ballot with the following, "Should this incumbent judge be retained for another term? Mark Yes or No." I will propose a Michigan constitutional amendment for retention elections. Any voter should be able to request an absentee ballot with no questions asked. Establish criteria and a non-partisan commission to draw voting districts to prevent gerrymandering. Limits on political contributions. Donors and amounts of all political activity reported for public viewing.

Michigan's number one problem is low per capita income. Michigan needs a better living climate to attract high paying jobs. Business incentives are needed for Michigan to be competitive. Michigan has to treat its citizens fairly concerning taxes. I want self paid health insurance premiums to be a subtraction from income item on the tax return. Synder improved the business climate by giving businesses substantial tax breaks. He taxed pensions and low income earners to pay for the tax breaks. The state should have a graduated state income tax, which is based on the ability to pay. Most will pay less taxes.

I believe there is global warming and human activity is the major cause. Our State House Rep should believe in global warming in order to properly deal with it. Michigan currently imports most of the fossil fuel and uranium it uses. Michigan should develop clean in state energy sources such as solar and wind power. Natural gas is better than coal. Fracking has been without major incident in Michigan. There should be competition among energy producers in order for the consumer to get the best price. The consumer should have strong representation on regulatory boards. Conservation should be emphasized.

★★★★ District 46 ★★★★★

Enforce existing state campaign finance laws as they relate to public schools ability to promote schools bonds or school mileage increases. More stringent laws may be necessary to prevent schools from campaigning for additional funding.

I will support a reversal of the current trend of increasing occupational licensing. Excessive licensing and testing reduces competition while discouraging small business start-up, which is a means to prosperity for many and is the backbone of our economy. Licensing, testing and inspection practices should also be reviewed periodically.

I will support opening up electric markets to help meet electrical energy needs at competitive pricing. Michigan's water air and land are a valued resource and should be regularly monitored. Environmental decisions should be made based on facts.

I have run my campaigns collecting no money because it comes with Quid Pro Quo, you can't represent your district when you sellout to the highest bidder, this includes endorsements, I only accept a legitimate, free and clear position. Campaign funding should be limited to make it fair for all candidates. Our current system is corrupt which has made it ineffectual in their job performance. A new system put in place for the future to increase voter turn out, leaving no person without the right to vote. A statewide voting system across the board, Ban gerrymandering as it is illegal, Show corruption to the voters.

The current legislature has sold us out to privateers and we'll pay the price in our future. I will do everything to fight this and bring this corruption to the voters attention. The state will lose billions of dollars in tax revenue due to our current legislators "little mistakes". (1 Fix our infrastructure and with our citizens and state companies. Put in a tax plan that assists small business so they can become successful while cutting the black box loop hole for big business. They pay no tax and smaller business are overtaxed. Put back the movie and T V incentive and bring back those jobs. The top legislators dictate what will be acted on, I will act on behalf of district 46 not what the parties or sellouts want us to have. We will be an independent district that will speak on it's own. With our resources and new attitude to improving our land usage we can put a business climate second to none, but not if legislators put there own interests first working only few hours.

Rally the people of Michigan and surrounding states to stop all attempts by the rest of the country from trying to drain the great lakes! Negotiate and find ways through our experts and colleges to find safe, clean ways to extract energy. At this time we let all parties go in different directions, I will work with them to make this a reality. Work out a tax credit or assistance as they have put in effect in Hawaii, which benefits the consumer and creates a surplus to be shared. Get energy companies to invest more in state colleges to test new ideas as well as educate future workers. I will take no money or endorsements from this sector to push there agenda as is currently happening. With the project of fixing our infrastructure for the we will use the newest methods putting Michigan as the benchmark as well as a safe environment for the future. This will create businesses to come to our state and create jobs. I also want to increase cyber protection technology from out state

★★★★ District 51 ★★★★★

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

I do not support the "Citizens United" decision and its resulting outcomes—all money that goes into campaigns for public office should be traceable, whether it be at the federal, state or local level. I support no-reason absentee balloting.

Job creation is one factor in a strong economy, but wages and cost of living are another factor in the economic position of Michigan families. It does little for the quality of life and prosperity of a family if workers must work two low-wage jobs to make ends meet. Michigan must invest in its schools and skilled trade education programs to help fill the thousands of good-paying jobs that go unfilled, and that our minimum wage continues to keep pace with the cost of living and provides more than subsistence economic means.

We have reached a point in our technology and human development where we need to shift towards efficient and renewable sources of energy, not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children and grandchildren. I support increasing development and implementation of solar and wind energy, especially in rural areas, as well as net metering to reduce the cost and consumption of energy. Our Great Lakes and natural lands are Michigan's greatest assets aside from the people themselves. We need to continue to have strict laws, enforcement and penalties for those that would pollute or ruin our lands. I believe energy extraction methods like fracking should have exceptionally strong and unrelenting environmental safety requirements, and I support stricter monitoring of oil pipeline conditions and integrity.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

State Board of Education – 8-Year Terms – Vote for up to TWO

Duties: The State Board of Education has eight members and has leadership and general supervision responsibility over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith. It shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>Michigan has been listed as one of the lowest performing school systems in the US. What can be done to stop this downward slide which jeopardizes our students' and our state's future economic strength?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<p>TOM McMILLIN, Republican Campaign Website: www.tom4sbe.com Occupation / Current Position: Certified Public Accountant Education: Bachelor's Degree, Accounting/Economics from University of Michigan</p>	<p>A father, husband, CPA, former State representative and chairman of the House Education Committee and former President of the board of a charter school. If elected, I will seek to push education authority out of Washington and Lansing and down to the local level – to local teachers and parents, who know what is best for a child's education. I would be an asset on the Board in many ways. As a CPA, I can provide needed oversight of how taxpayer dollars are spent on education. I led the effort in the legislature to try to stop Common Core in Michigan and will lead the repeal effort on the State Board of Education.</p>	<p>Focusing on how students in Michigan perform on one test on one day is NOT the best way to determine how our schools are performing. I trust teachers and parents to determine how a student is doing, not arbitrary tests aligned to questionable standards or bad standards in the case of Common Core. Further, the creativity and ingenuity of our students diminishes greatly when the emphasis is on tests to form comparisons. Consider other countries, where we're also told we're falling behind - their students are great test takers but cannot think outside the test. Creativity and innovation are more important.</p>	<p>The State Board needs to reverse its drive to centralize education and instead, push authority back to the local level, where teachers and parents know what is best for students. Repealing Common Core and the national science standards would be a good start. The State Superintendent's recent efforts to make the statewide test more high-stakes, which leads to more "teaching to the test" and less on what is best for students, should be opposed. Reversing the recent outrageous decision by the Board to approve guidance to allow boys into girls' bathrooms and locker rooms ("transgender policy") is also needed.</p>
<p>NIKKI SNYDER, Republican Campaign Website: http://NikkiSnyder.net Facebook: http://NikkiSnyderSBOE Occupation / Current Position: Part-Time Faculty, Washtenaw Community College; Lactation Consultant, Providence Park Hospital Education: AAP, Washtenaw Community College; BSN, Eastern Michigan University; IBCLE, in progress Twitter: twitter.com/NikkiSnyderSBOE</p>	<p>First, as a parent of three children, one of which has an IEP through our local school district and another which has a physical disability, I bring unique experience and am ready to advocate for kids with disabilities. I have also been active at the local and state level in key areas of education including protecting local control and attending meetings and participating in public comment regularly. I am also an educator myself. I teach Fundamentals of Nursing and OB Lab at Washtenaw Community College and have had an opportunity to experience firsthand the quality of K-12 education our kids graduate with.</p>	<p>I think one of the most important things we can do to address Michigan's problem of achievement in education is to talk about it. We need to address the factors that affect kids in tapping into their own potential. We need to value the importance of parents in the home and get close to the people that surround the problems and get them involved. If we don't talk about achievement, study the data that speaks to our performance and involve those close to our problems, we won't improve on low performance. We also need leadership that is transparent and accountable to the</p>	<p>The most pressing issue in this office and in education today is shifting the conversation to the importance of the quality of education for our students. By focusing on family through protecting parental rights, local control through electing responsible leaders and those with special needs by tracking our special education dollars, we can shift the conversation in the ways needed to improve education in Michigan.</p>
<p>ISH AHMED, Democrat Campaign Website: www.ismaelforboard.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ismaelahmedstateboard/ Twitter: @ismaelahmedmich Occupation / Current Position: Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, University of Michigan Dearborn Education: Bachelor's Degree in Education and Certified Teacher</p>	<p>I have been engaged in issues regarding education my whole life. I and wife Margaret (a teacher), our five children, and six grandchildren have all gone to public schools. I helped found ACCESS, the largest Arab American human services agency in the country. As its Director, we launched dozens of education programs both nationally and locally. Later, as Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, I supported early education programs for low income families. Now at U of M-D, I work with the students and faculty to grow university access and community impact. Finally, I was a member of the UAW for 12 years.</p>	<p>We need to put the PUBLIC back in public schools. When parents, teachers, and local elected officials are the decision makers, we get the kind of community approach that strengthens our neighborhood schools. We need a system of truly EQUAL EDUCATION no matter what your zip code with equal funding, local control, and additional supports for children with disabilities. We also need a more rational approach to charter schools that does not undermine public education. Finally, we need to assure every student has a great start by universalizing early education and making college affordable, no matter your income.</p>	<p>The two most important issues we face in Michigan are the assurance of a creative, functional, well-funded education system and an inclusive society that provides equal opportunity no matter what your color, income, religion, sex or sexual preference. Job one is to engage our communities in the decision making about how to achieve these goals. I would work to strengthen the public education system through equal and adequate funding. I would oppose the emergency manager laws that take power away from teachers, parents and local elected officials and would hold charter schools to the same standards as public schools.</p>
<p>JOHN AUSTIN, Democrat Campaign Website: http://AustinForMichigan.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AustinForMichigan Occupation / Current Position: Director of the Michigan Economic Center Education: Masters in Public Administration, Harvard University John F Kennedy School of Government, '87-'90; BA in Econ and Political Science with High Honors and Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College, '80-'83.</p>	<p>Over a 25-year career working in government, running education non-profits, and serving as a leading state and national economic policy expert with the Brookings Institution and Michigan Economic Center, I have made education as an economic engine my primary focus. As President of the Michigan Board of Education I have led efforts to reform our education system. The Cherry Commission I led brought new high school requirements, launched college Promise programs, and created the No Worker Left Behind and Michigan Merit Scholarship to help pay for higher ed for all. I'm running to build on the important work we've begun.</p>	<p>Top performing states invest in public education, but Michigan has reduced its education budget by more than 25% over the last decade. High performing states spend on educator skill building so teachers are able to deliver on high standards. They also invest more in students with greater learning needs, to close achievement gaps by race and income. Michigan's proliferation of charters and virtual schools without quality control has wreaked havoc on student learning. Michigan must insist all schools are of quality so students have access to good schools and taxpayer dollars aren't wasted on schools that don't perform.</p>	<p>1) Reforming our school funding model, changing our resource allocation strategy to focus on what works, and funding students based on their particular needs. 2) Closing large achievement and performance gaps by race, socioeconomic status, and among differentially situated learners (for example, special education and ESL students). 3) Re-making Michigan's charter, virtual learning and school choice policy to ensure quality control over all educational offerings and provide an effective learning environment for all children.</p>
<p>SCOTTY BOMAN, Libertarian Campaign Website: https://www.political-bank.com/find-candidates/scotty-boman Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/scottyboman Occupation / Current Position: Science and Mathematics Professor at Henry Ford College, Macomb Com Col & Wayne Co. Com Col Dist. Education: Wayne State U: Teaching Certificate (1998) and MAT (1999) Western Michigan U: MA in Physics (1987), and BS (1985) Majors: Physics and Philosophy. Minor: Mathematics. Twitter: twitter.com/boman2012</p>	<p>I've been a professional educator for 20 years. I served on the Wayne State U. Student Council in 1999. I was Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in 2006. My most important qualification is that I am a professional educator who recognizes the failure of compulsory education run from Lansing. Of course I can't change that directly, but I can be an advocate for reform. I support returning the amount of money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes.</p>	<p>Over-specialization is the primary cause of extinction. We need to diversify and move away from the top-down approach that seeks to standardize education. One size does not fit all. Central control caused the downward slide. I support returning the amount of money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes. This is a compromise. Ideally politician would not intervene in the education process and people would not have that money stolen from them by the government for that purpose.</p>	<p>1. Over-standardization: Issue guidelines that encourage schools to be laboratories of innovation. Encourage distance learning opportunities that would be accessible by traditional students and home-schooled students alike. Civics curricula should be inclusive and not fixated on promoting only two parties. 2. Coercive funding mechanisms: Advise the legislature on initiatives to restore local and parental control. People should not be forced to pay for education they don't use. 3. Safety: "Gun-Free Zones" are favored by terrorists. Permit people legally qualified to carry firearms elsewhere to carry them in schools.</p>

State Board of Education – 8-Year Terms – Vote for up to TWO (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>Michigan has been listed as one of the lowest performing school systems in the US. What can be done to stop this downward slide which jeopardizes our students' and our state's future economic strength?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<p>BILL HALL, Libertarian Facebook: http://https://www.facebook.com/Bill-Hall-for-Michigan-State-Board-of-Education-283513212017001/?fref=nf Occupation / Current Position: Commercial real estate law attorney/Partner, Warner Norcross & Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm Education: Graduate, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, J.D., cum laude and Order of the Coif, 1981; Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, A.B., magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, 1978.</p>	<p>Attorney/partner in Warner Norcross & Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm, specializing in commercial real estate law with 35 years' experience advising individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations. Managed firm's Real Estate Services Group for more than 10 years, about 40 attorneys/paralegals. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. Served on many nonprofit boards, Boy Scout leader since 1994, now Scoutmaster, Rockford Troop 282. Honors graduate, Northwestern University School of Law and Wabash College. Committed to improving education through freedom of choice and fiscal responsibility.</p>	<p>Support freedom of choice in education. Competition from charter and private schools and home schooling pushes traditional public schools to innovate and better educate, and saves taxpayer dollars. Don't mandate a national "common core" curriculum. Give schools more freedom to choose their own social policies. Support fiscal responsibility. Address the unfunded school pension crisis by replacing defined benefit with defined contribution plans, letting poorly performing schools fail rather than bailing them out, and smartly re-deploying funds to focus on academic achievement.</p>	<p>Dismal education results – Apply consistent M-STEP testing standards to measure progress and identify and address failing schools and teachers. Federal mandates (common core, transgender rights, etc.) – Leave decisions to local school districts, teachers and parents. Fiscal Responsibility – freeze participation in existing underfunded defined benefit pension plans and shift future contributions to defined contribution plans; don't bail out failing schools; re-purpose funds to improve academics and pay teachers, not fund sports and administrators.</p>
<p>KAREN ADAMS, U.S. Taxpayers</p>		<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	
<p>DOUGLAS LEVESQUE, U.S. Taxpayers Campaign Website: http://electlevesque.com/</p>		<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	
<p>DEREK M GRIGSBY, Green Facebook: http://Derek M. Grigsby Occupation / Current Position: Part time employee of Emmet County, Michigan</p>	<p>I'm qualified because I have a sound logical thinking mind (this is all anyone who seeks to serve the public needs). My experience has come from attending schools in Detroit Michigan for 20 years. What I bring to the board is a mind, soul and heart that truly cares about all students regardless of their social and or economic background.</p>	<p>First of all our children's education should not be tied to economic growth. To me, education is to enlighten the mind to its full potential !! (That's it). Our minds and our children's minds should not be trained and educated for others to use for their economic benefit, which is how it is now.</p>	<p>What I see is underfunding, disrespectful and uncaring attitudes on the part of our education servants. The people in charge treat our children and adults for that matter, as commodities to be bought and sold. That must change. Another issue that ties in with that is the privatization of education that has manifested itself in Charter Schools. Education MUST be free and accessible to all. Charter schools are a Trojan Horse that is destroying the future of many of our kids. Making sure all schools are adequately funded and showing students that they are loved and respected no matter what level of understanding.</p>
<p>SHERRY A WELLS, Green Campaign Website: www.sherryawells.net Facebook: http://Sherry A Wells Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, writer/author, small business owner: Lawells Publishing, public speaker, volunteer Education: Grand Rapids Community College–Assoc. Arts.; M.S.U. – B.A. in Education, minors: Spanish, English, Political Science; Wayne State Univ. Law School–J.D.</p>	<p>I am a life-long Michigander, schooled in Detroit and rural Kent County. An alleged "teacher surplus" kept me from using my teacher's certificate. I instructed paralegal law at O. U. and Comm. College; wrote a text and guide. I taught Esperanto to varied ages; presented at foreign language teacher conferences. I was an involved parent. I volunteer in the Detroit and Metro. region. I did "homework" beyond most when I ran for local school board, was elected to and chaired a city commission. My education, experience, passion and energy make me an asset.</p>	<p>Communities not corporations should be running schools. Schools should be returned to their communities, which can best determine the wrap-around services needed by their own students for the best achievement. Elected school boards, no charters, no emergency managers, no high-stakes testing which enriches corporations. Education is crucial to the general economy and to the personal economic status of each resident and is therefore a "common good," like police, fire, roads, transit, and trash pickup and should be well-financed.</p>	<p>The most pressing is to return the Office of School Reform and Design to the Board. That office can research, study, approve and supervise new methods instead of methods being a scam rationale for charters. The Michigan Constitution charged the Board with policy-making and advising the legislature as to financing of schools and its expertise MUST be heeded. I will continue going on the road to educate residents about these issues and urge the election of responsible and responsive legislators.</p>
<p>MARY ANNE HERING, Working Class Campaign Website: www.workingclassfight.com/party Occupation / Current Position: College Teacher, Henry Ford College Education: B.A, University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) M.A. Ecological Psychology, Michigan State University</p>	<p>As a long-time teacher, several generations of people in the Detroit Metro area have come through my classroom. I have been a steadfast advocate for students and their families, the support staff of the colleges, as well as part-time teachers, who make up the backbone of the teaching staff of all colleges. My candidacy can give voice to workers who see their children deprived of a decent education because the state cuts money from public education. I can speak for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate children and whose wages and benefits are reduced because of those cuts.</p>	<p>The lowest performing schools are in the poorest communities. Put a stop to tax breaks to corporations and billionaires. Stop paying on the debt that the Emergency managers accumulated. There is more than enough money in this society to fund way beyond the "base cost expenditure" per child recently recommended by the state-commissioned adequacy study. It took a social movement of working class people to get public education for their children in the first place. It will take another social fight to make sure that public money should be spent on public services and to guarantee an excellent education for ALL children.</p>	<p>Crumbling schools. Attacks on teachers and support staff. The handing over of public money to for-profit charter schools. Low test scores in the districts where the least amount of money is spent/child. The board, by itself, cannot solve these problems. My priority would be to fight to put a stop to any more budget cuts and attacks on public education. I would try to organize people, from students and their parents, from teachers to custodians, to stand together and demand that the money we pay in taxes should go for what it is we need in our schools and communities. And demand full, high funding, in all districts.</p>

Biographical Info

Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?

What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?

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

University of Michigan Board of Regents – 8-Year Terms – Vote for up to TWO

Duties: The University of Michigan Board of Regents has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

CARL MEYERS, Republican

Campaign Website: See Facebook page for biography, positions and commitment to freezing tuition at U of M.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/carl.meyers.10>

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Occupation / Current Position: Raymond James & Associates Senior Vice President, Investments Financial Advisor, WMS

Education: University of Michigan-Dearborn. School of Business, BSA. 1979

As a U of M Regent, I will call for an immediate freeze in tuition for Michigan resident undergraduate students. Higher education is out of reach for most, without family sacrifice and crippling student debt. It's time to make the University of Michigan affordable again for all students. My thirty-plus years of experience in finance, investment management and board governance will be an asset as the University addresses continued budgetary and tuition challenges. In addition, my knowledge of investment and portfolio management will be an asset in oversight of the University's 10-billion-dollar endowment.

Freezing tuition will be the first step in making U of M attendance more affordable, and begin the process of reducing the necessity of stifling student debt. My Democratic opponents, Regents Deitch and Illich, have failed to lead on this issue. U of M is now one of the most expensive public universities in the country. Over the last 15 years we have seen a continuous rise in the budget and tuition that far exceeded the rate of inflation or increase in family wages. The Board and University must exercise fiscal discipline, eliminate waste and redundancy and seek efficiencies in the delivery of education.

The greatest challenge facing U of M is maintaining academic excellence and stature in a constrained budgetary environment. The Board must control the growth of the budget to achieve affordability, inclusion and diversity. U of M should be more open and transparent in governance and fulfillment of the academic mission. The complete budget should be available online, and all Board meetings be open and digitally available. The University must be financially and academically accessible for all students. Michigan students should be considered first. The number of out of state students admitted should be reduced.

RON WEISER, Republican

Campaign Website: www.ronforregent.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Ron-WeiserForRegent>

Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: UofM - Ross School of Business BBA, 1966 (Bachelor of Business Administration)

Twitter: twitter.com/ronaldweiser

I believe that I will bring a unique set of skills to the University of Michigan Board. As an alumnus and former student athlete, I understand the needs and concerns of students and alumni of the University. My experience as an entrepreneur and business owner has taught me a great deal about how to manage budgets and staff. My time as the US Ambassador to Slovakia taught me how to work with a large bureaucracy. This combination of skills has prepared me to deal with the major issues that the University will be dealing with over the next few years.

The first step to controlling the cost of tuition is to trim the fat and waste in the University budget. My experience as a business owner and Ambassador will allow me to look at the budget with a critical eye and find areas that can be trimmed, especially from administrative personnel and expenses. The University must also increase opportunities at the Flint and Dearborn campuses. The same classes and programs should be offered at all campuses so that students who cannot afford to live in Ann Arbor have the same educational experience. This can be accomplished with expanded online learning.

Lack of Transparency - The University should hold all Board meetings in Michigan, publish accurate and timely records of the meetings and comply with the Open Meetings Act. Cost to in-state students - See above Diversity of thought - We should encourage all of our students to debate and defend their ideas and beliefs. True growth comes from vigorous and respectful debate and listening.

LAWRENCE B DEITCH, Democrat

Campaign Website: <http://votedeitch.com>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/VoteDeitch>

Occupation / Current Position: Senior Partner in one of Michigan's most prestigious law firms

Education: J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1972 | B.A., University of Michigan, 1969

I have been privileged to serve for almost 24 years on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. I do this work because I love it, I have helped make Michigan better than when I started, and I care deeply about the institution and the people that it serves. In my first three terms as Regent I have: co-lead the effort to add sexual orientation to the University's anti-discrimination policy, fought for the University to be accessible to students of all backgrounds by committing to generous financial aid, and passionately advocated for free speech. I intend to help take Michigan to even greater heights of excellence.

The state of Michigan has disinvested in universities over the last 30 years. In my time on the board I have voted for tuition increases and against them. I have looked at every vote as requiring striking a balance between maintaining quality and controlling cost. With inflation and increased enrollment, this disinvestment has made it hard on universities. I fight to maintain the excellence of our university, and this means that we rely on tuition in order to provide our students with the best education and generous financial aid to those who need it.

One of the most pressing issues facing our university is disinvestment from the state government. We are continually making improvements to ensure that students and faculty are given the support they need, which does impact tuition. However, according to FiveThirtyEight, "at most, about a quarter of the increase in college tuition since 2000 can be attributed to rising faculty salaries, improved amenities and administrative bloat. By comparison, the decline in state support accounts for about three-quarters of the rising cost of college." This means that where our state government falls short, tuition has to increase.

DENISE ILITCH, Democrat

Campaign Website: <http://www.ilitchforregent.com/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Votellitch/>

Occupation / Current Position: President of Ilitch Enterprises and co-owner of 220 Restaurant Hospitality

Education: The first in her family of seven children to go to college, Denise received her B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1977 and her J.D. from the University of Detroit in 1980.

Growing up, working in our family's first small business, I learned the value of hard work. And, as the first in my family to go to college, I understand the value of a higher education. I want there to be an affordable, accessible, and quality education available to every student to pursue his or her dreams. As a businesswoman and dedicated public servant, I bring the values and business-based lens to all that we do - asking tough questions and providing unusual approaches for problem-solving.

I've voted against tuition increases 6 times. I've challenged us to find ways to avoid duplication of services and eliminate waste. Furthermore, I have called on the university to form a University Commission on Alternative Revenue to find non-tuition sources of revenue. I'm glad this issue has received much attention in the presidential contest and I will work with anyone at the federal level who is open to creating a carefully constructed system that keeps costs under control, both for students and taxpayers - and incentivizes states to be a part of the solution.

We need to ensure that college is affordable for all and to deal with the devastating problem of student debt. The cost of college should not deter students from applying to the University of Michigan. I have voted against tuition increases six times and have called for a new University Commission on Alternative Revenue to find new non-tuition sources of revenue to fund the University. I have also advocated for student admissions policies that ensure our campus is rich with a qualified and diverse student body, and for more investment in campus safety programs.

JAMES LEWIS HUDLER, Libertarian

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JOHN JASCOB, Libertarian

Campaign Website: www.politicalbank.com/find-candidates/john-jascob

Occupation / Current Position: Associate Managing Editor, Wolters Kluwer Legal and Regulatory U.S.

Education: A.B., University of Michigan (1987); M.A.T., University of Massachusetts Amherst (1990); J.D., Concord University School of Law (2002); LL.M., University of Alabama School of Law (2015)

I am running because I am deeply committed to the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of free academic inquiry in a free society. I will bring to the board a background in the areas of law, finance, and education. I work as a securities law editor at a leading legal publisher, after having spent many years in financial services, and I previously taught Latin at both the university and secondary levels. I am a member of the State Bar of California, Phi Beta Kappa, and American Mensa. A lifelong learner, I recently completed an LL.M. in Business Transactions at the University of Alabama School of Law.

The cost of university attendance has skyrocketed over the past generation, forcing many students from middle and lower income families to incur crushing levels of debt to obtain a college degree. Similarly, taxpayers face the prospect of increasing tax burdens to fund a state-sponsored institution that is largely immune from market forces. As Regent, I will oppose tuition increases, while seeking to reduce administrative costs by privatizing non-essential, non-academic services. I also advocate decentralizing the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses to reduce overhead and increase student and faculty autonomy.

First, the University must zealously protect free speech and open debate on campus and resist attempts to silence unpopular points of view. I strongly oppose speech codes or other attempts at prohibiting expression protected by the First Amendment. Second, tuition has increased by more than 40 percent over just the past ten years, foreclosing educational opportunities for many potential students. I will oppose further tuition increases, while advocating privatization, decentralization, and student cooperatives to reduce costs and increase student and faculty participation in university governance.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
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University of Michigan Board of Regents – 8-Year Terms – Vote for up to TWO (Cont.)

<p>AUDRA DRISCOLL, <i>U.S. Taxpayers</i></p> <p>Facebook: http://https://www.facebook.com/VoteForAudraDriscoll2016/</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Administrative - 14 yrs experience</p> <p>Education: Bedford Sr. High School, 1991 University of Toledo, BA 1998 University of Toledo, College of Law</p>	<p>I want to represent ALL of who make the University an outstanding educational institution. Experience: I cohesively work with several teams to service a multi-state territory that provides comprehensive quality care to both external and internal clients while adhering to a budget and providing a positive work environment. Asset – I have the ability and the knowledge to apply my skill set and experience as a Regent for the University of Michigan.</p>	<p>Students are the backbone of any university. It's why the University of Michigan was created in 1817, to provide an outstanding education. I propose working collectively with state and local governments to provide the legislative wherewithal that will encourage private and industry with tax incentives to donate generously to the University in forms of grants and scholarships.</p>	<p>Realizing my vote is crucial to the decision making process in not only the day to day operations of the University, but to present and future policies and how they will not only impact the University but the local and state communities as well. As a Regent - I am here to represent ALL of the University.</p>
<p>RICHARD A HEWER, <i>U.S. Taxpayers</i></p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Associate Professor at Ferris State University</p> <p>Education: BBA University of Michigan, Dearborn MBA Grand Valley State University</p>	<p>I believe my background as an alumnus of the University of Michigan Dearborn, professor, parent, and grandparent will provide a unique and needed voice on the Board of Regents.</p>	<p>Obtain better funding for students from Michigan, from the state of Michigan.</p>	<p>1. Maintaining the Ann Arbor Campus' position as one of the top universities in the world. 2. Improving the Dearborn and Flint Campuses to better meet the needs of Michigan residents. 3. Obtain better funding for students from Michigan, from the state of Michigan. 4. Expand university-contracted military research and ROTC programs. 5. Expand Online education and free classes 6. Expand instruction to private companies to increase training and income for students and faculty.</p>
<p>LATHAM REDDING, <i>Green</i></p>		<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	
<p>BRIDGETTE ABRAHAM-GUZMAN, <i>Natural Law</i></p>		<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	

Michigan State University Board of Trustees Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

Duties: The Michigan State Board of Trustees has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

<p>WILLIAM DEARY, Republican</p> <p>Campaign Website: www.deary4msu.com</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100004326091710</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Caring Home Health and Hospice</p> <p>Education: B.A., Education, Mathematics and Science- Michigan State University M.A., Educational Psychology, Psychometrics- Michigan State University</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/deary4msu</p>	<p>I am running for MSU Board of Trustees because I am concerned the University is becoming unavailable and unaffordable to Michigan residents and I believe we need to make in-state students and their families a top priority again. I have spent the past 40 years in business, including the past 20 at Great Lakes Caring Home Health and Hospice in Jackson, which I co-founded in 1994 with my wife Cheryllyn. Over that time I have built and refined those skills, qualities and principles necessary to operate a successful business. These are the same qualities that are needed to manage and solve the problems facing MSU.</p>	<p>As a member of the MSU Board of Trustees I will lead the effort to freeze in-state tuition. Freezing tuition will be a major step forward in terms of making the University affordable; giving students relief from the significant annual tuition increases they've faced over the last decade. We cannot forget that MSU is a state university supported by Michigan taxpayers. In-state tuition rates must reflect the commitment and investment residents have made in the University and not price them, their children or grandchildren out of obtaining an MSU education.</p>	<p>I believe the most pressing issues facing MSU are 1) escalating in-state tuition rates and 2) the increasing acceptance of the University on out-of-state and out-of-country students because they pay higher tuition. We must embrace equally qualified in-state students who are currently being squeezed by recurring annual tuition rate increases. I will propose and lead the effort to freeze in-state tuition. I will also propose and lead when it comes to capping non-resident student enrollment. When equally qualified, in-state students, should be admitted over non-resident students. Let's keep our home-grown talent in MI.</p>
<p>DAN KELLY, Republican</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://www.electdankelly.com/</p> <p>Facebook: http://Dan Kelly for MSU Trustee</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Juris Doctorate from University of Detroit - School of Law</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/dankellymsu</p>	<p>For approximately 28 years I have been an attorney, primarily representing school boards and local municipalities. For the past six years I have sat on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. For eight years I sat on the Independence Township Board of Trustees, and two years on its Planning Commission. Given my experience, there is not a significant issue in higher education that I have not studied and dealt with.</p>	<p>Tuition is not the problem, it is the chosen solution. In other words, the real problem is the increasing expenditures of \$50,000,000 a year. Like any other governmental entity, MSU's expenditures are made up of 70 to 75 percent labor costs. To control expenditures and make MSU more accessible to Michigan residents, we have to control the increase in wages and benefits and improve efficiencies in scheduling and curriculum. These are management rights which the Board of Trustees must fight to protect. I would stop the increase of out of State students and enforce a realistic four year schedule.</p>	<p>The most pressing issue is the rising tuition and the related increases in out of State students. These issues are caused by the increasing expenditures. The result is a negative impact on MSU's ability to deliver a practical education to the residents of Michigan. As I have done for six years on the OCC Board, I would stop using tuition as the only solution and proposed cost saving changes in scheduling and curriculum. We must make sure that any increase in expenditures is vital and necessary.</p>
<p>DIANNE BYRUM, Democrat</p> <p>Campaign Website: www.diannebyrumformstrustee.com</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DianneByrumMSU</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Partner, Byrum & Fisk Communications; MSU Trustee</p> <p>Education: B.S. MSU, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Public Affairs Management; Associates Degree, Lansing Community College</p>	<p>My experience serving in the state legislature and my working relationships with elected officials across the state are assets for the university. During my eight years as a Trustee, I have strived to provide sound leadership, approaching issues by asking how our decisions will impact students, faculty, staff, the university and the state. I am also the Policy Committee and Faculty Liaison Committee chairperson for the Board. I have an entrepreneurial spirit and small business background, along with a background in agriculture. I am a team player and I am focused on making MSU better tomorrow than it is today.</p>	<p>My top priority is making sure students from all walks of life have access to an affordable, valuable college education. Fewer MSU students graduate with debt compared to the state and national averages, and the average amount of debt is also lower than state and national averages. We should keep making progress through a combination of tuition constraint and new tools to support students and families. These include creating new tools to encourage four-year degree completion; providing support to reduce drop-out rates; increasing university-supported scholarships; and expanding on-campus employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Attention must be given to cost containment, which enables us to avoid tuition increases, and couple that with smart investment benefits MSU. For example, we must work together with employee unions to keep healthcare costs low; continue to invest in clean, renewable energy; and bring additional major projects (like the FRIB) to the university. In addition, we must ensure MSU is a safe place for learning, teaching and living. That means investing in mental health services, ensuring strong policies and procedures for domestic and relationship violence, and supporting inclusion of all students.</p>

Biographical Info

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What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?

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

Michigan State University Board of Trustees (Cont.)

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

DIANN WOODARD, Democrat		Did not respond in time for inclusion.	
JUSTIN BURNS, Libertarian		Did not respond in time for inclusion.	
GREGORY SCOTT STEMPELE, Libertarian Campaign Website: https://www.lp.org/candidates/liberty-candidates-16/gregory-stempfle Occupation / Current Position: Medical Technologist Education: MS Molecular Biology, Wayne State, 2014 BS Clinical Laboratory Sciences, 2008	I have recently earned a post-graduate degree from a public university in Michigan (MS Molecular Biology, WSU 2014). This makes me with familiar with the challenges facing university students, both while attending school and again as recent graduates. I am running for the Board to give Michigan residents and students an additional and underrepresented voice with regard to university spending and policies. Right now, the Trustees are all Democrats and Republicans. Having members from more than two political views will make it more diverse and inclusive and bring new ideas to the board.	I will not vote for any tuition increases. MSU has expanded far beyond its original role as a public university and this has come at the cost of burdening an entire generation of graduates with massive debt. The university simply must scale back its operations and spending.	The biggest issue facing the University is the rising cost of tuition and the debt that its students incur.
ANGELA GRANDY, U.S. Taxpayers		Did not respond in time for inclusion.	
WILL TYLER WHITE, Green Campaign Website: www.willtylerwhite.org Occupation / Current Position: Principal at Fifth Element Consulting. Owner of White Bros. Music, established in 1976. Education: Certified Economic Developer by the International Economic Development Council. Continuing education student at Michigan State University in political science and urban planning.	As a student at Michigan State University I learned firsthand how Teaching Assistants with poor English skills made it difficult to understand complex subjects like statistical analysis. I also learned that TA's had little or no job security and were underpaid for the amount of work they did compared to that of professors. The other important lesson I learned is that some degrees are more valuable than others, but little information is available to quantify that and guide the selection of which major to pursue. As an entrepreneur for forty years, my real world business experience is an asset many academics lack.	The growth of administrators in relation to students has increased costs substantially. Upgrading and building new facilities every year is also very expensive. Fewer capital improvement projects plus combining or eliminating administration positions can abate tuition increases. Student debt is also affected by high interest rates from lenders tied to federal programs. An open lending market with flexible finance options can reduce student debt. Performance based repayment schedules should be considered. If employment is not sufficient to pay down debts as agreed, students should be able to renegotiate their terms.	Student debt and better graduate outcomes are the most pressing issues. The ability to obtain a marketable degree with a high probability of success in the real world is poorly addressed. In business, when a contract is breached, losses sustained from the failure to execute the contract can be recouped through the courts. The implied contract between students and universities could be formalized. If students spend \$100,000 to earn a degree and are unable to earn a living sufficient to justify that expense, they should be allowed free or reduced tuition for additional education - or get a refund.

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

Duties: The Wayne State University Board of Governors has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

MICHAEL BUSUITO, Republican Campaign Website: www.votebusuitoWSU.com/ Facebook: http://www.votebusuitoWSU.com/ Occupation / Current Position: Plastic Surgeon Clinical Associate Professor Education: B.S. University of Michigan 1976 M.D. Wayne State University 1981	I spent the last 12 years of my post graduate education at Wayne State University. I have been on the faculty at Wayne State University since 1988. I served as the Chief of Plastic Surgery at Wayne State University. I sit on the board of the Wayne State University Physician Group (WSUPG) and I am the past Chair. The budget of WSUPG accounts for almost half of the budget of WSU so I have a clear understanding of the challenges facing WSU. I have six children and a grandchild and my family is a WSU family. I am deeply invested emotionally in WSU. I have the experience and expertise to take WSU to the next level.	Offer more online courses to reduce the burden and cost of commuting. Engage more of our local industries to help with the costs of education in return for commitments for future employment. Offer more early counseling regarding return on investment for education on a career by career basis. Take advantage of the rebirth of Detroit to recruit students for success rather than failure.	The rising cost of tuition is the most pressing issue we face today. Over 85% of the increase in university tuitions in Michigan between 2000 and 2014 can be attributed to a decline in state funding. This has created a student debt crisis of over 1.3 trillion dollars nationally. This problem must be aggressively addressed at the legislative level. This is a legislative problem and we must seek a political solution or the "American Dream" as we knew it will no longer exist.
KIMBERLY SHMINA, Republican		Did not respond in time for inclusion.	
YVETTE MCELROY ANDERSON, Democrat Facebook: http://electyvettemcelroy.com/ Occupation / Current Position: Campus Vice President/ Education: Master's Degree-MSU-Educational Technology and Instructional Design	My 20 years in higher education and experiences as the first female Field Director for Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee will be an asset to serving in this position. I am a 2008 graduate of Michigan Political Leadership Program and a 2010 graduate of Leadership Detroit Class XXXII. My education, professional development and grassroots experience in organizing and collaborating will be beneficial. I have built relationships across geographic, cultural and ethnic boundaries. My experience sitting on a variety of boards has honed my skills to examine and evaluate the planning and budgetary process.	I propose that the University cultivate the relationships with legislatures in order to demonstrate the impact that the funding decreases have had on the student community. In addition, I would look at best practices from other higher education institutions to help offset the burden of student financial debt. Partnerships with business and community organizations may provide assistance with these ideals.	The most pressing problems that the university faces are related to funding, retention and graduation rates I want to help ensure that the University is working to be fiscally responsible with their resources. I will help the university find ways to strengthen the relationships with school districts and community colleges to properly align for rapidly changing high tech, workforce development and business demands of the 21st century! I believe that WSU has a unique opportunity to be an institution of intellectual excellence around urban revitalization and regional cooperation.

Biographical Info

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

Wayne State University Board of Governors (Cont.)

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

MARK GAFFNEY, Democrat

Occupation / Current Position: Business agent for Teamsters Local 214
Education: Bachelors Degree in Philosophy, MSU Masters Degree, Labor Relations, MSU

I have taught at WSU for five years. I have advised the Labor Program, and MAELR program for part of that time. Recently I worked with the administration to move the Labor@Wayne Center within the administration. It became apparent to me that a voice for working families was needed at WSU, certainly with two previous Governors retiring. I have served on numerous Boards of Directors including BCBSM for 12 years and the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago Region for 12 years. I understand board work, budgets, compromises, advice and consent without micro managing and etc.

Support the Federal plan of Candidate Hillary Clinton for a national program to pay for college. Re establish in Michigan the importance of adequately funding higher education in our state. The past few years' legislatively induced reductions in state funding have been shameful. The college will need to run within its budget and without deficits in the future, WSU must do its part.

The budget must be balanced. The debate with our partner the DMC Hospital system must be successfully concluded. Tuition will need to be affordable and I hope to see the school continue to provide financial assistance based on need at supportive levels. I would hope that the urban mission, service to Detroit and its citizens continues and grows. The graduation rate is getting better as is the total enrollment, but these trends will need to continue. I would certainly hope, and will work towards continuing to have WSU be the opportunity for students from Detroit and from Michigan's working class families for college.

BHAGWAN DASHAIRYA, Libertarian

Occupation / Current Position: Managment Consultant
Education: Ph.D., P.E., MBA

Thirty year of community and professional experience.

Make University comparable to University of Michigan. Make university education free.

Lack of dorm facilities - Will make more dorms for students. Lack of fundraising - I will enough funds to make education free. Lack of marketing - Make year round publicity & marketing.

AL SEDER, Libertarian

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

ROBERT GALE, U.S. Taxpayers

Occupation / Current Position: self employed businessman
Education: I attended MSU and MCCU

I am a self employed businessman and a taxpayer not a politician

- no response -

- no response -

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI, U.S. Taxpayers

Campaign Website: USTPM.org
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/marc.sosnowski.committee>
Occupation / Current Position: Representative for an alternate energy supplier
Education: Detroit Catholic Central High School diploma, University of Michigan-Dearborn baccalaureate in environmental studies, Cornerstone University MBA

With 30 years in the field of bio-ethics, my input is necessary to balance the progressive mission of the University, which is stated "to create knowledge." Such a mission raises the question whether knowledge is objectively discovered, or is it subjectively declared. As declarations exceedingly prevail over discoveries, the next question arises of who has the authority to proclaim what is truth. With a progressive mindset, the truth evolves, to suit one's purpose. I say the truth is objective, and you dare not bend the minds of the youth without severe consequences. The community needs me to be a voice of reason.

The cost of higher education is part of a controlled system, operating outside the economic laws of supply and demand. First, the "supply" of diplomas, which are the end product, are artificially limited by the number of admissions of new students. Then the "demand" for education is artificially increased by the number and size of classes. To make university attendance more affordable, in order to reduce student financial debt, simply admit all new students who meet qualifying standards, and compensate instructors on a per student basis.

A very real symptom of the progressive mission of the University is the on-going inhumane research treatment on dogs. The notable organization, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, has shown that the lab results from such testing is not applicable to research on human health. Yet the University continues to allow the practice, and accepts the revenue it produces, even though the likelihood is that the animal suffering torture, until it must be put down, is someone's lost family pet. I say this research must end.

MARGARET GUTTSHALL, Green

Campaign Website: Margaret Guttshall
Facebook: <http://www.margaretguttshall.org>
Occupation / Current Position: Writer. Revolutionary socialist.
Education: Wayne State University. Masters in Library Science. 2003 Roosevelt University, BA, 1992

I was a clerk in the law library in the 1970s. I helped organize the Staff Association to affiliate with the United Auto Workers (UAW). Later, I went to Graduate School where I got a Masters in Library and Information Science and worked as a Reference Assistant in the Law Library. Wayne State University is a public university. It should serve the people of Michigan, not the owners of private corporations. The WSU Board of Governors needs people who know what Wayne State is and act in accord with it.

As a revolutionary socialist, I support the movement for free public education from pre-kindergarten through university. No tuition. I also support the movement in favor of cancelling the student debt. We spend too much of our federal budget on war. I advocate greatly reducing this budget and using the money for education. We can reduce the salaries of some of the highest paid university officials to be more in line with public employee wages. Lobby our federal elected officials to support the movement for cancelling student debt and free public university education.

Besides tuition, another pressing issue is institutional white supremacy and racism, including attracting and keeping students of color and low-income students. We need to identify students who are not succeeding before there are problems and work with them to stay and grow. I will work to develop and obtain funds to increase enrollment from Detroit, other African-American communities and others affected by institutional white supremacy and racism. I will work to develop programs to keep students at Wayne State once they are there.

FRAN SHOR, Green

Campaign Website: www.franshor.org
Facebook: <http://Committee to Elect Fran Shor>
Occupation / Current Position: Retired, Emeritus Professor, History, Wayne State University
Education: Ph.D. University of Minnesota M.A. University of Minnesota B.A. University of Pittsburgh

Having taught at Wayne State for forty years, I am intimately familiar with the university at all levels. I retired two years ago, in part, because the tuition was forcing most of my students into large loan debt. I will be a full-time advocate for reducing tuition and debt and for representing the interests of students, faculty, staff, and the citizens of Michigan, especially working families and working adults.

While Wayne State has faced enormous decreases in state appropriations, administrative positions and salaries have risen rapidly. For example, there are eleven Associate Deans at the Medical School making a total of 3 million dollars. Such redundancies and costs can be cut to provide more financial aid to the neediest students, helping in the process to reduce potential debt. Also, additional money from cutting building costs can be utilized to lift financial holds on graduating seniors, allowing them to finish their degrees.

Tuition costs must be reduced to make Wayne State more affordable and accessible to working class students. Special attention must be given to recruiting and retaining disadvantaged students. Faculty, staff, and students should be given more input into financial decisions in departments and programs through participatory budgeting. A more sustainable campus can be managed through energy efficiency and local sourcing, especially with the greater involvement of Detroit's urban farms in campus food services

WENDY GOOSSEN, Natural Law

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive prepares an annual budget for approval by the Board of Commissioners and keeps them informed on the county financial conditions. The Executive appoints and supervises heads of county departments and enforces county ordinances. The Executive has veto power over the Board of Commissioners, but can be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the full board.

ONE 4-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

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.

L. BROOKS PATTERSON, Republican

P.O. Box 300542, Waterford, MI 48330-0542

L. Brooks Patterson is transforming Oakland County with his 21st Century vision and no-nonsense leadership. His mission is to make Oakland County one of the best places to live, work, play and raise a family.

Oakland County has reached full employment because of Brooks' successful business attraction strategies in the knowledge-based economy. His Emerging Sectors, Medical Main Street, and Tech 248 initiatives have attracted \$3.5 billion in private investment creating and retaining 62,100 jobs.

Under Brooks' leadership, Oakland County continues to retain its coveted AAA bond rating. Investment ratings firms recognize Brooks' six-term administration as the best among counties in the United States because of its multi-year budget - which is balanced through 2021.

Brooks presides over an \$826 million annual budget and a county workforce of nearly 4,300 full and part time benefit eligible employees. He also served four terms as Oakland County Prosecutor.

VICKI BARNETT, Democrat

29271 Glencastle Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

A lifelong resident of Oakland County, I know the many challenges we face. Since 2005, the county has lost 16% of our jobs, family income has declined, homelessness among our school children has skyrocketed and our poverty rate has soared 76%. Livingston County surpassed us as the wealthiest county in the state and our county health ranking fell to 25th out of 83 counties last year.

As a former state representative, city council member and mayor, I have the experience in government to work effectively with citizens and county officials to stop our decline. As mayor of Farmington Hills, I guided the city during a period of rapidly declining state funding and revenue sharing without cutting city services or raising taxes. As a longtime financial planner and public official, I understand the fundamentals of government accounting and how to structure Oakland County's priorities to address the problems we face.

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

Brooks' top three priorities are to provide a highly-trained work force for the knowl-edge-based economy; continue a balanced, multi-year budget while maintaining a AAA bond rating; and to face regional challenges in a way that protects Oakland County.

Work force: Brooks' administration has conducted three work force skills needs assess-ments with Oakland County companies. They've shared this information with colleges so they can develop curriculum to meet the requirements of the modern workplace.

Budget: Though on the path to recovery, Brooks' administration continues to look for bud-get innovations that save taxpayers money and provide more efficient services.

Regional challenges: Patterson's approach to regional governance, including the Regional Transit Authority and Great Lakes Water Authority, continues to be, "If it's good for the region and good or neutral for Oakland County, I'll support it. If it's good for the region but bad for Oakland County, I'll fight to protect my taxpayers."

1) Economic Development (County has lost 16% of its jobs since 2007): expand to include agriculture/urban farming technology; invest in job training; require "claw backs" of corporate tax subsidies when promised jobs are not created; institute county purchasing guidelines to support women-owned, minority-owned and veteran-owned small businesses in Michigan; support RTA so workers can get to jobs and encourage redevelopment around transit hubs.

2) Poverty (County poverty rate is up 76% since 2005): Increase access to health care; improve support for Community Mental Health; invest in programs to end homelessness (average age of homeless person is 8!); expand pre-school education.

3) Infrastructure and Environment: Test drinking water in our schools and child care centers for lead; enact "fix it first" policy for roads and bridges; ban deep injection fracking around county lakes and streams; institute inspection and repair schedule for all private underground transportation pipes.

COUNTY SHERIFF

The Sheriff must operate a county jail, serve and execute all civil writs and criminal process, and cooperate in the operation of a Marine Safety Program. Additional duties include providing contracted law enforcement services and supplemental police investigative support services throughout the county.

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MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD, Republican

344 Fairfax, Birmingham, MI 48009

My experience includes a Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration, 30 years in law enforcement, and eight years as a State Senator which makes me uniquely qualified to lead one of the largest police agencies in America. I was recently selected out of over 3,000 sheriffs in the country as the Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs' Association. I received the 'Executive of the Year' by the Detroit Executive Association and was Syndicate Director for Leadership in for Counterterrorism International. I hold a Certified Homeland Security Professional Certification and am a FBI NEI graduate. I am humbled by the support of my fellow law enforcement professionals receiving the endorsements of the Police Officer Association of Michigan, Oakland County Chiefs of Police Association, along with the Southeast Michigan Chiefs of Police Association. It's an honor to work with some of the best officers in the country as we protect our county.

CRAIG S. COVEY, Democrat

276 W. Breckenridge St., Ferndale, MI 48220

Oakland County needs new fresh engaged leadership in the Sheriff's office, someone to bring progressive ideas and policies to keep our residents safe in this modern era. We should recognize the increasing diversity of our county and embrace new techniques to address emerging issues. Always a strong law and order advocate, I also believe in guard-ing our liberty and freedom as well as protecting our citizens.

I was a City Councilman for 8 years, an Oakland County Commissioner representing Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Hazel Park, and was elected twice as Mayor of Ferndale. I've worked in public health and education statewide, founded and managed several charitable organiza-tions, and won state and national awards for advocacy, human rights, and communication. As County Commissioner, I helped oversee the Sheriff's Department, and as Councilman and Mayor, I provided oversight and leadership to the Ferndale police department for elev-en years. I'm a moderate Democrat.

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

We will focus on the heroin epidemic, deepening community relations, and creating safe communities for economic development. Our communities and families have been hurt by heroin addiction. I called for and spearheaded legislation that allows Deputies to carry and administer opioid antagonists that reverse the effects of overdoses. We have saved 25 lives since the start of our program. Our Narcotics Team has placed an emphasis on going after heroin traffickers. Additionally, we continually launch community programs to help build trust and relationships with our citizens. Expanding these initiatives and shedding new light on law enforcement's role in our community will be a priority. Lastly, we will focus on keeping crime down across Oakland County in order to continue to bring economic de-velopment and a high quality of life. When the economy is healthy, crime remains low and reaffirms Oakland County as a safe place to work and play.

Society has failed after 45 years to win the "war on drugs" using arrests and prisons. The worst drug problem today is opioid addiction (prescription painkillers) which lead to heroin use and death.

Our youth are at risk from pills obtained from doctors and pharmacies, not "South Ameri-can drug lords". Sheriff Bouchard is still fighting Nixon's 1970 war on marijuana, arresting grandmothers baking pot brownies. We should decriminalize marijuana, allow medical use of same, and fight against hard drugs using education, prevention, and treatment.

A new Oakland County sheriff should demonstrate leadership statewide in promoting law enforcement careers among women and diverse ethnic groups so our police look like the communities they protect. This will help them do their job better and lead to a safer county.

I would also start a task force to provide leadership and protect the elderly and others from identify fraud.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The Primary duty of the Prosecuting Attorney is to insure that the state's criminal laws are faithfully executed and enforced in Oakland County. The County Prosecuting Attorney represents the people of the state of Michigan in issuing criminal warrants and in subsequent court proceedings.

ONE 4-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

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.

MIKE GOETZ, Republican

3079 S. Baldwin Rd., Suite 122, Lake Orion, MI 48359

I want to be your Oakland County Prosecutor because I want to make Oakland County safe. Career politicians cannot protect our families.

My wife, son and I live in Orion Township where I am a part-time Firefighter/ EMT. I graduated from Brother Rice High School, Michigan State University and The Detroit College of Law.

I am a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Knights of Columbus.

Before becoming a senior assistant Attorney General, I was a major crimes prosecutor with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and worked on the Oakland County Violent Gang Task Force.

I have personally tried hundreds of Jury trials. The current prosecutor has never tried a jury trial as a prosecutor. Inadequate training and the loss of senior personnel must stop.

Please visit www.VoteMikeGoetz.com for more information.

My priority is your safety!

JESSICA R. COOPER, Democrat

31115 Stafford St., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

- Elected Oakland County Prosecutor 2008- reelected 2012. – First woman to hold that office
- 28 years: Judge, District and Circuit Courts, Michigan Court of Appeals
- Founding Member National Association of Women Judges
- Adjunct Professor of Law : University of Michigan, Michigan State University , Emory University
- Certified Trainer National Institute for Trial Advocacy, ICLE, National College of Advocacy
- Founding Member/First President American Constitutional Society Michigan Chapter
- Master, American Inns of Court
- Life fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation
- Wayne State University Law School "Treasure of Detroit" Alumni Award
- Recognized: " Best of Best" power lawyers, Crain's Detroit Business News
- Champion of Justice Award, Michigan Association of Justice
- Prosecutor's Foundation for Kids, Founder and President
- "One Tough Cookie Award" Girl Scouts of Southwestern Michigan
- Honoree: Esteemed women of Michigan
- Recognized: Most aggressive prosecutor of cold homicides in the state," Free Press
- 97% felony conviction rate; 99% appellate affirmance rate.

STEVE AFTON, Libertarian

788 Bolinger St., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

I've been a licensed attorney since 2001. I previously worked for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office in the drug / prostitution asset forfeiture department, and also as a criminal defense attorney. I saw first-hand the damage caused to the community by cruel and unfair laws criminalizing and punishing non-violent drug, gambling, and prostitution activity, or other victimless vices, the same as if they were violent crimes like rape, murder, or burglary. Philosophically I'm a "live and let live" libertarian in the vein of Jefferson, Thoreau, and slavery abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison. I'm running for County Prosecutor because I agree that "civilization is the triumph of persuasion over force," and it's time for government, police and prosecutors at all levels to stop using force to cage and punish human beings for their vices, and instead get back to prosecuting true "crimes" involving victims of violence and aggression.

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

Trained Assistant Prosecutors. I will incorporate free trainings through the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and National College of District Attorneys, in-house classes for all assistant prosecutors, and re-enforce professional communications when dealing with victims, courts and attorneys. Vacancies will be filled with experienced attorneys, and I will lead by example by personally continuing to try cases on behalf of victims.

Court Supported Programs. Our prosecutors shall use the Canine Advocacy Program to support children and other victims. The office will participate in Veterans, Sobriety and Treatment courts for non-violent offenders. Addiction is deadly. The current administration does not participate in these programs.

Communication. Electronic transmittal of documents will reduce waste in time and resources. Police departments, defense attorneys, and others will receive input from the office relative to new laws.

1. Safety of the Community.

- a) Maintaining an attitude of aggressive prosecution crimes, especially those involving violence to children and seniors;
- b) Preventing crime by educating the public, especially children and seniors, about abuse, drug and alcohol use, criminal sexual predators, fraud and the available support and law enforcement assistance available.
- c) Maintaining positive working partnerships with law enforcement.

2. Ethics, Skill, Professionalism and Fairness

- a) Maintaining existing office with focus on law enforcement not politics;
- b) Emphasizing ethics, justice and fairness in all case dispositions
- c) Emphasizing excellence in the courtroom and appellate court by conducting intense, low-cost, in-house attorney training and education seminars and workshops.

3. Economic and Effective Resource Usage

- a) Constant preparation, review and adherence to \$19,000,000 three year budget;
- b) Cutting expenses without cutting personnel to maintain productivity and safety;
- c) Reallocation of personnel throughout office to meet judicial calendars and docket control.

STOP PROSECUTING VICTIMLESS "CRIMES": The U.S. has only 5% of the world's population but is the world's leading jailer with 25% of the world's prisoners—more even than Syria, Iran, or North Korea. Most U.S. incarcerations are from the "war on drugs." As Prosecutor, I won't prosecute victimless crimes not involving violence or aggression against persons or property.

JURY NULLIFICATION: Jurors are the final barrier to unfair laws, prosecutors, and judges. As Prosecutor, I will never oppose an attempt by a defendant or lawyer to inform jurors they have the right to refuse to convict if a criminal law seems unfair—even if the judge instructs otherwise.

END CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE: Asset forfeiture laws for drug and other victimless crimes simply transfer money and property to the police and government. As Prosecutor, I will never seize or forfeit property or money related to a victimless crime.

COUNTY CLERK/ REGISTER of DEEDS

Duties of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds include: maintaining public records and recording land ownership; publishing official actions of the County Commission and Circuit Court; and administering elections.

ONE 4-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

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.

BILL BULLARD, JR., Republican

1849 Lakeview Ln., Highland, MI 48357

I am the only candidate in the Republican primary with experience as Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds. As County Clerk/Register in 2011-2012 my mantra was "Online Not Inline". We were successful in encouraging citizens to increase usage of electronic transactions which are more efficient to process and that resulted in shorter lines at the counters in the office. I won six national service awards for the innovative programs I initiated. I have been a Conservative leader in Oakland County government. Prior to serving as Oakland County Clerk I served six years as Chair of the Oakland Board of Commissioners. I led the Commissioners to adoption of Brooks' multi-year balanced budgets for those six years. When Oakland County had to cut spending in the bad economic times I as a County Commissioner voluntarily took pay cuts for several years.

LISA BROWN, Democrat

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

I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County, a graduate of Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law, former State Representative and current Oakland County Clerk/Register. I have the knowledge, experience, heart, dedication, and leadership to continue moving the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office forward. Being fiscally conservative, especially with taxpayer dollars, I have cut expenditures and saved the county millions, while bringing more services to residents. I started a National Association of Counties award winning program that allows fees for certified vital records to be reduced or waived for residents facing extreme hardship and receiving services from an accredited social service agency. I was one of four out of 83 county clerks to open their office during a small window of time when same-sex couples could get married in March 2014, officiating over 80 marriages in those few hours.

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

1.) I will move the Clerk/Register's office forward in increasing electronic transactions. Electronic transactions are more efficient to process benefiting the taxpayers. And the more citizens doing e-filing and e-recording the shorter are the lines at the counters in the office.
2.) I will improve the functions in the Register of Deeds office. Already I put in place "Deeds Express" whereby citizens can record a deed or other document in person in 3-4 minutes and take the document with them with Liber & Page showing where it is recorded. In the first year of operation we saved \$50,000 in mailing costs. I will reinstate the streamlined recording system (cancelled by the present Clerk without any justification).
3.) As Clerk/Register I will lead a major effort in expanding mobile office visits and visits to Farmer's Markets. The present Clerk promised to expand mobile offices but has failed to keep that promise.

1) I want to insure everyone has access to the ballot, so I have held voter registration drives around the county and will continue to do so. I have worked with the State's Bureau of Elections and other clerks serving on the committee for the purchase of new voting equipment and will work with our municipal clerks to make our selection.
2) I will continue to fight fraud in the Register of Deeds office and empower homeowners. I brought Super Index, a free searchable database, and Property Records Notification, a free alert system, the first of its kind in the country, earning an award from the National Association of Counties, to Oakland County.
3) Continue providing accessibility to services by more local office visits, and programs I pushed for, like eliminating the fee for Veterans' cards, lowering the birth record fee for seniors and the fee reduction/waiver program.

COUNTY TREASURER

The County Treasurer is the banker for Oakland County. The Treasurer is the custodian for all county funds including property taxes, state and local grants, inheritance taxes, and county fees - over 800 funds. By law, the Treasurer must invest them safely at maximum interest. The Treasurer works with local government to collect property taxes, account for money collected, and disperse the money to local governments.

ONE 4-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

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.

JOHN P. MCCULLOCH, Republican

1609 Cedar Hill Dr., Royal Oak, MI 48067

Over the past 30 years as a CPA and attorney, I have developed expertise in the areas of operations, regulations, legal and risk management, as well as fiscal management in both the public and private sectors. I have extensive experience as a Chief Executive Officer for a five county regional park system as well as countywide water, wastewater and storm water systems in the Metropolitan Detroit. I also have served on several retirement and deferred compensation boards in the public sector. I have managed annual budgets of over \$250 million.

I was County Commissioner for 10 years and Water Resources Commissioner for 12 years. As County Commissioner, I served 3 years as Chairman of Finance and 5 years as Chairman of the Board. I have served on Retirement and Deferred Compensation Boards.

ANDY MEISNER, Democrat

P. O. Box 2197, Royal Oak, MI 48068

I have been Oakland County Treasurer since 2009 after serving 6 years as a State Representative. I am running for re-election to continue my work securing Oakland County's financial future, fight the lingering effects of the foreclosure crisis and maintain our AAA bond rating. The policies that I've put in place as treasurer has helped generate over \$177 million dollars for Oakland County taxpayers.

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

I am currently Trustee and Treasurer for Oakland Community College, the largest community college system in Michigan.
As Oakland County treasurer, with over 30 years of accounting, financial and investment experience I would be a dependable and effective administrator of county funds and resources. You can count on me to:
• Constantly study and monitor county investments and banking functions to achieve maximum efficiency and return and to protect our AAA bond rating.
• Look at ways to improve office functions to provide an even higher level of customer service to the citizens of Oakland County.
• Make preservation of principal the top priority when selecting investments for county funds.
• Work with state Legislators and the Michigan Department of Treasury on tax related issues and the implementation and administering of state prescribed programs.

My top priorities are securing our financial future, protecting our property values and maintaining our AAA bond rating. I will continue to work for policies that aren't only good for Oakland County's bottom line but also for our citizens. One such policy has been creating 14,000 payment plans keeping families in their homes and collecting needed revenue for the County.

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

The Water Resources Commissioner has control over legally established drainage systems in Oakland County. The Water Resources Commissioner also has duties and responsibilities that include operating water and wastewater systems, managing engineering and construction projects and establishing and conducting environmental programs. Additionally, the office is responsible for dealing with pollution prevention efforts, soil erosion control and enforcement.

ONE 4-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

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.

ROBERT E. BUXBAUM, Republican

12851 Capital St., Oak Park, MI 48237

I'm a PhD, Professional Engineer, worked in engineering, and taught engineering at MSU. My specialty is separations, with continuing education in water/ sewage. I've a wife and three children, live locally, and own a company, REB Research, that manufactures chemical products.

I bring engineering to the job, and think I could do it better than currently. I think I could save money and provide cleaner water and better sewage treatment. I think I can avoid flooding of roads and basements like in 2014, and the poisoning of lakes and beaches – that happens now twice a month. I discussed my thoughts with L. Brooks Patterson; he liked them, as did Mark Hackel – the heads of Oakland and Macomb county respectively, a Republican and a Democrat. Now, if I can get elected, I'll try to make these good things come to pass.

JIM NASH, Democrat

27490 W.Ten Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I am an Army veteran, living in Michigan 22 years with my wife of 31 years, in her childhood home. Our four children and three grandchildren all live in Michigan. I served eight years as an Oakland County Commissioner from Farmington Hills, introducing the concept of sustainability and green building to Oakland County. I organized and hosted six Annual Green Building Workshops, bringing experts to educate local officials and citizens about the economic, energy and environmental benefits of sustainable development.

As Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, I have worked across the aisle to significantly improved collaboration with Oakland communities, improved morale and efficiency in the organization, brought operational efficiencies saving millions for communities, overseen new asset management programs. I have led regional and state stormwater control efforts and organized four annual Stormwater Summits to bring experts from around Michigan and the US, to help our local governments to deal with stormwater.

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

1. Clean water, reliably delivered at a pressure suitable for fire-fighting. The key here is balance: the right additives but not too much; the right sources, pipes and pumps.
2. Sewers and drains should work like they're supposed to, and look good at a decent price. I plan to use the expansion of I-75 as a golden opportunity to separate the storm and sanitary sewers. I plan to add anaerobic digestion to save money and make the sewage smell better. Weir dams are cheaper than underground cisterns. They control floods, clean the water and provide low cost fishing spots. With them, rivers live and look nice. Bicycle paths can serve as flood rains and cheap bio-remediators. It's working art on a large scale.
3. Honoring the people and environment. Water worker is a skilled job. They deserve to be treated well. Workers are protectors and environmental stewards.

The Flint crisis has exposed the issue of lead in drinking water. Here in Oakland County we have a very pure water supply, Flint got into trouble when they left our system and operated without proper corrosion control. In the water systems we test, homes sampled generally show no detection of lead. I support testing in public schools.

Stormwater is the most pressing issue facing Michigan. In Oakland, all our facilities operate within our permits: treating the combined storm-sanitary wastewater to eliminate bacterial pollutants. Separated stormwater runoff is not treated so whatever pollutants it carries off streets, parking lots and roofs ends up in our lakes and streams. I am working across the aisle, regionally and state-wide, to help solve this pollution problem.

Finally, I will continue working with our regional partners to make the Great Lakes Water Authority a stronger regional organization, for now and the future.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Oakland County has a 21-member Board of Commissioners which functions much like a state legislature or city council. The Board acts on proposals of the County Executive; can override an executive veto by two-thirds vote; passes the general government budget; and makes appointments to County boards and commissions.

ONE 2-YEAR TERM - Vote for no more than ONE

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner 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 the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 1

MICHAEL J. GINGELL, Republican

5040 Rockaway Ln., Clarkston, MI 48348

I have been involved in local government directly for the past 18 years and indirectly all of my life. My family started the town of Gingellville (Orion Township) over 100 years ago and has served the community for decades.

Small town values, 23 years of private sector business experience in the Information Industry, academic knowledge and local government experience are the items I bring to the County Commission.

I am a Sr. Vice President at Wiland Automotive and have domestic and international business experience. I possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Oakland University and an MBA from Wayne State University.

I have strong moral values, a proactive approach to government and a proven track record.

I will continue to be fiscally responsible. I will spend our tax dollars responsibly, provide critical services and seek opportunities to reduce the size of government. I will prepare Oakland County for the future by taking the necessary actions today. I will lead Oakland County in supporting economic development, job creation and increasing home values.

I will continue to address economic viability by supporting initiatives that bring businesses and jobs to Oakland County. I believe that a strong business community is vital to Oakland County.

I will continue to focus on activity that will create demand for housing in order to increase housing values. Our homes should be valuable assets.

MICHELLE BRYANT, Democrat

4912 W.Stonegate Cir., Lake Orion, MI 48359

I am a Michigan native who received my master's of business administration degree from Walsh College. Over the last 25 years, I have served as a military officer, registered nurse, healthcare executive, presenter, consultant and advocate for high quality and safe patient care. My body of work extends from for-profit and non-profit health systems to academic in a variety of geographic locations as well as I am well known throughout the healthcare industry for my expertise with accreditation and regulatory agencies. My experience includes clinical operations, nursing, education, quality assurance and improvement, risk reduction, infection prevention and control, patient safety, research, medical staff services, and utilization management. My leadership and quality improvement background will allow me to be effective in setting our local government's priorities.

My top three priorities are safe roads, water (drinking & recreational) as well as high quality and safe patient care for the community and other veterans. If elected as the Oakland County Commissioner for District 1, I would:

1. Work to understand the concerns of the citizens, available data, allocated funding and rationale as well as barriers to improvement.
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 sustainment.
4. Will provide updates to district 1 citizens and local leadership on status of outcomes.

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner 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 the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 2

BOB HOFFMAN, Republican

2521 Rose Center Rd., Highland, MI 48356

I am a life long resident of Oakland County, born and raised in Waterford Twp. and for the last 23 years a resident of Highland Twp. I attended Oakland Community College and Oakland University. I am a small business owner and farmer. Father of three and grandfather of seven.

I am running for re-election to continue serving the residents of my district of Groveland, Highland, Holly, Rose and Springfield Townships and the Village of Holly. I put my constituents first, I am a strong advocate for property rights. I am conservative and pragmatic. I work well with others despite our differences of opinions.

I believe in the promise of America, which allows citizens to start with an idea, a lot of hard work and a little luck to accomplish all they hope for. As your Commissioner I will strive to preserve and protect our American dream in Oakland County.

We are blessed with strong conservative leadership in Oakland, from County Executive Patterson to the Commissioners. I will work to preserve the county's AAA bond rating. Our budget is balanced thru 2020.

Road improvements will continue to be a top priority of mine despite the fact that most of the funding comes from the state. I will continue to lobby the state to ensure that we receive our fair share of road funds. I will continue to be a strong advocate for tri-party road projects. The board of Commissioners have taken a leadership role in providing additional funding to the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Economic growth in Oakland County will continue to be the engine that leads the state in job growth. I will continue to support the "one stop shop" approach to cut red tape and to make regulations as uniform as possible.

RHONDA CARR, Democrat

2449 W.Rattalee Lk. Rd., Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 3

MICHAEL SPISZ, Republican

3661 High View Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

I have been married for 16 years and we have two daughters. I have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Global Business. During the day I work as a Global Director of Engineering for a Tier 1 Automotive supplier with management responsibility for 180+ individuals internationally and a \$15 million dollar budget. Over the years Politics had been a growing passion of mine and I started off as a precinct delegate in 2006 to get involved and understand government and Politics. After 2 years I decided to run for a Trustee position on the Oxford Township Board and was elected to a 4 year term. I served on many committees for the Township and incorporated many fiscal policies and management practices. I was recently elected unanimously as Vice Chairman of the Board Of Commissioners and am working towards being elected to my 3rd term.

1. Budget. We must continue to maintain Oakland County's financial position and AAA bond rating. The forecasts indicate a very flat recovery rate over the next few years. I will continue to pursue cost reducing ideas across all facets of Government. We must continue to maintain a balanced budget!

2. Jobs. We must continue to bring employers to Oakland County communities and the region. I will work closely with Automation Alley, the Oakland County Economic Development team, and local municipalities, to find alternatives and inventive ways to continue to entice employers in to the area.

3. GLWA. The formation of GLWA due to the Detroit bankruptcy will affect all of us in some way. Many of Oakland County residents receive water from the City and send Sewage to the City. We must ensure that an overdue burden is not put on the users for years of neglect of the system.

MICHELLE MCCLELLAN, Democrat

8 Crawford St., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 4

TOM MIDDLETON, Republican

6928 Tappan Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

Life-long Oakland County resident, married to Kathy for 48 years with three grown children and four grandchildren. Active as Oakland County Commissioner serving as Chairperson of Finance and a member of Personnel Committee; Oakland County Employee Retirement Commission; County Drain Board; and on five lake boards. Past chairman of Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), Michigan Association of Conservation Districts and the National Association of Conservation Districts Great Lakes Committee. Involved with Oakland County MSU Extension Leadership Council and Past President of Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Formerly a State Representative on the Appropriations Committee, member of Oxford Board of Education and 4-H leader. I have been a farmer for 48 years with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture & Natural Resources Communications from MSU. I bring to the Commission my experience in business, leadership, active community participation and balancing state and county budgets without raising taxes.

1) AAA BOND RATING

The county needs to stay focused on a solid fiscal plan to maintain our AAA credit rating. This excellent bond rating helps all units of government in Oakland County save taxpayers' dollars. AAA bond rating attracts businesses that are looking to relocate, giving them the confidence that Oakland County is a fiscally well run county.

2) CREATE JOBS

Jobs that provide services that seniors need could make the county more senior friendly and create more jobs. Work as a team with the County Executive and the Dept. of Economic Development's Emerging Sectors and Main Street program.

3) GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY

The GLWA must work together to provide clean, healthy water and sewer service to the region. Cronyism shown by the city of Detroit is serving the city's interests and not that of the region. The GLWA board needs to insist on protections for its rate payers...

PHILLIP REID, Democrat

6050 Shappie Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348

Lifelong Michigan resident, Oakland County resident for 32 years. Employed at Chrysler Group LLC for 36 years, currently retired. BA, MBA Wayne State University, Detroit. Certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

I am running for Oakland County Commissioner, District 4, to create jobs, support families, and strengthen business in Oakland County. My experience as a buyer, system administrator, and project manager represent the skills I would bring to the Board of Commissioners.

1. Create Jobs: Strengthen the county's Emerging Sectors initiative to diversity our economy by bring new, high-tech industries and high-wage jobs to Oakland County.

2. Fix Our Roads: Change the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) from an independent agency to a county government agency to improve accountability in road and bridge repairs.

3. Protect Our Water: Ban fracking in Oakland County to protect our water, health, and property values.

County Commissioner - District 5

TOM J. BERMAN, Republican

2039 Pine Lk.Trl., Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Our next County Commissioner's role will require the need to make conservative fiscal decisions while balancing the requirement to invest in services, infrastructure, and economic development. It is imperative that our most capable are making those decisions. I am the best candidate to do that. I will vigorously advocate on behalf of those that I represent. I will utilize my education, background and experience as an attorney, as well as a proven leader in both business and government administration, in fact, the only candidate to hold elected office, coupled with my entrepreneurial spirit, dedication and vigilance to help continue to advance Oakland County forward. The health and strength of Oakland County is of the utmost importance to me as a lifelong resident that continues to live, work, play, and most notably, raise my family here. Simply put, I deeply care about Oakland County. To learn more, please visit TomBerman.com.

1. There is nothing more vital than maintaining Oakland County's AAA bond rating and sustaining the passage of multi-year balanced budgets through responsible, fiscally conservative principles. I will cut wasteful spending, help negotiate the best deals and will spearhead a transparent, fair and consistent vendor bidding process.

2. It is essential to keep our property taxes low. Low taxes will continue to help stimulate our economy and attract residents and businesses.

3. Economic Development is a critical component to the future success of Oakland County. Individuals and businesses, not the government, stimulate the economy. Therefore, it is mission critical that Oakland County provides a favorable business climate, which includes reducing stifling regulations, keeping taxes low, and cutting bureaucratic red tape to allow businesses to spur the economy. My laser focus will be seeking out new economic development opportunities by working with both the public and private sectors.

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner 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 the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 5 (Cont.)

JULIA A. PULVER, Democrat

6710 Buckland Ave., West Bloomfield, MI 48324

I am a wife, mother of four, and small business owner. My professional training is as a Registered Nurse and Certified Case Manager. All of these roles have prepared me, not only for this leadership position, but also for the incredibly difficult task of bringing ALL stakeholders to the table, and working towards a common goal. That is the essence of what government should be doing, bringing all invested parties together to work toward our common good. Sadly, this does not always happen, and many times only the loudest, or best resourced, voices are the only ones heard. My experiences in both my personal and professional life have prepared me to ensure that everyone's needs are addressed. I am running to make sure everyone's voice is heard! We are all in this together, and we can all find a way to be healthy, wealthy and wise.

Firstly, I have proposed the "**Oakland County Safe and Healthy Lakes Initiative**" that calls for:

- Annual testing of all Oakland County beaches
- Creating an alert system for when beaches are closed and reopened
- Partnering with the **Michigan Clean Water Corps** to help cover the costs associated with testing
- Developing an action plan to reduce risk of water runoff, which is a major source of lake pollution

Secondly, creating a public transportation system that can meet the basic needs of everyone in the community should be a top priority. I fully support the Regional Transit System that is being proposed.

Thirdly, improve funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment. I can tell you from firsthand experience, there are not enough beds, there are not enough doctors, and there is not enough funding to ensure that everyone in Oakland County struggling with these problems gets the care they need.

County Commissioner - District 6

EILEEN KOWALL, Republican

6789 Deerhill Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

Husband Mike of 42 years, daughter Marissa (Tom) Downs, grandchildren Madeline and Colin, daughter Stephanie Kowall. Graduated from U of D Dental School (1974) with degree in Dental Hygiene and practiced from 1974 – 1990 and 1995-1997; Accurate Woodworking, Design/Sales/Marketing (1990-2004); Oakland County Commissioner (2003-2008); State Representative (2003-2014.) Currently serving as an Oakland County Commissioner District 6. Oakland County resident for 42 years; Member Huron Valley Optimists, Waterford Chamber, Elks Club and Historical Society, White Lake Historical Society.

My previous 6 years on the BOC and 6 years as a state representative lend me a great deal of experience. I have brought my knowledge of state government back to the county, working to improve communication between Oakland County and Lansing. I have also held many leadership positions in Lansing and demonstrated that I'm not afraid to take on the tough issues.

1. **Jobs:** Continue supporting Oakland County's efforts to retain existing job providers & recruit cutting edge business sectors. More emphasis on skilled trades & certificate programs. Collaboration between businesses & local high schools. We also need efforts to match jobs with talent.

2. **Economy:** A healthy local government is important, as businesses need stability when considering location. I would continue to support proactive, long-range planning, maintaining our AAA bond rating & quality of life efforts to keep Oakland County attractive to job providers & residents.

3. **Roads/Infrastructure:** Recently, Oakland County allocated an additional \$1 M to our Tri-Party Road Funding Program for local projects. We also allocated \$1 M for a pilot road funding match program for city projects.

Oakland County, now part of the Great Lakes Water Authority is doing it's best to maintain and improve the water & sewer infrastructure for our region, while protecting Oakland County ratepayers.

KIMBERLI TROUTT, Democrat

3832 Brookfield Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

I am a graduate of Walsh College and am currently an Accounting Manager at a family owned and operated heating and cooling company. I have been active with my son's school, Cub Scouts, and the children's ministry at my church for the past five years. I am passionate about taking care of the most vulnerable members of my community and don't think twice about getting involved to help those that need it. I am running for County Commissioner to be involved with keeping our government accountable to the community that it serves.

Safe water – I support and would approve funding to test the drinking water in our schools and childcare centers. Provide funding support for water and sewer infrastructure improvements and repairs.

Safe schools – I will support anti-bullying efforts to make our schools safe for all children.

Veterans – I will support initiatives that will aid in putting an end to homelessness for Oakland County veterans.

County Commissioner - District 7

CHRISTINE A. LONG, Republican

1342 E. Commerce Rd., Commerce, MI 48382

Biographical Information:

Receiving a baccalaureate degree from Michigan State University, College of Nursing, I formerly worked as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital. Married, with five children. Elected County Commissioner in 2002. Owner/Operator, of The Long Family Orchard, Cider Mill, & Farm. Operating a fifth generation family farm, my business enables me to be available and visible before my constituents on a day-to-day basis. As your County Commissioner, I have voted with principal, and have been a strong advocate for local input and participation of county issues, programs, and services.

Committees: Chairperson General Government, Finance, Oakland County Parks & Recreation, Airport Committee-secretary, SEMCOG delegate.

Member: Oakland County Republican Party-executive member, Multi-Lakes Conservation Association-honorary member

1) **DWSD.** The biggest problem confronting Oakland County at this time is the lack of cooperation from the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. While I believe that Detroit water is one of the highest quality in the United States, its mismanagement of the department is a disgrace. Oakland County cannot enter into an agreement that forces "our" ratepayers a 40 to 50 million dollar annual increase so that Detroit can fully fund the City's annual pension obligation for the next 10 years, freeing up City money for "other issues." It is not my taxpayers job to fund Detroit's general fund.

2) **Budget.** As a Finance Committee member, I will continue to review county spending with diligence. It is imperative to keep taxes low while providing quality services within a tight budget.

3) **Economy.** Continue to diversify the County's economy with initiatives such as Automation Alley, Emerging Sectors, Small Business Loan Program.

FREDERICK GOLDING, Democrat

2760 Duffers Ln., Commerce, MI 48390

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County Commissioner - District 8

PHIL WEIPERT, Republican

135 N. Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178

Married to Pam and residing in South Lyon 25 years; Owner-Law Office of Philip Weipert; Juris Doctor-Cooley Law School, B.A. U of M-Dearborn, Catholic Central High School. Serving as Chair-Planning & Building Committee, member Human Resources, Personnel Appeal and Claims Review Committees. SEMCOG Budget & Finance Committee. Chair South Lyon ZBA; Wixom, Milford & South Lyon Historical Societies, Huron Valley, South Lyon and Lakes Area Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 Best Lawyer; Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grand Knight K of C Council 7586 & Secretary K of C Assembly 3099 Milford; 2016 Chamber Citizen of the Year; Lyon Twp. Kitefest Committee, Operation Injured Soldiers, Huron River Watershed Council and War Dog Memorial. I am currently serving as, running for and am qualified for Commissioner because of my background in law, volunteering, public service, and leadership roles in civic organizations.

Economy, Job Growth, Roads & Infrastructure. As Commissioner, I have worked on & passed a balanced 3 Year budget maintaining the County's AAA bond rating. My goals are to insure that tax dollars are spent wisely, costs are contained & services are maintained. I will insure these goals are achieved. I supported the recent Pilot Local Road Improvement program and will continue the Tri-Party program making appx. 2 Million dollars available to match and improve local road projects. I support Automation Alley, Main Street and the Emerging Sectors programs attracting and stimulating new jobs. I have experience with all aspects of County operations and have an ability to work with the County Executive to encourage these programs creating jobs. I will continue to work with the other Commissioners on the pressing economic issues of Oakland County in a fiscally conservative manner.

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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?

County Commissioner - District 8 (Cont.)

ROLAND J. SCHNEIDER, Democrat

370 Rose Hill, Milford, MI 48381

Graduate with B.S. and Masters from Wayne State University.

Public School Teacher for 49 years.

Married to wife Merylene Schneider. Family includes four children three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

U. S. Army Veteran from 1954 through 1956.

Active in the Michigan Education Association.

Active in the Oakland County Democratic Party. Precinct Delegate - Member State Central Committee.

I have served on many committees both professionally and politically. I have worked hard to find compromise with divergent viewpoints. These skills will make me a good commissioner.

The three priority issues I would focus on are:

Roads: Our roads in the outlying communities are bad. I would hope to bring the issues of our poor roads to the attention of fellow commissioners and make sure funds were provided to do what ever is necessary to fix our roads..

Water: I will work to insure that all county residents have safe drinking water and that all recreational waters remain clean.

Seniors: As a senior citizen, I am aware of our special problems. I would do my best to see that present Senior Programs remain intact and new help is available when the need arises.

County Commissioner - District 9

HUGH D. CRAWFORD, Republican

46275 W. 11 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374

BACKGROUND: Veteran US Marine Corps, Retired Xerox Corporation, married to Kathy for 52 years,

* Elected Novi City Council 1985 - served 15 years, 8 years Mayor Pro Tem.

* Elected Oakland County Board of Commissioners 2000-served 8 years-4 years as Board Vice Chair

* Elected Michigan State House 2008-served 6 years. Chairman Regulatory Reform 4 years

* Elected to Oakland County Board of Commissioners -2014

Chair of Sanitary Code of Appeals Board, Chair Oakland International Airport, Chair of Legislative Liason committee, Member of Finance Committee, Member of Planning & Building Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Friend Novi Library, Member Novi Lions Club, Member Multi Lakes Conservation Assoc., LIFE Member of NRA, Life Member MCRGO

1) **Maintain the Oakland County AAA Bond rating** by voting with conservative and common sense values.

2) **Oakland County Roads**-continue to support local road initiatives, such as Tri-Party funding. I would also assure that our appointments to the Road Commission are the best possible candidates.

3) **Award Winning Budget**-Assure that the County Budget is approved, balanced and on time by voting utilizing conservative common sense values.

SKILLS: Proven leadership, common sense, dedication to details, problem identification and solutions and communication skills

WHY AM I RUNNING: From the time I was a young boy in this District, I was actively involved in community service. Service to community was taught in scouts, church, school and Marine Corps. I grew up to believe citizens should not be spectators, but get involved to make things better.

COLLEEN CROSSEY, Democrat

22279 Brockshire St., Novi, MI 48375

I am a licensed social worker and mother of two school-aged daughters. I am concerned for their economic future. Wages are insufficient and don't ensure economic security. Today, people work multiple jobs and STILL don't have enough to pay the bills. This must change! That is why I support the prevailing wage, a living wage and earned, paid sick leave. Employees must be able to take paid time off to care for sick family members. I support a regional transit system that will bring customers to our stores and employees to their jobs. This will expand economic opportunities for all, and pave the way for local businesses to innovate and succeed.

Veterans, seniors, minorities and women deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. All people, regardless of race, religion, gender, identity or age, deserve a chance at the American dream! Our health departments must provide medically accurate information.

I will fight for a responsible, balanced budget. I will save tax payer money and get county buildings energy efficient and solar powered. I will safeguard our water supply from the dangerous toxins that come from fracking. I will provide funding support for water and sewer infrastructure improvements and repairs. I WON'T tolerate a water crisis like Flint in Oakland County! I DON'T support corporate tax loopholes, subsidies and abatements. I will, instead, invest in job training and small businesses. I will prohibit discrimination in housing, employment and access to public services. I will support safe schools that ban guns and ban bullying. I support body cameras on county deputy sheriffs. This protects civil rights and prevents tragedies. I will commit resources to families, especially veterans, who are homeless. The people of our community are our greatest strength. When we join together, we will make great things happen.

County Commissioner - District 10

DAVID B. FOSTER, Republican

791 Melrose St., Pontiac, MI 48340

DAVID BOWMAN, Democrat

P. O. Box 431434, Pontiac, MI 48343-1434

I'm running for re-election, to continue as a voice for Pontiac. Emergency Managers are behind us and we have a bright future ahead, a future where our children receive a world-class education and our citizens have jobs and opportunity.

I've lived in Pontiac my entire life except while at Florida State University, where I obtained a Bachelors' Degree in International Relations. I have a Masters' Degree in Public Administration from Wayne State University.

I presently serve on the following committees: Human Resource Committee, Planning & Building Committee, Job Evaluation review Committee, Oakland County Community & Home Improvement, Citizen Advisory Council, National Association of Counties, and National Association of Counties Next Generation Network.

I know what needs to be done and I will continue to work for the people of my community.

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1. **Provide quality services**— I will continue to go after investments for Pontiac. Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently earmarked \$1 million for the creation of a pilot road funding match program for city road projects. Pontiac is now part of this program.

2. **Healthier and safer community** — Pontiac was named one of 50 Invest Health cities by Reinvestment Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and will receive a \$60,000 grant, focusing on creating a more mobile community. EPA recently awarded Oakland County \$600,000 grant to help local communities assess and clean brownfield sites for future economic development, the county partnered with several communities, Pontiac is one of those communities.

3. **Protect at risk groups**—I am in support of testing drinking water in our schools and child care centers. Providing support for water and sewer infrastructure improvements for Oakland County and Pontiac's aging water and sewer system.

County Commissioner - District 11

DOUG TIETZ, Republican

5833 Bingham Dr., Troy, MI 48085

A husband, a father, and small business owner, Doug Tietz served for four years on the Troy City Council where he focused on increasing government transparency and keeping government spending in line. Committed to being accessible Doug lists his home phone number (248-879-1739) on all his campaign literature because all residents deserve accessible and accountable government.

(1) Creating an environment that promotes economic growth in Oakland County by keeping taxes and regulations low. (2) Promote continued investment in Oakland County Roads by making road funding a budget priority. (3) Support L. Brooks Patterson in his ongoing efforts to keep Oakland County water bills from spiraling out of control because of Wayne County mismanagement.

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County Commissioner - District 11 (Cont.)

BOB STORC, Democrat

819 Leinster Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I am an Engineering Director with experience in developing creative solutions (including over 9 patents) to problems and mentoring employees. I have a BSME from General Motors Institute and a MSES from Rensselaer Polytechnic University. I am married with 2 grown daughters. My problem solving approach includes not only using data to develop ideas, but also LISTENING and COMPROMISING to end up with a team approach that is acceptable to others with varying viewpoints. In addition, I believe that it is very important to mentor people to. At the end of the day, it is all about people. I am running to address issues. I am also self-funding my campaign.

Clean Water and the Environment, including working with the Great Lakes Water Authority. First, I support water testing of schools in Oakland County to verify water that leaving the water plant is equally clean at the schools. I also support testing at government buildings as the next step.

Repairing our Infrastructure, primarily roads, with bridges as a priority.

Obviously, we have to work within budget. The plan needs to be transparent and obtain community buy-in.

Mental Health and Gun Safety. After every major gun violence event there is discussion about addressing mental health. I suggest that the Mental Health Department work with Universities, Law Enforcement and other appropriate organizations to determine how to further address this issue. It is time for new ideas and proposals, followed by implementation. I do not necessarily expect this to be completely addressed within the next 2 years, but we need to start.

County Commissioner - District 12

SHELLEY GOODMAN TAUB, Republican

1959 Shore Hill Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

State Representative; County Commissioner; Business Management; Teacher; Mother; Grandmother

Leadership:

State Representative: Chair 6 Committees, Vice- Chair 3 Committees, reported –out 4 budgets,

11 Public Acts, elected to Leadership by Peers.

County Commissioner: Chosen Top Woman Leader (2016) in Michigan by Governing Magazine, President- Elect of Michigan Association of Counties, 6 Chairs, 6 additional Boards, Caucus Chair, Business Roundtable, Birmingham Youth Assistance

Integrity:

As an elected official, I serve the public. The public does not serve me! I am a public servant.

I understand the meaning of “holding the public trust”.

I listen. I hear. I care.

Work Ethic:

I get things done by “cutting red-tape.” Paving Long Lake, downed trees removed, sewer and water bills, Downtown Development, pool fences, Human Trafficking, Heroin overdoses, potholes at a condo sub, I-75/ Square Lake Interchange, training the work force are just some of the issues I work hard on every day.

Unpaid Water Debt:

Should we be paying water bills for Highland Park because they didn't bill their customers in nearly four years?

I say, “No!”

That is why I'm sending their \$30 million bill to Lansing.

Roads:

The Board of Commissioners created a tri-party program with the Road Commission and local governments. Funding was \$1 million, increasing to \$2 million last fiscal year. An additional \$1 million fund for cities will take care of immediate needs and pothole patching.

Economic Growth:

Fiscal constraints, cutting my salary twice by 5%, conservative budgeting and innovation, allowed Oakland County to weather the Great Recession without raising taxes.

We lowered taxes twice in the last 2 years trying to compensate for the new pension tax and loss of Homestead deductions imposed by Lansing on seniors.

I am proud to be part of the AAA County team that has a five year balanced budget!

CHARLES GABA, Democrat

3711 Thornbrier Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

I was born & raised in Bloomfield Township, a graduate of Lahser High and MSU. I spent my twenties managing movie theaters before co-founding Brainwrap Web Design in 1999.

My wife Elisabeth and I have been married 13 years; we moved back here so our son can receive the same great public education that I did.

In 2012 I was involved in the successful campaign for the new Bloomfield Hills High School. This sparked my interest in improving things locally.

In 2013 I launched a website devoted to realtime crowdsourcing of enrollments in Affordable Care Act policies. My work caught the attention of major media outlets, and has since been used as a resource across the ideological spectrum.

Recently, my devotion to public service led me to decide that it was time to refocus my attention at the local level by running for County Commissioner.

1. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Everyone knows the terrible shape of many of our roads, while the ongoing Flint water crisis reminds us how fragile our basic resources can be. As commissioner, I'd fight to increase funding for road repair, protecting our water & fixing our aging water/sewer systems.

2. **RENEWABLE ENERGY:** Climate change is no longer a theoretical problem. Advances in green technology make it more economically feasible than ever to move towards clean energy and away from environmentally damaging fossil fuels.

As commissioner, I'd push for expanding the use of solar arrays, wind turbines, electric vehicles, water recycling and similar measures as much as is reasonably possible from a budget perspective.

3. **ECONOMIC FAIRNESS:** As commissioner, I'd support measures such as earned paid sick days/parental leave, investing in job training programs, protecting the prevailing wage and requiring that corporations return tax subsidies if they underdeliver on promised jobs.

County Commissioner - District 13

MICHELLE DINARDO, Republican

37125 Fox Glen, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

I am a Farmington Hills resident and the mother of two children, Emilia 12 years old and Sebastian 8 years old. I am a “Big Ten” graduate from Indiana University where I earned a B.S. in Financial Administration.

I manage compliance, operations and client service with the same registered investment advisory (RIA) firm, Griffin Portfolio Management Corp. located in Farmington Hills, for over 23 years. I'm running for County Commissioner in my district because I'm tired of my hard earned money being wasted. Elected officials on all levels are not diligent in their spending practices using taxpayer dollars. I want to selectively change that. My extensive knowledge of investing and financial matters as well as running a small business will help me to best serve Oakland County and its citizens.

1. Assure Oakland County maintains its AAA bond rating by conscientiously working to control spending. This bond rating saves taxpayers millions of dollars in future borrowing costs.

2. As spending needs are increasing throughout the metro area, Oakland County residents needs must come first.

Oakland County residents are continuously being asked to pay for special interests such as the DIA, Detroit Zoo and now the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in the form of millages. Now we have learned that our tax dollars are paying for exorbitant compensation packages for DIA and Zoo officials. The RTA millage that will be on November's ballot has Oakland County taxpayers spending \$1.3 billion. We will receive only a fraction of it in transportation services. Wasteful spending must end.

3. Taxes cannot be raised. This is where diligent spending is a requirement and decision making must be based on ethical principles and comprehensive data.

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County Commissioner - District 13 (Cont.)

MARCIA GERSHENSON, Democrat

5964 Wing Lk.Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I am a native Michigander and University of Michigan graduate. I am running for re-election to continue my work on some great initiatives that benefit our community.

I started a Women’s Alliance for Oakland County and have held seminars for women Veterans and Women in the workforce. Our Business Protocol ongoing series teaches best practices and builds confidence in women to succeed in the work place.

I co-chair a gun safety committee. Currently, we have sponsored PSA’s that encourage the use of gun locks or gun safes to promote responsible gun ownership.

Another priority is testing the water in our schools and day care centers.

We are also working on a new fund that the County will match local cities money to repair existing roads.

Oakland County has a budget surplus and I will continue to work to see that money directed into services that benefit our community.

My 3 top issues are ensuring the drinking water in our schools and day care centers are safe, our water delivery infrastructure is sound and our crumbling roads repaired.

We need to guarantee our children are drinking uncontaminated water. We should providing water testing in schools and day care centers and investigating using water filters.

The pipes delivering our water, need to be inspected and maintained. Water is a right and I am committed that all Michiganders have access to clean drinking and recreational waters.

I support a new bi-party road fund that will use some of the Oakland County budget surplus to help our cities fix their crumbling roads. Until our state sends the money needed to repair our roads, we need to continue looking at other funding mechanisms.

I am committed to continue working on these issues and others to benefit all residents in our County.

County Commissioner - District 14

BILL DWYER, Republican

35862 Lone Pine Ln., Farmington Hills, MI 48335

It is truly an honor to serve the people of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield Township as their voice on the Oakland County Commission. After 49 years of service in law enforcement, I’ve learned how to set priorities and get people focused on solving problems. It’s this unique perspective that has allowed me to bring my colleagues on the Commission together during the past six years to tackle tough issues such as reducing gun violence.

I served as Chief of the Farmington Hills Police Department for 23 years. I have served in numerous leadership roles including President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and President of the Farmington Hills Benevolent Association in the past. I have a deep understanding and appreciation for the communities I serve.

Roads: Our roads are falling apart. With my support, the Commission has tripled the amount of funds available to assist local governments, bringing back hundreds of thousands in road repair dollars to my district. We must spend our limited dollars wisely, prioritizing existing infrastructure before building new roads and bridges.

Safe Communities: We can and should do more to prevent crime in our neighborhoods. I am leading an award winning bipartisan effort that is making a difference, distributing 10,000 free gun safety locks and raising awareness regarding steps to reduce the threat of gun violence.

Job Growth: I am proud of my record of support for smart fiscal decisions and innovation. In an increasingly competitive world it is critical that we send a signal to businesses that Oakland County is a place to invest and create jobs.

WILLIAM MILLER III, Democrat

29825 Sugar Spring, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

I am a Business Representative for the Operating Engineers Local324. I am a commissioner on Farmington Hills Park and Recreation commission, I am the current PTA President for Warner Upper elementary and I am a member of the Farmington / Farmington Hills American legion. I have a daughter who attends Warner. I am a working person looking to strengthen the middle class and keep our quality of life in Oakland county.

Issue # 1 – Clean Water . I support testing of school’s/daycares water in Oakland County. I will work the other commissioners to ensure this takes place.

Issue # 2 –Our Infrastructure, our roads are a priority. I will work hard to secure grants to keep our roads safe and reliable.

Issue # 3 – Budget, I will work to lower the cost to our residents.

County Commissioner - District 15

ADAM KOCHENDERFER, Republican

1550 Traceky, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

I am currently the County Commissioner for District 15 in Rochester and Rochester Hills. I previously served on the Rochester Hills City Council. Both Oakland County and the Rochester-area community have been ranked as some of the best places to live in America. I am running to continue that trend.

In addition to the County Commission and City Council, I have served in a variety of roles in our community:

- Green Space Advisory Board for Rochester Hills;
- Historic District Study Committee for 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.

I am also an attorney who has significant experience addressing municipal government and even drafting ordinances. I’ve helped numerous clients find efficiencies, increase jobs, and develop innovative solutions to complex problems.

1. **MAINTAIN ROADS** - We must maintain roads in the least disruptive way possible. The County Commission has established a Local Road Improvement Program that offers matching funds for targeted road maintenance and improvement projects. It is essential that we keep our roadways safe for all residents.

2. **CONTROL GOVERNMENT COST** – Maintaining our strong bond rating is essential to our long-term financial health. It’s easy for innovation to take a backseat to check-writing when the economy is improving. Oakland County must remain focused on areas that matter most to residents while maintaining fiscal discipline.

3. **INCREASE JOBS** – Oakland County’s economy is among the strongest in the nation. In fact, the 2015 unemployment rate was the lowest annual reading since 2001. Now isn’t the time to rest. County regulatory services should be focused on helping businesses grow by quickening the permit process, streamlining filings, assisting compliance, and promoting our talented workforce.

MARY WARD, Democrat

639 Parkland Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

My name is Mary Ward. I am running for county commissioner in the 15th district. I have lived in Rochester Hills for 12 years. I taught in Rochester Community Schools for 18 years. I have a BS from Oakland University and a MAT from Marygrove. I have two grown children.

During my teaching career, I became politically involved and ran for state representative in 2010. I believe that it is not enough to complain about conditions in which you are unhappy. Instead I decided to run for office to maintain and improve the lives of the people of Oakland County. I am empathetic to the needs of all and welcome and input from constituents in order to enhance our quality of life. I am a natural leader, determined to do my best at all times, and I will work hard on behalf of Oakland County residents.

Issue 1 CLEAN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

I will solicit advice from the various local environmental conservation groups including the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program. They are the experts in this area. I will listen and strongly consider their advice.

Issue 2 ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE
I will seek advice from the Oakland County Road Commission to try to find creative and efficient ways to finance projects to repair and maintain our roads. I will encourage timely inspection of infrastructure to keep our citizens safe.

Issue 3 MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF OUR COUNTY’S CHILDREN AND ADULTS
The physical and mental health and development of our citizens is of utmost importance in order to have a good quality of life. Services in these areas need to be enhanced and strengthened for the good of the Oakland County community.

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County Commissioner - District 16

WADE FLEMING, Republican

3820 Victoria Dr., Troy, MI 48083

My wife Paula, and I raised our family in Troy for 34 years. We believe strongly in public service. I am currently in my 2nd. year as County Commissioner and Paula serves on the Troy School Board. I earned a BBA as an Accounting Major with 35 years in corporate management ending when I retired from my career as President/CEO of a tier 1 automotive supplier. During my 9 years on the Troy City Council and 2 years as Commissioner, I have focused on solutions to real problems and been a voice for all regardless of partisan background. My pledge to you is to be available and willing to listen for all citizens in Troy, Clawson and Northern Royal Oak. I will use the experience I have gained in government, business and community service to make sure we get our fair share of road dollars, provide excellent services and create jobs.

CHARLES SALGAT, Democrat

2651 Winter Dr., Troy, MI 48083

My name is Chuck Salgat. I have been a resident of Troy for 40 years. I have been married to Margaret for 42 years and we are the parents of three children. Margaret is a retired teacher and I still am active part time in sales. I enjoy playing both softball and baseball. I am currently a member of the City of Troy Economic Development Corp., the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and since 2002 a member of the Selective Service Board.

I would bring my life long progressive beliefs to the Commission. I will be concerned with the quality of our parks, roads, and water. In any government there will be disagreements. From what I have seen, the members of our Commission appreciate the importance of civil discourse and my goal would be to push for ideas I believe in but to do so in a manner that is viewed as positive.

Road Improvements: I will continue to work to improve the quality, timing and efficiency of our road construction. Oakland County must get our fair share of state and federal road funds. Let's fix existing roads before spending on new ones.

Retain and Attract Business: As your Commissioner, I have put my business background to work to attract jobs to Troy, Clawson and Oakland County. With our excellent quality of life, available properties and an aggressive strategy for emerging markets, we can attract new businesses and the professional/skilled workers of the future.

Responsible Budgets: I will continue to fight for a fiscally responsible county government and insist on a balanced budget plan 3 years in advance. A low county tax rate retains residents and businesses. Savings allow us to deal with crisis situations and unknowns, such as the possible Detroit Water and Sewer Department rate increases we must fight.

I would view the following as my top 3 Priority Issues.

1. We have a unique opportunity in it's infancy in the new M1 rail line coming to fore in Detroit. Oakland County and Southeast Michigan are woefully behind in the area of mass transit. I believe if this rail line could eventually be extended up Woodward into Oakland County, it could be the beginning of an effective mass transit system. This obviously is a long term goal.
2. The quality of our roads is an ongoing issue. I believe that the development of a mass transit system over the coming decades will ease the wear and tear on our roads. The cost of one could in part be offset by the development of the other.
3. Protect and maintain the quality of our Parks and water. These are quality of life issues.

County Commissioner - District 17

DAVID A. CUTTNER, Republican

30160 Westbrook Parkway, Southfield, MI 48076

I am schooled in police administration and industrial security (MSU) and was hired to establish and administer the Detroit Police Cadet program which was developed to bring minorities into the police department. My bronze star was awarded upon completion of my Vietnam service for my administrative abilities. I intend to make a difference and respect the needs of my constituents.

NANCY QUARLES, Democrat

18131 Magnolia Ave., Southfield, MI 48075

I will continue to expand my representation of the citizens of the 17th District. Throughout my term in office, I ensured that the district was informed and aware of opportunities and resources available from the County of Oakland. I will continue to maintain services to the district. As a public servant, it is important that I be accessible to the citizens. I will concentrate on being available to discuss issues or concerns with constituents. It is crucial to advocate for the voters who entrust me with their vote.

I am pleased to serve this district as the County Commissioner. I bring to this position my experience as a Michigan State Representative. In addition, to my responsibilities as County Commissioner, I hold a position as professor at Central Michigan University. I teach political science and public administration in the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

I have reviewed minutes from the Commissioners meeting. I've learned that the commissioners have significant input to the various agencies of the County. I intend to protect the taxpayers as it is much too easy to spend other people's money. I would like to investigate the potential for savings in coordinating activities within the County where savings could be made without sacrificing efficiency and service.

The top three (3) issues facing the county are: ensuring fairness in the distribution of resources throughout the districts, funding for roads, and keeping the county attractive to citizens and businesses who choose Oakland County. Many of the aging cities in the county are located in the southern section. I will work with the departments to establish funding and make sure resources are in place to keep cities in the district sustainable. Where opportunities exist, I will make certain our district is a benefactor of available resources.

The road repair has, and continues, to be an issue for this county. I serve on a newly-created committee which identifies funds that assist cities and villages with repair of local roads. I will encourage the leadership in District 17 to participate in this road funding opportunity. This type of improvement will attract residents and business to our district.

County Commissioner - District 18

STEVEN ZIMBERG, Republican

13122 Borgman Ave., Huntington Woods, MI 48070

HELAINÉ ZACK, Democrat

8320 Hendrie Blvd., Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Since obtaining a BA and MSW from the University of Michigan, I have worked to improve the lives of employees and their families in the employee assistance program field. I have also served on numerous community boards and worked for several non-profit organizations. I view service as an elected public official as an additional way to improve the lives of County residents. As a social worker with health and human services expertise, my voice as Commissioner has been uniquely important. I seek re-election for an eighth term to continue to solve resident problems and to make Oakland County a special place to live.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

1. Clean, affordable water is a huge issue for everyone! We must vigilantly watch operations of the Great Lakes Water Authority to ensure that operations run smoothly and efficiently. We must also invest County money to test pipes in all Oakland County schools and public facilities and provide resources to help schools repair or install clean water systems.

2. Regional Transit: I serve on the RTA's Citizens Advisory Committee and work closely with other groups to champion the passage of the Regional Transit plan and millage.

3. More road investment! The State's road funding program is painfully slow and underfunded. We need to support more local efforts to fix potholes and other road problems. We just started an Oakland County pilot to match local resources to County dollars. I will work to expand this pilot with more matching Oakland County resources.

County Commissioner - District 19

MICHAEL RYAN, Republican

959 Harvard Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

I, Michael Ryan, am running for county commissioner to change the county employees' health plan to a true patient directed one. The proposal sets up three tiers of coverage, 90%, 80%, and 60%, and sets up one day panels of a dozen employees to decide what coverage would apply to medical treatments under defined conditions. This would encourage county employees to utilize early treatments with proven benefit, while only resorting to risky, expensive treatments when they really feel the benefits outweigh the costs. The plan would be adaptable as medical technology improves. I have been a dentist for over thirty years and have seen how this type of plan has kept down the cost of dental care, unlike medical care. I would then promote this idea to the private sector.

The county commission should first work on setting up the type of health plan outlined in question one, and after the concept is proven, spread the word to other government and private employers to drive up the quality and drive down the waste in health care throughout the region. Then they should end "civil asset forfeiture" as a funding source for the sheriff's department and only take money from those convicted through the criminal asset forfeiture procedure. Lastly, we need to push SMART and DDOT to combine bus routes so riders don't have to get off one bus and wait for another just because they cross Eight Mile Road. Then look for low cost fixes for our bus systems instead of expensive duplications that drive up taxes without results.

Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner 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 the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 19 (Cont.)

DAVE WOODWARD, Democrat
2915 Woodland Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JIM FULNER, Libertarian
3059 Cumberland Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

JimFulner.com - I'm a Systems Engineer working for a local automotive supplier. I studied Software Engineering at Oakland Community College and have a BS in Political Science from Northern Michigan University. I live in Berkley with my wife of 8 years and our 3 year old daughter. As a Systems Engineer my responsibility is to keep a high level over view of a project. I ensure that the needs of our customers are being met as efficiently as possible and whenever issues are found to ensure that the root cause of the issue is addressed, not only a symptom. I believe this same high level overview of County government could help ensure a less costly system that keeps to basic libertarian principles; namely government, if it exists, must do no more than protect the rights of those in its jurisdiction. I'm running to promote voluntary solutions for the counties services.

#TaxationIsTheft : The county has no right to say "your land or your money" they're either stealing from you, or you're renting your land from them. Elimination of property taxes is my top concern. Return the funds to the rightful owner to do with as they choose.
#OpenWaterMarket: To ensure that what happened in Flint never happens in our neighborhood we must open the market for competition. We must eliminate the municipal monopoly on the water market. Only through natural regulation that occurs when private companies compete for customers will we ensure our infrastructure is cared for and our children remain safe.
#FreeSoftware: Libertarians envision a society where people may choose to share freely with one another; without fear of copyright infringement or legal threats from so-called intellectual property rights. The County can help by only using Free Software like GNU/Linux and encouraging others to do the same.

County Commissioner - District 20

DAVID J. HARRELL, Republican
4086 Rochester Rd., Ste. 207, Troy, MI 48085

I am not a politician but I have been involved in local politics for several years as an informed citizen. Instead of complaining about the quality of people that seek office, I have decided to step up and try to do as our founding fathers intended and become a servant for our district.

I am an automotive engineer and the owner of Genesis Drug Test Services located in Troy. I have been in automotive engineering and program management for over 24 years. I serve as a deacon at Grace Baptist Church, as Secretary of the Troy-Clawson Republican Forum, as a long time elected GOP Precinct Delegate and as a member of the Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee. I am a 47-year resident of Oakland County, including 27 years in Troy and Royal Oak. I have been married to my wife Barbara for 28 years.

My priorities are:
Road Improvements
Our roads were neglected for many years and Oakland County has had to take on many repairs, but there is more to be done. This will be a budgetary priority for me.
Eliminating Excess Spending
I will work tirelessly to prioritize our budget and prevent wasteful spending. I will treat your (and my) tax dollars as if they were my own family budget. I have not and will not vote for any tax increases.
Attracting New Business
Oakland County is a great place for business with a highly talented work force. I will help attract new businesses and increase the corporate tax base so we can give tax relief to the residents.

GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY, Democrat
926 Tanglewood Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071

Current: Married to Diane (41 years) Two Children Andrew (37) & Amy (33), Oakland County Commissioner for District #20 (2009 -Present) , Vice chair of Planning and Building Committee, Public Services Committee, Oakland Livingston Human Services Board of Directors, Youth Assistance County Coordinating Council, Madison Heights Little Baseball Board of Directors, Madison Heights Youth Assistance Committee.

Past: Madison Heights Mayor and Councilman (1983 - 2008), Chairman of the Madison Heights Planning Commission, Madison Heights Parks Board (25 years), Baseball and Softball Coach, Lamphere Boosters, Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, Assistance Boy Scout Leader, Madison Heights Police Reserves and 43rd District Court Probation Officer.

County and Local Roads - Recently I played a major role in setting up a Bi-Party program so that Cities and Villages will have additional dollars for local road projects. We must work toward more durable so they last much longer.
Parks - Nice parks will draw residents and business to live and work in Oakland County. It's important to provide the parks, Wave pools, Golf courses, Campgrounds, Nature Centers and Walking Trails for the families of Oakland County. As a board member of Oakland County Parks, my goal is to create more recreation programs for families.
Economy - I support good programs like Automation Alley and Medical Mainstreet that have created growth in Oakland County. It's important to create good paying jobs for our residents and business. We need to improve the lives of the jobless and homeless get back on their feet. If you have further questions, contact me at gary.mcgillivray@yahoo.com

County Commissioner - District 21

RICHARD A. VAN CAMP, Republican
21601 Collingham Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JANET JACKSON, Democrat
26246 Summerdale Dr., Southfield, MI 48033

Janet Jackson incumbent Democrat Oakland County Commissioner District 21.
28 year resident, mother of two. Charter member of the Oakland County Political Action Committee founded 1996. Coordinator of Unity 2004 presidential registration drive registering hundreds. Precinct delegate. Member of Total Living Commission in Southfield.
Member board of directors OLHSA community action agency. One of the founding members of the Oakland County Human Trafficking task force. Member gun safety study group. Member CWA. Employed AT&T in Administration. Professional experience includes staff Arthur Young & Company, DTE in finance. Realtor and mortgage banker. Teacher Oak Park schools. BA Spring Arbor University Management and Organizational Development.
My business background, and life experiences uniquely qualify and bless me to be a servant leader.

Issues affecting safety and quality of life, especially our young are to me, most pertinent and pressing. I will safeguard the vitality of the county while continuing to advocate for our citizens, being a voice for our most vulnerable.
Workforce development - Partnering with the County Workforce Development division and non-profits, create and promote training and job programs focusing on the building trades, manufacturing, STEAM and creative art endeavors.
Infrastructure - Support funding to test water quality in schools. Dedication of fund dollars to increase road repair and maintenance of county and city roads.
Returning Citizens- Facilitate assistance to help returning citizens from incarceration. Assemble round tables using federal and state resources to help enhance second chance efforts.

Township Elections

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

See **VOTER GUIDES** on website www.LWVOA.ORG for responses to questionnaires

Questionnaires were NOT sent to unopposed & new write-in candidates.

Springfield Township

Supervisor..... Collin Walls
Clerk Laura Moreau
Treasurer Jamie L. Dubre
4 Trustees..... Marc Cooper
 Judy Hensler
 Dave Hopper
 Denny Vallad

7 Township Park Commissioners

Diane Baker • E. Roger Bower • Lisa L. Christensen
 Dennis G. Omell • Richard Parke • Angela Spicer
 Jean A. Vallad

6 Library Board Members

Kristine L. Bower • Ruth A. Gruber • Sandra Marohn
 Kathleen Rollins • Joan M. Rusch

Waterford Township

Supervisor Gary Wall
Clerk Sue Camilleri, *Republican*
 Rita Holloway-Irwin, *Democrat*
Treasurer Margaret Birch
4 Trustees Anthony Bartolotta, *Republican*
 Michael Healy, *Republican*
 Karen Joliat, *Republican*
 Steve Thomas, *Republican*
 Kent Douglas, *Democrat*
 Donna F. Kelley, *Democrat*
 Matthew K. McClure, *Democrat*
 Robin McGregor, *Democrat*

West Bloomfield Township

Supervisor..... Steven Kaplan
Clerk..... Debbie Binder
Treasurer..... Teri Adelberg Weingarden
4 Trustees Paul Karmo, *Republican*
 Don Perry, *Republican*
 Sheila Siegel Weissman, *Republican*
 Jim Manna, *Democrat*
 Howard Rosenberg, *Democrat*
 Diane Rosenfeld Swimmer, *Democrat*
 Jonathan Warshay, *Democrat*

7 Park Commissioners

Joe Green • Mervin Aronoff • Robert V. Brooks
 Margie Fiszman-Kirsch • Gerald J. Sukenic
 Sally Wenczel • Michele Hembree

6 Library Board Members

Karen Eickemeyer • Carol Foster • Judith A. Holtz
 Carol A. Kravetz • Ken Macon • Thomas Meyer
 Wendy Bidgood Osthaus

White Lake Township

Supervisor Rik Kowall, *Republican*
 Doug Hanks, *Democrat*
Clerk Terry Lilley
Treasurer Mike Roman
4 Township Trustees Michael C. Powell
 Scott Ruggles
 Liz Fessler Smith
 Andrea C. Voorheis

6 Library Board Members

Pamela Collins • Joseph Fennell • Richard McGlew
 Glenn Rossow • Jennifer Hoover Schulz
 David Varadian

★★★ NON-PARTISAN CONTESTS ★★★

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - 8-year term - Vote for ONE

Duties: The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws.
 It supervises all other state courts. The court has 7 members.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>What experiences (educational, occupational, civic and community) do you feel have helped qualify you for this judicial office?</i>	<i>The bipartisan Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force recommended full disclosure of campaign funding, nominations to Supreme Court by nonpartisan primary, and an advisory commission for gubernatorial appointments. What are your views on these recommendations?</i>	<i>What, in your opinion, are the greatest areas of need/challenge in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?</i>
DOUG DERN		Did not respond in time for inclusion.	
FRANK SZYMANSKI Campaign Website: frankszymanskiforjustice.com Facebook: http://judgefrankforjustice.com/ Occupation / Current Position: Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Judge Education: High School: Austin H.S., Detroit, MI (June 1970); College: University of Notre Dame (1970-1974); Law School: University of Detroit School of Law (1977-1980) magna cum laude & Other graduate studies. Twitter: twitter.com/askjudgefrank	I have been elected and served 10 years as a Juvenile Court Judge for Wayne County Circuit Court. I have 26 years experience as a trial attorney in all levels of trial courts. In the juvenile court, I've worked on some of the most troubling cases in our community. I am the author of IDENTITY DESIGN, a guide to powerful and generous living. Hearing about the challenges faced by the most vulnerable members of our community has taught me to be an advocate for justice and opportunity for all. As an award winning jurist I have started numerous community programs supporting education and effective rehabilitation.	I support full transparency regarding campaign funding because the people have a right to know the source of funds supporting our government officials. Full disclosure allows for a more informed choice by voters because without this, voters are unable to "consider the source" of campaign messages. Non-partisan primary nominations for Supreme Court provide a more neutral, voter friendly procedure for selecting nominees for the Court. Establishing an advisory commission on gubernatorial appointments broadens the appointment process and I also support this change.	Education resources in Michigan are inadequate in a number of our communities. A quality education is a right, not a privilege, and the Court can protect this right. The State Appellate Defender Office reports millions of dollars in costs to the state based on sentencing errors. We need fair representation to avoid erroneous sentences and save millions for our taxpayers. Michigan spends less up front on indigent representation than other states and we pay for it in the long run. We need to decriminalize mental illness and have more treatment courts, such as for veterans and human trafficking victims.
DAVID VIVIANO Campaign Website: http://vivianoforjustice.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JusticeDavidViviano Occupation / Current Position: Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court Education: B.A., Hillsdale College; J.D., University of Michigan Law School Twitter: twitter.com/JusticeViviano	In addition to my service on the Michigan Supreme Court, I served as a trial judge and later as the Chief Judge of Macomb County, where I led one of the largest trial courts in Michigan. In addition, I managed a busy docket consisting of civil and criminal matters. I have very diverse legal experience, having worked for two nationally-recognized law firms and started my own firm before taking the bench. I am running for re-election because I believe that I have the moral foundation, legal training, and life experience to serve as a thoughtful, passionate, and principled justice.	I favor our current judicial selection system, but acknowledge the continuing public debate on how it can be improved. While I agree that substituting the partisan nominating process for open, nonpartisan primaries could reduce the appearance of partisanship, it could also increase the amount of money in judicial elections. And, as a candidate, I am already required to disclose all of my campaign contributions and expenditures. In the end, any proposal for changing how we select our judges is inherently a policy choice that should be made by the people through their representatives or popular referendum.	A significant problem facing our court system relates to how our courts are funded. Under the current system, courts are primarily funded at the local level. Local control has many virtues, but this framework makes it difficult to implement statewide reforms. We are currently working to improve our public defense system and have made significant advancements in the areas of e-filing and administrative consolidation. However, to implement new technologies and make reforms on a statewide basis, we need to work with the Legislature to obtain statewide funding or rethink the way we fund our court system.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Partial term to 1/1/19 - Vote for ONE

<p>JOAN LARSEN Campaign Website: justicejoan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/justicejoanlarsen/ Occupation / Current Position: Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court Education: B.A., with Highest Honors, University of Northern Iowa; J.D., magna cum laude, Northwestern University School of Law Twitter: twitter.com/JusticeJoan4MI</p>	<p>My tenure as Justice of the Supreme Court, as well as my diverse legal career, has prepared me to grapple with the high-level legal questions that confront us on the Court. My clerkship on the U.S. Supreme Court instilled in me the importance of upholding the rule of law and judging each case fairly. My mix of private practice with the nationally renowned law firm of Sidley Austin, public service as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice, and teaching at the University of Michigan Law School has equipped me to handle complex legal questions with judgment and integrity.</p>	<p>Our judicial selection process, like all aspects of government, must be subject to review and debate. We should always strive to improve the system to ensure that we select judges of the highest caliber and integrity and to ensure informed public participation in the process. I believe the Task Force's recommendations should be given careful consideration. As with all policy questions, a sitting Justice is constrained in response. Whether to adopt the recommendations is a choice our process trusts to the citizenry, not to judges, either through popular referendum or through their representatives in the legislature.</p>	<p>One challenge is how to handle non-violent criminal offenders with special characteristics. Michigan has been at the forefront of creating problem-solving courts for such offenders, including Veterans Treatment Court, Drug Court, and Mental Health Court. The result has been reduced recidivism and unemployment, savings to taxpayers, and restoration of families and communities. As the Supreme Court's liaison to the problem-solving courts, I am proud of the way we have supported and encouraged these courts. We need to continue to promote the growth of the courts and to support the individuals that make them work.</p>
<p>KERRY L MORGAN Campaign Website: https://www.political-bank.com/find-candidates/kerry-lee-morgan Occupation / Current Position: Attorney Education: Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981 Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, honors, 1977.</p>	<p>The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written according to the meaning of the people who adopted it, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over thirty years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that appellate judges may be 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.</p>	<p>The current method of selecting Justices at Convention is fine. Instituting primary elections for the Supreme Court would actually increase campaign expenditures at both a primary and general election. It would also strengthen two party and political control of the bench. Both results are harmful to the public because they further enhance the two party grip on the judicial branch and deprive the People of real choice of judges at the polls.</p>	<p>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 its compulsory membership requirements. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar in trampling down a lawyer's right of association and in compelling lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. Securing rights, not their abridgment, is the State's only compelling interest.</p>
<p>DEBORAH THOMAS Campaign Website: http://www.judgedeborathomas.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/electjudgedebthomas Occupation / Current Position: Third Judicial Circuit Court Judge Education: J.D., Valparaiso University School of Law, 1977; M.A., University of Detroit, 1976; B.A. Western Michigan University, 1973; Diploma, Cass Tech High School Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeD_Thomas</p>	<p>I have 37 years of legal experience, 16 as a practicing attorney and 21 as a Jurist. Further, I have been very pro-active in seeking out opportunities to engage within Michigan's communities and Civic Leaders to promote access to and understanding of our justice system. I continue to travel across the state fulfilling my responsibility as an elected leader and ensure transparency of justice to all communities, regardless of economic well-being.</p>	<p>Full disclosure of a candidate's campaign funding should be viewed as the norm. Disclosing campaign finance activities fully and timely demonstrates strong integrity. Having a political party name their nominees for Supreme Court denies the people of retaining their full right of selection at the polls during a statewide Primary Election. Gubernatorial appointment removes voters from determining who will serve them. Further, granting either appointed or elected judges with incumbency designation simply complicates a voter's choice during voting and seems to favor governmental sanctioning of one candidate over another.</p>	<p>Our justice system needs better access to justice for all. There is such a disparity in the level of representation between Attorneys funded by the courts versus those who retain counsel. Access to good representation is riddled with unequal access to experts and defenses that require more sophisticated approaches. Similarly, the plaintiff seeking justice is reduced to taking what they can get when faced with the possibility of paying the other sides ballooning legal bills. The Supreme Court could ensure better parity in properly funding indigent defense and encourage use of alternative dispute resolution programs.</p>

Appeals Court, District 2 – Incumbent, 6-year Full Term - Vote for up to ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: COLLEEN A O'BRIEN

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit – Incumbent, Four 6-year Full Terms - Vote for up to FOUR

Unopposed on the ballot: RAE LEE CHABOT - HALA JARBOU - CHERYL A. MATTHEWS - DANIEL PATRICK O'BRIEN

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit – Incumbent, ONE partial term ending 1/1/21 - Vote for up to ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: JEFFERY S. MATIS

Voting for judicial candidates

Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election.

To help you make an informed decision consider:

What should you expect from judicial candidates?

- Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics
- Impartiality
- Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion

What should you look for in a judge?

- Experience – demonstrated exposure to legal issues, and substantial & diverse experience with the justice system
- Integrity- high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence
- Professional Competence – intellect, knowledge of the law, writing & analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom & trial experience
- Judicial Temperament – unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair and committed to the rule of law
- Service – demonstrated commitment to justice for all

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.

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.

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?

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit – Open Seat, 6-year Full Term - Vote for up to ONE

LORIE SAVIN

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School. I have been a Referee with the Oakland County Circuit Court's Family Division for thirteen years. Previously, I practiced family and juvenile law for seven years, including work as a Guardian ad Litem for children.

I serve on the State Bar of Michigan Judicial Ethics Committee and the Referees Association of Michigan Board. I served as Treasurer for MIPA, a collaborative professional association, and PTO Treasurer and Diversity Committee Chair for my local public school. My husband, two daughters and I reside in West Bloomfield. We are members of Temple Israel.

As an Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division Referee I conduct approximately 1,000 hearings each year to modify and enforce custody, parenting time, and child support orders. I often use informal mediation to help parties reach a mutually acceptable agreement, as well. I resolve 99% of the motions without the parties needing to see their assigned judge. Additionally, I handle administrative tasks related to child support enforcement.

Previously, I 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-appointed family law mediator.

With thirteen years of experience running a courtroom and handling high-conflict family court disputes, I am able to seamlessly take over Judge Young's Family Division docket. I am well-respected by attorneys because they know that I am fair, very knowledgeable, prepared, and provide well-reasoned and thorough recommendations based upon the law. I am hard-working and committed to serving families, especially children, which is why I have worked in this area of the law for twenty years.

VICTORIA VALENTINE

Victoria Valentine had her first criminal trial as a law student and received an award for her work. She interned in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and worked as a judicial research attorney in the civil and family law court. She is nationally known as a commercial litigator and recognized for her expert knowledge of contract and manufacturer's representative law. She received the highest rating of legal ability by Martindale-Hubbell and has been included in Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers. Dbusiness recognized her as a Top Lawyer. She is the President-Elect of the largest voluntary bar association in Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, and serves as a Trustee for two Charities, the Oakland County Bar Foundation and Franny Strong Foundation (for Pertussis awareness).

I have been in practice for 17 years. I have represented clients in different areas of the law. I have worked on the family law and civil law docket. I am a litigator which has exceptional courtroom experience, and have been recognized for my expert knowledge of contract and manufacturer's representative law as well. I also serve as a Case Evaluator, Umpire and Discovery Facilitator for the courts. My practice is domestic and international. I appear in Michigan State Courts, federal courts and in domestic and international arbitrations.

In a career marked by hard work, my experience in the law and in the courtroom will allow me to be an exceptional judge. Being a research attorney has give me the skill to identify legal issues and make legal conclusions. My continuous service as a case evaluator, mediator, umpire and discovery facilitator has further added to my experience and ability to take on the role of Judge. I have always found time to volunteer for the betterment of my community, both in charitable and legal work. I believe, if elected, I would be able to continue to serve the people well.

Probate Court Judge – Incumbent, 6-year Full Term - Vote for up to ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: **KATHLEEN RYAN**

Probate Court Judge – Open Seat, 6-year Full Term - Vote for up to ONE

JENNIFER CALLAGHAN

- B.A. from James Madison College, Michigan State University, May 1995
- J.D. from Wayne State Law School, May 2000
- Practiced law for over fifteen years, the last nine years in probate court.
- Currently an Oakland County Public Administrator (PA) working for the law firm of John Yun, PC. Appointed by the current Oakland County Probate Bench in my capacity as a PA to be a guardian and conservator for vulnerable adults, as well as personal representative, and trustee.
- Former Michigan Assistant Attorney General, representing the state in civil child abuse and neglect matters and the Michigan Secretary of State.
- Member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association, S.A.V.E. Taskforce (Serving adults who are Vulnerable and/or Elderly) and PTA.

My current law practice consists almost entirely of matters that originate in probate court, such as guardianships and conservatorships, as well as administering estates and trusts. Frequently, matters outside of the jurisdiction of probate court arise, such as real estate, collection, bankruptcy, personal injury and criminal matters. I handle these matters when I am able and hire, and work with, outside counsel when needed.

During my legal career, I have been involved in hundreds of cases in various capacities and in many different courts. Both in and out of court I have exhibited fairness and good and reasonable demeanor. I am approachable, confident and determined. I have extensive experience and a deep understanding of probate law. As a guardian, I have demonstrated sound judgment on a daily basis. Having worn so many hats in the probate area, I have walked in the shoes of many people that would be coming before me as a judge. I have an understanding of vulnerable individuals, their family, caregivers and advocate's perspectives and the impact that my decisions would have, which will make me a qualified and effective jurist on day one.

KAREN GEIBEL

I am a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Political Science Pre-Law and earned my Juris Doctorate from Thomas Cooley Law School. The majority of my legal career has been spent in public service as a Law Clerk and Judicial Staff Attorney for Judge Rudy Nichols in the Oakland County Circuit Court. I am currently employed at Collins Einhorn Farrell in Southfield where my practice focuses on General and Auto Liability defense. I am a member of multiple community service groups including the Rochester Junior Woman's Club, Romeo Girls Softball and St. Kieran Church. I am also a member of the Oakland County Bar Association serving on the Circuit Court Committee as well as a member of the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

As a Judicial Staff Attorney in a general jurisdiction court I worked on multiple cases in all areas of the law including medical malpractice, legal malpractice, auto negligence, property, contracts, negligence and felony criminal matters. I also assisted in legal rulings on all appeals including district court, administrative agencies, secretary of state and probate matters.

As an Associate Attorney at Collins Einhorn Farrell, P.C. my concentration is on General and Auto Liability defense. I manage my own caseload which includes claims under the Michigan No Fault Act, Michigan Dram Shop Act, Negligence, and the like. I represent individuals, businesses and insurance companies in all State courts through Michigan.

I am running for Judge because I am the most qualified candidate based upon my 15 year hands-on courtroom experience in the Oakland County Circuit Court. During that time, I have had the unique experience of handling cases in an impartial manner from a Judge's perspective. I have learned what it takes to manage a docket and run an efficient and effective courtroom. I have written countless opinions and legal rulings over the years providing sound decisions in a concise and timely manner. I understand that the Court exists to serve the litigants. My private practice experience provides understanding of the need for court intervention at times. I will provide the most accessible courtroom, be prepared and present to serve on day one.

District Judge – District 35 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the Oakland County portion of City of Northville.

Unopposed on the ballot: **MICHAEL J. GEROU**

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.

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.

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?

District Judge – District 43 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park & Madison Heights.

Unopposed on the ballot: **JOSEPH LONGO**

District Judge – District 46 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park & Madison Heights.

CYNTHIA M. ARVANT

I have a BA from Michigan State University (1992) and a JD from Michigan State University College of Law (1995). My career has spanned both private practice and public service, including positions with Michigan Legal Services, a small family firm in Southfield, and as an Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan. I've held multiple positions at the Court, appointed to increasingly responsible roles, including Research Attorney, Magistrate, Court Administrator, and now Judge; I have been appointed Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Court. I have been an active community volunteer, serving for many years on the Parks and Recreation Board and the PTA Board, demonstrating my commitment to community involvement and public service.

I have been employed with the Court since 2009, so all of my legal work for nearly seven years has been at the 46th District Court. In that time, I have been appointed to increasingly responsible positions, from Research Attorney, to Magistrate, to Court Administrator, and to Judge. As Research Attorney, I researched novel legal issues for conducted arraignments, set bond, presided over informal hearings and small claims trials, and signed search warrants. As Court Administrator, I handled all management, budget, and personnel matters for the court. And as District Judge, I preside over a docket of misdemeanor criminal cases, preliminary felony proceedings, landlord/tenant cases, traffic matters, and civil cases under \$25,000.

I am the most qualified candidate for the position, demonstrating my skills and abilities as Judge for the past year. My experience in private practice and public service has made me a knowledgeable and compassionate judge. Working at the Court for seven years has afforded me experience that no other candidate has, and I am a better Judge for it. Each day, I take the bench on time, prepared to hear the cases on my docket. I treat all who come before me with courtesy and respect. I have displayed the highest degree of integrity throughout my career. I hope to continue to work hard to serve my community as judge.

KAMESHIA D. GANT

I am attorney in private practice with 10 years of legal experience. My firm, Gant Law, PLLC, specializes in criminal, civil, and family litigation. I have been a Consultant for Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan, Children Justice Center's Street Law Program from 2004 to the present time. Through this program I educate students in the greater Detroit area public schools regarding the law and our system of government and conducts seminars for the parents on various legal related-topics.

I previously worked as a Probation Agent for the State of Michigan's Department of Corrections from 1998-2001. I served as a Judicial Clerk at the 6th Judicial Circuit Court for the Honorable Alice L. Gilbert from 2001-2003 and Michael Warren from 2003-2004. I completed an internship and...

I practice all over the state as an attorney in private practice. I have 10 years of legal experience. My firm, Gant Law, PLLC, specializes in criminal, civil, and family litigation. My clientele is both appointed by the court and retained.

I have experience in various facets of the judicial system. As a former Probation Agent, I have keen investigative skills and knowledge of the interworkings of the Probation Department. I served as Judicial Court Clerk in the Oakland County Sixth Circuit Court for two judges and I have knowledge of the daily operations of a court room and experience managing the Court's criminal and civil docket. As a Judicial Intern for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and as a current private practitioner, my legal research and writing skills have been honed. I am familiar with all of the types of cases handled by the 46th District Court, community programming to address the needs of the clients that the 46th District...

District Judge – District 47 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the Cities of Farmington & Farmington Hills.

Unopposed on the ballot: **MARLA PARKER**

District Judge – District 48 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the Charter Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield and the Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village and Sylvan Lake.

Unopposed on the ballot: **MARC BARRON**

District Judge – District 50 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the the city of Pontiac..

Unopposed on the ballot: **PRESTON G. THOMAS**

District Judge – District 51 - Partial Tem Ending 1/1/2019 - Vote for up to ONE

Includes Waterford.

TODD FOX

Juris Doctor, June 1993, Detroit College of Law, Detroit, Michigan
 B.B.A., April 1989, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Major: Facilities Management, t Minor: Criminal Justice
 Diploma, June 1985, Waterford-Kettering High School, Waterford, Michigan
 Employment: Jan. 2012- May 2012, Adjunct Professor, Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Business Law II: Students are required to identify, define, and describe the law of negotiable instruments, secured transactions, business organizations, real and personal property, bailment, government regulation of business and states, wills and trusts. They must evidence their proficiency through oral and written exercises and tests and by solving appropriate case studies. Text utilized—Business Law Text and Cases, Legal, Ethical, Global, and Corporate Environment; Twelfth Edition; © 2012, 2009 South-Western, Cengage Learning.
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Sole Practitioner specializing in litigation, including, but not limited to, criminal defense, family law, civil law and personal injury. Many high profile cases requiring effective handling of media coverage throughout proceedings. Management of law practice, including supervision of staff and other various administrative duties. My practice has been primarily in Oakland County, but I have practiced in many other Michigan counties throughout my career.

I have always advocated on behalf of my clients with a diligent work ethic, dedication, integrity and strict adherence to the Attorneys Oath. I will bring the same qualities and commitment to our community as District Court Judge.

I have practiced law in every court in Oakland County, many courts throughout the state, and the Michigan Court of Appeals. My courtroom experience has brought me the skills to handle a wide variety of cases and taught me how to bring resolution to highly contested matters.

My 25 years of courtroom experience, and 23 years of practicing law, have also taught me that many abuses exist that need to be dealt with. I have been before many judges in my career and I have watched ...

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.

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.

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?

District Judge – District 51 - Partial Term Ending 1/1/2019 - Vote for up to ONE (Cont.)

Includes Waterford.

MARY MARA

I am a life-long member of the Pontiac/Waterford community. I grew up here. I am a grateful, lifelong member of St. Benedict Catholic Church. I attended St. Benedict Elementary for 8 years and graduated from Pontiac Catholic High School in 1983. My son Dominic is a member of the class of 2017 at Waterford Kettering High School. My roots within the community are deep.

I have devoted my entire legal career (25+ years) to matters involving law enforcement and public safety. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Oakland County from 1991 to 2002, I devoted most of my time prosecuting crimes against children and vulnerable adults. I have spent the last 14 years in Federal Court litigating issues of constitutional law on a daily basis.

I have spent my entire legal career working on behalf of the residents of Oakland County. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 1991 to 2002, most of my 'clients' were crime victims and most of the victims I represented were children who had been terribly abused. I learned so much from these children about strength, perseverance, and courage. As a Litigator for Oakland County from 2002 to present, my client is the County of Oakland, its elected officials and employees. Here, I have devoted most of my time to defending Oakland County Sheriff Deputies in Federal Court while litigating issues of Constitutional law.

I have an incredibly strong work ethic. As the ninth of ten children in my family, I started work at a very early age, sometimes working two or three jobs to put myself through MSU and later the Detroit College of Law graduating magna cum laude and 5th in my class. I have devoted my entire legal career (25+ years) to public service. My focus has been on all matters impacting public safety and constitutional law. I am honest, conscientious, and my record is beyond reproach. Although I definitely have the legal skills and experience to make a great District Court Judge, I also have the intangibles (a great work ethic, compassion, and common sense) needed to be a great Judge.

District Judge – District 52-1 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes the communities of Commerce Township, Highland Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon, Village of Milford, Village of Wolverine Lake, Walled Lake, and Wixom.

GARY KLEIN

I was raised in Grand Haven by a single mother and began working at the age of 11 to help contribute to the family's finances. Ultimately, I put myself through undergraduate and law school working two (2) and sometimes three (3) jobs while attending school full time.

As a 20 year staff lawyer, I have accumulated 25,000 hours of actual District Court experience. I am a licensed real estate salesperson and began a private law practice in 2003.

I am married to Diana Klein (formerly D'Abate). We live in Milford with our two children Enzo (two) and Rocco our newborn. My wife is a real estate broker and we own The Northville Cigar Lounge

Aside from my duties as a district court staff lawyer, the nature of my law practice includes handling traffic, misdemeanor, felony, real estate and civil matters throughout the Michigan.

Voters should elect me to judicial office because of the strength of my character, I am the most qualified person for the job, I possess the right temperament, I have no agenda and I will decide matters impartially based solely on the facts and law. I would also like voters to know that I will respect everyone involved in the judicial process—parties to the dispute, their attorneys, witnesses, jurors, court staff and members of the public. I will treat everyone with dignity. I will be polite and courteous and will permit all parties to take the time necessary to articulate their position. Finally, I will check my ego at the door.

DAVID LAW

College: University of Notre Dame (1991), Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (concentration in finance). Law School: Detroit College of Law (1995).

I currently serve as Presiding Judge of the 52-1 District Court (Novi, S. Lyon, Lyon Twp., Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce, Milford and Highland). Past experience: Assistant Michigan Attorney General (2009-2015), Commerce Township Trustee (2011-2015), State Representative representing Commerce Township and Wolverine Lake (2005-2008), Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor (1998-2004), Private Practice: Sills, Law, Essad, Fiedler, Charboneau (1995-1998). Memberships: Novi Rotary, Novi and Lakes Area Youth Assistance, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, S/E Oakland Families Against Narcotics.

Currently, I am Presiding Judge of the 52-1 District Court and it is an honor for me to hold this position. I truly believe that being a judge is the highest honor an attorney can attain and I take that appreciation to the courtroom every day. I have worked both in civil and criminal law in the past as a lawyer, mainly as a prosecutor for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and as an Assistant Michigan Attorney General. I tried hundreds of cases as a lawyer prior to becoming a judge including prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases as an Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor and trying child abuse and neglect cases including sex abuse and death cases as an Assistant Michigan Attorney General.

I have served as a judge since February 2015. My experience as an attorney and record as a judge clearly set me apart from my opponent. Compare our experience levels. I was elevated by my fellow judges to Presiding Judge of our court because of my temperament, hard work and leadership. I run an efficient courtroom and treat people with respect. My fellow judges Robert Bondy and Travis Reeds have endorsed me in addition to the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), Police Officers Labor Council, Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Oakland County Sheriff Command Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson among other associations and local elected officials. Complete list at JudgeDavidLaw.com

District Judge – District 52-2 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes Cities of Clarkston & Oakland Co. portion of Fenton, Townships of Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Independence, Rose, Springfield & White Lake, Villages of Holly & Ortonville.

Unopposed on the ballot: **KELLEY KOSTIN**

District Judge – District 52-3 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes Cities of Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Rochester & Rochester Hills, Townships of Addison, Oakland, Orion & Oxford, Villages of Lake Orion, Leonard & Oxford.

Unopposed on the ballot: **NANCY TOLWIN CARNIAK**

District Judge – District 52-4 - One 6-year Term - Vote for up to ONE

Includes Cities of Clawson & Troy.

Unopposed on the ballot: **KIRSTEN NIELSEN HARTIG**

Oakland Community College – 6 Year Term – Vote for no more than THREE

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.

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?

EVAN AGNELLO

4251 Carson Dr., Troy, MI 48098

I have been a resident of Oakland County my whole life. I am currently living, working, and starting a family in Troy, Michigan and have a passion for improving higher education. I hold an undergraduate degree in Information Systems and a Master's of Science degree in Management Information Systems. Both are from Central Michigan University with courses completed at community colleges. I understand the hardships that students face today with rising tuition and shrinking budgets. More than ever, students need to look for quality education within the community rather than running up student loan debts at larger universities. Using technology, I believe we can provide students additional access to resources at a lower cost. Additionally, students often obtain degrees that provide them with few job opportunities. I want to end this for all graduating students at OCC. My passion is to create a community college that works for the community.

1. We need to continue to encourage our students to pursue opportunities within the workforce. Oakland Community College has a vision to make students workforce ready. I want to take that one step further and ensure our curriculum provides the highest opportunity for students right here in Oakland County.

2. Similar to most colleges and universities, I believe OCC will continue to face a shrinking budget. I will review internal processes and identify inefficiencies. Improvements will not only save taxpayer dollars, but will also improve student and faculty morale.

3. Oakland Community College needs to cater to businesses within the community. I would consider hosting courses onsite at the employer's campus. This would not only be of value to the student, but also strengthen our community businesses by giving them another reason to keep their operations here in Oakland County.

SUSAN E. ANDERSON

32380 Campbell Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a graduate from Walsh College with a Master of Science Degree in Accounting and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems. My affiliations include the National Society of Tax Professionals and Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. I am also an Enrolled Agent with the Internal Revenue Service. My accounting firm SE Anderson & Associates, LLC provides tax and financial accounting services to wide range of clients in a variety of industries. I have extensive background in computerized accounting practices, in depth experience with creating and maintaining budgets for multiple non-profit and profit entities, strategic management sessions, audit pre-planning and implementation, employment hiring and testing.

College readiness

College readiness means student can enter a college classroom, without remediation, and successfully complete entry-level college requirements. OCC needs to work closely with our K-12 educational system to better prepare our students in Oakland County for college.

Employment Readiness

Currently, only 71% of OCC students find gainful employment. OCC needs to assess its degree and certification programs to insure we are offering programs that meet the needs of our businesses in the region, particularly Oakland County.

Financial Accountability

Although OCC is one of the lowest cost institutions in the State of Michigan, we have to recognize that the taxpayers of Oakland County subsidize the organization with a millage. In addition, the college is currently operating at a deficit, thereby eroding its reserves. I believe OCC should operate with a balance budget, by increasing its revenue through increased enrollment as well as reducing costs.

KATHLEEN ANNA BERTOLINI

7238 N.Village Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

I have been an educator in Oakland County Public Schools for 24 years. I have a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. Additionally, I have two Master's degrees, one in Reading and Language Arts and the second in Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction. These qualities give me an understanding of where Oakland Community College students are coming from and what skills they have when they arrive. I have used technology to deliver learning opportunities and knowledge to my students on a daily basis in my own classroom. I understand how curriculum evolves and how instruction is developed, created and delivered. These understandings are the hallmarks of any teaching institution and thus, valuable to the Board of Trustees at OCC. Educators should be part of the process at Oakland Community College. That's why I believe I am the right candidate for OCC Trustee!

Relevance- OCC needs to provide the necessary training to help prepare workers for the jobs that are being cultivated by County Executive Patterson and his team with his Emerging Sectors Program, Medical Main Street and Automation Alley.

Priority- OCC is a smart and logical choice for learning! It allows students to gain knowledge and training to become contributing members of the work force or begin learning paths to 4 year institutions without the incredible cost. OCC needs to be a top choice for students and not a default choice for students.

Futuristic- The OCC collaborative needs to have vision to predict future needs of the employers in the county and then develop the proper programming to create the tailor-made workforce. The curriculum and instruction delivered by OCC must be world class to continue to make Oakland County a place to work, live, play AND learn!

JESSICA GINGELL

5040 Rockaway Ln., Clarkston, MI 48348

I have had 5 years experience as Michigan Senate legislative staff and currently sit on three nonprofit boards in Oakland County. I have an undergraduate degree in Political Science and graduate degree in Public Administration. I'm interested and passionate about the education of our youth. I have volunteered on several campaigns for State Senate, State House, and US Congress. I am a full time Realtor who negotiates on behalf of my clients daily and believe this to be a benefit to this position. I know the importance of maintaining excellent schools and community colleges in Oakland County. My husband Mike and I are raising our five children in Oakland County and I would like to help guide Oakland Community College into the future for our children.

Union Negotiations – I feel it's important to drive accountability and efficiency into each union contract in order to maximize taxpayer dollars for quality education at an affordable price.

Curriculum Alignment – I believe course offerings must align with current and future industry needs (i.e. increasing classes in skilled trades) in order to support the growth of Oakland County businesses.

Class Availability – I believe courses need to be convenient for students. We need to ensure classes are offered when students are able to attend them (i.e. nights and weekends for students who work full time).

PAM JACKSON

5736 Lancaster Ln., Commerce, MI 48382

I have been employed at OCC for over 30 years as a Mathematics, Construction and Concrete Construction Management Professor (currently retired). Working with local industries and the community, I was instrumental in creating programs in the construction field, a Russian Language program, and many online courses. I bring to the Board of Trustees the ability to be a creative problem solver, a great team player, and the ability to promote OCC in the community.

With a background in construction, I was involved in over \$30M of renovations at OCC. The students I've had over the years know that I stayed well beyond my office hours to work with them for their success.

I ask for your vote so that I may continue my dedicated life-long work with the college and community to further Oakland Community College's success in the community, the county, the state, and most importantly, for the students.

- Utilize tax payers' dollars wisely and establish sensible long-term planning purchases like the \$2.5M spent for a now unused property in Southfield should have happened with a clear mission. An existing building at Orchard now sits empty in need of renovation.

- Keep tuition affordable and OCC's overhead down tuition increases could be nominal if the college manages its finances correctly. Recently the college spent \$500,000 for a report that found OCC's expenses were disproportionately top-heavy and administrative salaries were still increasing. Additional cost-saving measures need further research and implementation.

- Identify and implement courses and programs that meet the needs of the community and industries. OCC cut over 50 programs since 2012 along with cutting a significant number of online courses resulting in significant loss of revenue per semester. I want to be on the Board of Trustees to make sure we keep the "Community" in Oakland Community College.

THOMAS W. KELLY

25139 E. Roycourt, Huntington Woods, MI 48070

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Oakland Community College – 6 Year Term – Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

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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?

THOMAS E. KUHN

1595 Pebble Point Drive, Troy, MI 48085

I will work to assure fiscal responsibility and accountability at OCC. In times of decreasing revenues, I will make sure that your tax dollars get to the classroom. I believe OCC must improve access to classes, including increased online course offerings. I believe in expanding partnerships between OCC and our local high schools, local medical providers, County government and local businesses.

I have extensive experience in local government and education over the past 30 years. I am an active attorney. I served 12 years on the Royal Oak City Commission, and on numerous local boards and committees, including local finance, zoning, and planning committees. I have served on education boards and committees for more than twelve years, including various OCC boards and committees.

I have a BA, MA and PhD degrees in political science, along with a law degree. I am married with three children, and two grandchildren.

Maintaining a balanced budget, while streamlining the college to meet the needs for student success. OCC faces financial strains due to limited state support, lowered property values and dwindling enrollment. To meet this declining revenue stream, OCC must promote programs that attract and retain students, cut unnecessary costs and create new partnerships with the County, with health care providers, and with other entities and businesses.

Assuring course offerings, scheduling and counseling that will maximize student retention and completion. Student retention requires that course scheduling reflect student needs. Improved counseling/advising will help students understand the pathways through the college to a job, transfer to a four-year college or a degree/certificate.

Utilizing new technologies that will enhance the student experience. OCC must get their online classes and programs accredited, so they are available for students. Technology should be used to track student success, and to help identify student needs and issues quickly.

TERRELL VANCLEEF LOCKHART

23810 Brazil Ave., Southfield, MI 48033

MAX C. MILSTEIN

14400 Labelle St., Oak Park, MI 48237

I believe that I can bring a new perspective to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. As a young professional I understand the financial pressures facing current students. I have worried about post-graduation employment while attempting to pay back student loans. I will bring this perspective to the Board.

Additionally, as an attorney, I have a fundamental understanding of government institutions. My career to this point has given me a deep knowledge of statutory law and its relevance.

Lastly, as a teenager, I spent two summers working with the custodial staff at my high school. I know this may not sound impressive, however, seeing the school from the janitor's point of view gave me a very different perspective on an educational institution. I appreciate the importance of every employee at OCC and will support them as a Trustee.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

My number one concern is the college's stability. In recent years important community resources such as the Women's Center have closed. I've heard stories from students of courses cancelled for the semester hours before their first class meets. I've heard from students who even fear that their campus might close.

I believe the key to making OCC more stable is fixing a second problem, the decline in enrollment. The college needs to do more to get students in the door. This includes doing more to make sure county high school students consider OCC as an option, as well as more outreach to nontraditional students.

Textbook costs may not be one of the biggest issues facing OCC, but it has come up consistently in conversations I've had with students. I believe there are simple steps the college can take to help reduce costs while respecting academic freedom.

EMILY MIXTER

111 Chestnut Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

I spent 7 years after I graduated from MSU working as a substitute teacher in 7 different districts in Wayne and Oakland counties. During that period, I saw how access to higher education can be a game changer for our students. I want to expand access to a higher quality education to the great Oakland County community, while still being fiscally responsible with our taxpayers' money.

The biggest challenge for OCC right now is attracting more students to the college. We can attract more in two ways: more direct engagement with high schools at their college nights and fairs, and doing online marketing toward for-profit college students at places like IT Tech, Everest Institute, etc. These institutions use predatory recruitment and lending practices, while many of their programs are not accredited. We can enroll those students in OCC programs that can reward their hard work and dedication with a certificate or diploma that means something when they go to get a job. Lastly, there is a challenge at OCC of expanding the online curriculum. These classes attract more non-traditional students to the school, who would find it more convenient to take classes on their own time while juggling work and families.

CHARLES E. MURPHY

913 Bloomfield Knoll, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

My name is Charles Murphy and I am running for OCC Trustee because I am committed to give back to our county by service as trustee.

I firmly believe my experience can help meet the challenges facing OCC. I am an accomplished commercial trial lawyer in the Clark Hill PLC Birmingham office specializing in business disputes, securities and health care with 38 years' experience in the legal profession. I have been with the Clark Hill law firm since 2004.

I have served as Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan Legal Education Committee and on the boards of two large Oakland County law firms from 1990-2004. Since 2010 I have served as a public member on the Board of Radiology of the American Board of Physician Specialists. I have mentored many law students and employees and know the importance to students and our business community of community college education.

The three priority issues confronting OCC are to (1) maintain fair and affordable tuition and quality education to prepare students to succeed at four year colleges or skilled high paying jobs; (2) to improve student retention and completion rates; and (3) for the OCC budget to advance fiscal responsibility while maintaining quality education for students in an environment of likely declining revenue.

OCC needs to be run efficiently and cost effectively. OCC trustees approve expenditures in the budget. Allocating budget resources wisely and fairly is imperative to maintain and expand programs that train students in job-ready skills and four year college ready fundamentals, and that train faculty to improve teaching techniques and add new courses needed by students and our business community. 47% of the \$173 million budget comes from county property tax dollars. My duty as trustee is to approve budget expenditures and to protect student and taxpayer dollars.

CHRIS NOORDHOORN

4052 Hillcrest, Highland, MI 48356

Our family emigrated to Grand Rapids in 1957 where I began junior college. I was able to put myself through school working part time as McDonald's first teenage employee in Michigan. I transferred to the University of Michigan and obtained a degree in foreign languages. I became a junior high school teacher and pursued my graduate degree at U of M. In July 1965 I became part of the charter faculty of OCC. Throughout my 35 year career as faculty I was actively involved in OCC beyond the classroom as a union bargainer for OCCFA, chair for the Communications/Humanities department, advisor to the campus newspaper and member of a range of committees, including the OCC Foundation Board.

I believe there should be an experienced educator on the OCC Board of Trustees and I wish to use my experience to continue to serve OCC and help shape its future.

1) Nimble High Value Services: OCC must prove it's worth to the community stakeholders (taxpayers) by continually evaluating national trends as well as neighboring state community college best practices to provide in-demand lifelong learning programs, skilled trade certificates in trending employment areas and accredited program hours which can seamlessly transfer to 4 year partner universities.

2) Enhanced Community & College Experience: By providing low or no cost (coordinated volunteer) activities and services for the community and students OCC can improve the chance of success of its mission and demonstrate an increased value to students, county residents and state stakeholders, including legislators.

3) Improving Transparency to the Community & Stakeholders: By rotating board meetings at each campus throughout the year as well as re-introducing a campus-wide administrative and student oriented newspaper with online components OCC can help improve the visibility, and therefore success, of each of its activities and initiatives.

JAMES PAUL O'RILLEY

6993 Oakhurst Ridge Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348

As a lifelong resident of Oakland County I believe in education of community being of utmost importance. I attended OCC as a supplement to my education and believe in what the institution stands for. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University and a Master of Science (Taxation) from Walsh College (Troy campus - Oakland County) and have been in public accounting since 1986. I believe in the respectful stewardship of public resources and believe my accounting background can assist in wisely using those resources to ensure the best education to the most number of students at an affordable price.

3 priorities for OCC would be 1) Ensure affordable tuition for the success of every student and recognize the individual needs for them to learn, 2) Ensure the highest quality of education for students to find a career or to transfer to continue their education and 3) Engage the businesses in our community to ensure the students are being taught a curriculum to meet jobs needs.

Oakland Community College – 6 Year Term – Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

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JOHN RANDLE, SR.

38060 Tralee Trl., Northville, MI 48167

I am a candidate for OCC Trustee to provide the type of servant leadership that addresses the issues concerning today's Community Colleges, while interjecting high energy, creative ideas and promoting the diversity that exists within the County. I am currently Human Resources Director for Farmington Hills the second largest city in Oakland County. In this role, I am responsible for fiscally managing taxpayer dollars while administering all human resource programs including recruitment, workforce diversification, labor relations, contract negotiation and administration.

I bring 18+ years of human resource management experience including leadership roles in the private sector (GM, Honda, Avon Products and Allstate). I have served on Trustee Boards/Committees including Oakland Literacy Council, Life Application Ministries, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, and Personnel Board of Reviews (Powell, OH). I am also an Educator having served as Adjunct Professor at Marygrove College, DeVry University and Macomb Community College.

Increasing State funding... As an OCC Trustee, I would utilize shared services strategies that I have implemented in the City of Farmington Hills to maintain trust and increase State support.

Expand focus on Human Resource matters... As an HR Professional, I am confident that I can be a catalyst to ensure that OCC is exercising the best recruitment practices which includes promoting program offerings that benefit veterans, women and minorities.

Having a Board of Trustees that is reflective of the community it serves and is transparent regarding operations... As an Oakland County resident, I would like Trustees to be more visible in the community. This builds confidence amongst the citizens and is likely to encourage citizens to support future millage issues. As a Trustee, I will maintain an "open door" policy and ensure that Oakland County citizens are well informed about how their tax dollars are allotted and programs provided.

EMERSON WADSWORTH SHERROD III

6721 Edinborough Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I have worked for two Jimmy John's Franchise owners. One is CWL Investments as a delivery driver then for Tomey Group Novi Store I was a delivery driver. I also work as a manager for Bunchy's Chicken and Pizza in Farmington, MI. Present. I am highly involved with the Deaf Community and teaching people American Sign Language to communicate with the Deaf. I am a volunteer for TCT TV network as I help out in television productions/prayer partner. I bring the knowledge of what students need to succeed in school as I communicate with students on a daily basis.

The 3 things I want to see OCC improve is:

1. Lower tuition for Oakland County students.
2. Lower textbook and supplies for students.
3. Create a Public Safety Dispatch Center to use for ourselves not having to go to Oakland County Sheriff and even more security cameras on campus in buildings and outside.

ERIC J. SIEGEL

24721 Parklawn St., Oak Park, MI 48237

I am an adjunct instructor at OCC's Auburn Hills campus, teaching Political Science. I have been a community college teacher for 13 years, including 3 at OCC. As an instructor, I would bring a very important and woefully under-represented perspective to policy-making at OCC. I am also a small business owner, running a polling, policy analysis and market research consultancy focusing on progressive candidates and causes. So I know about running a firm, keeping it on task but also on budget. In addition, I have been in a number of leadership positions in various organizations - academic, non-profit, political and private-sector, so I know how to make effective policy decisions and build coalitions. And as a political scientist, I know how governing and the policy-making process works, to be an effective lobbyist and advocate for OCC at all levels of government.

1. Making sure that OCC remains an affordable entry point to higher education, and to vocational/technical/pre- and para-professional training, which are becoming increasingly important in our economy. Ideally, I would like to make OCC free to Oakland County residents, along the lines of the Detroit Promise.

2. Making sure that adjunct faculty have formal representation in the college governance system, the way full-time faculty do, and to facilitate the organizing of an adjunct faculty labor organization with a formal contract.

3. Improving the overall faculty-administration relationship, and reversing the trend toward an increasingly corporate-inspired operation focusing on the needs of businesses rather than students and the greater Oakland County community.

TIM TERPENING

P.O.Box 94, Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

City & Village Elections

All Are NON-PARTISAN Elections

See **VOTER GUIDES** on website www.LWVOA.ORG for responses to questionnaires

Questionnaires were NOT sent to unopposed & new write-in candidates.

Clarkston

Mayor (2-Year Term)..... Steven C. Percival
City Council (Three 2-Year Terms)Sharron Catalo
 Rick Detkowski, Jr.
 Michael G. Sabol
 Sue Wylie

Keego Harbor

City Council Member (One 3-Year Term).....John Fletcher

Orchard Lake Village

City Council (Two 3-Year Terms)Jerry Kosmensky
 Bruce H. McIntyre

Sylvan Lake

City Council (Two 4-Year Terms and Two 2-Year Terms)..... E. Cassar
 Bob Dzenko
 Jim Endres
 Aron Lorenz
 Russell Meskin

Village of Beverly Hills

Village Council (Three 4-Year Terms)John G. Mooney
 Phil Mueller
 Daniel J. Nunez

Village of Bingham Farms

Village Trustee (Three 4-Year Terms)Carole Chiamp
 Carl Grenadier
 Benjamin S. Templeton

Village of Franklin

Village President (One 4-Year Term) Pamela Hansen
Village Clerk (One 2-Year Term).....Eileen Pulker
Village Trustee (Three 4-Year Terms)Fred Gallasch
 James Kochensparger
 Michael Seltzer
 Mira Stakhiv
Village Library Board (One Partial Term Ending 11/16/2020)
 Pamela B. Hackert

Village of Holly

Village President (One 2-Year Term)David Cruickshank
 James Perkins
 Richard Rossell
Village Council (Three 4-Year Terms)Robert Allsop
 Debra Musgrave
 Ryan Shiel
 Calvin Steele

Village of Lake Orion

Village Council (Three 4-Year Terms and One 2-Year Term)
 David Churchill
 Bradley Mathisen
 Ken Van Portfliet

Village of Leonard

Village President (One 4-Year Term) Michael McDonald
Village Treasurer (One 4-Year Term)Judith J. Verse
Village Trustee (Two 4-Year Terms) Charlene Sutherby

City & Village Elections (Cont.)

Village of Milford

Village President (One 2-Year Term)Jerry Aubry
Village Council (Three 4-Year Terms)James Kovach
 Dave Thurau
 Kevin Ziegler

Village of Ortonville

Village President (One 2-Year Term) Wayne M. Wills
Village Trustee (Three 4-Year Terms) Debbie Baker
 Mark Butzu
 Dan Eschmann
 Courtney McClerren
 Bernard A. McHugh
 Karen Sleva
 James A. Webb
Village Trustee (One Partial Term Ending 11/19/2018) .Keith Dylus

Village of Oxford

Village Council (Two 4-Year Terms)David Y. Bailey
 Rose Bejma
 D. Erik Dolan

Village of Wolverine Lake

Village Council (Three 4-Year Terms - One 2-Year Term)
 Patrick J. Nagy
 Brian T. Nedrow
 John H. Scott
 Ed Sienkiewicz

School Board Races

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ALMONT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

MICHELLE DUPUIS-WANGLER 7807 Linden Dr., Almont, MI 48003	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
ANTHONY MEDLEY 245 W.Winds, Almont, MI 48003	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
JENNIFER L. MITCHELL 4848 Sandhill, Almont, MI 48003	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
LAURI PELKOWSKI 78973 Harvest Ln, Bruce, MI 48065	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
MICHAEL SULLIVAN 5649 Sandhill Rd., Almont, MI 48003	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
GEORGE TENCZA 15946 Tubsprings, Allenton, MI 48002	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

AVONDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

<p>KAREN DAVIES 3447 Columbia Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48307</p> <p>Born and raised in Michigan, I graduated from Clarkston High School and have a BS from the University of Michigan. As a stay-at-home parent of two young girls, I learned that every child is different and it requires creativity, collaboration and lots of listening to best serve each child. Once my children began school in Avondale I developed relationships with their teachers and administrators and made myself available to help wherever needed. I worked with other elementary parents and administrators to solve some of the problems we experienced in kindergarten, including re-establishing a kindergarten screening to ensure a good balance of students in each kindergarten classroom, and advocating for lower class sizes in lower elementary. I was also fully involved in the district's strategic planning process for Avondale 2020. As a School Board member, I will bring the elementary perspective, and will help ensure the integrity of Avondale 2020.</p>	<p>1) Declining enrollment is putting our district at risk. We can no longer be Oakland County's "Best Kept Secret." Our parents and administrators must work together through district-wide events, word of mouth, and local real estate agents to share the great accomplishments of our students.</p> <p>2) Disparity between elementary schools creates unnecessary competition. We will collaborate between buildings to share ideas and discover great new ways to provide the best learning opportunities to support every young student.</p> <p>3) We must support the families of our students. We will establish a Community Room to provide a safe place where parents can get tools on how to support their child's learning at home, where students can identify their passions and find the activities in the district that support those interests, and where we can better identify and provide access to agencies that support the social, emotional and special needs of our families.</p>
<p>DONEARL L. JOHNSON 201 N.Squirrel Rd., #911, Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p> <p>My top 5 StrengthFinder™ themes are: Learner, Connectedness, Responsibility, Achiever and Activator; these strengths can be an asset to our district. I currently serve in the capacity of a Senior IT Project Manager and understand that technology will be instrumental in developing creative and engaging learning experiences for all.</p> <p>I had the distinct privilege of honorably serving in the US Navy for 8 years. I was awarded with 3 Navy Achievement Medals for extraordinary service. This experience provided the opportunity to work with a very diverse group who would not allow personal differences to interfere with obtaining the mission at hand. I have a strong passion and commitment for education and excellence. I am an effective communicator and understand the value of community. I personally believe in the Avondale School District and desire to be a vital part of why our district will be a model for others to emulate.</p>	<p>Addressing the "Achievement Gap" is a top priority. A part of our mission is to engage all students and in pursuit of this, a creative and proactive approach is required to ensure that all students are engaged, supplemental educational needs are met, strategic partnerships are created and a strong bond between parents/caregivers and teachers is fostered.</p> <p>Secondly, I believe that we should strengthen the sense of community and embrace a shared culture. I will work to bridge gaps, listen and effectively communicate to diminish any impression of "Us vs. Them."</p> <p>Finally, there is a notion of being the "Best kept Secret"; however our school district should be renowned for the richness of our diversity, the quality of the innovative and challenging curriculum and for the world class leaders that we develop. This challenge can be addressed by embodying the "One Avondale" Spirit via an effective internal and external marketing strategy.</p>

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AVONDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (cont.)

WAYNE M. KAKUDA

693 Hathaway Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am running for the Avondale School Board because I want all children to have enriching and fulfilling education. I will work with stakeholders not only to build a brighter future for our children but also a stronger community. Visit www.kakuda.org.

I believe my passion, work ethic, fiscal responsibility and leadership skills will help Avondale develop and implement strategies. List of achievements:

1. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – Initiated and co-leading innovative student focused activities:
 - a. Gift of Giving (www.giftofgiving-mi.org) - a 501C3 that supports Avondale youth
 - b. Beans To Bags (www.beanstobags.org) - Provides Avondale youth an opportunity to run a coffee roasting business.
 - c. Moments Photography (www.momentsphoto.org) - Provides Avondale youth an opportunity to run a photography business.
2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – Experience in Leading and Contributing in Transformative Projects:
 - a. Founding Partner of BMK Solutions (2001-current)
 - b. Management Consultant (1997 - 2001 ATKearney)
 - c. Engineer (1990 - 1997 Ford Motor Company)

Top priority is to deliver enriching and fulfilling educational experience by: (Please visit www.kakuda.org)

1. Set high expectations for ourselves and our students - Set high expectations for ourselves and our children. Inspirational people in my life work tirelessly to become better, selflessly help others, and never blame others.
2. Inspire our students - Inspire our students to be intellectually curious. We need to develop students who can see problems and become intellectually curious to develop innovative solutions.
3. Develop innovative teaching methods - Continuously evaluate our methods to make learning engaging and satisfying by integrating real world problem solving into our approach.
4. Verify we are achieving student growth - No matter where the student starts or ends, we need to demonstrate and verify continual student growth.
5. Continuously look for improvement opportunities - Develop a culture that always evaluates what we are doing and looks for improvement opportunities.

NICHOLAS KALTSOUNIS

3364 Empire Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I'm a proud parent of two daughters in the Avondale School District. Both daughters attend Avondale Middle School. I have served my community as a member of the Planning Commission of Rochester Hills for over 10 years. Also I am a long-standing council member of my local church, where I have also served as past president.

I have a Bachelor and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. I current work in the high performance engine group of a local auto manufacturer.

Through my experiences I've learned to listen, and make the challenging decisions with a sense of urgency that has positively affected our community. I hope I'll be able to use this experience to make the same positive effect as a member of the Avondale Board of Education.

–Perception, District rankings among new home buyers, and Finances. The Avondale School District is a great school district with many good things happening at each school. Through communication and word of mouth we need to help our parents sell these strengths to the community to positively affect our perception outside of the district.
 –Rankings among new home buyers is low, and therefor enrollment has declined.
 –Finances is the result of the first two issues. Unfortunately today we face several tough decisions that will require us to possibly right size the district so we have can have a future.

BERKLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

Unopposed on the ballot: MITCHELL MOSES - SHERYL STODDARD - MICHAEL TRIPP

BERKLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/18 - Vote for no more than ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: KEITH ALLEN LOGSDON

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms and TWO 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

LORI AJLOUNY

1898 Pine St., Birmingham, MI 48009

I'm a life-long community member of Birmingham. I was hired right out college by Birmingham Public Schools where I have taught for over 30 years. I have served in the district in multiple roles; administration, committee chairs and curriculum development. I have an undergraduate degree & Masters plus 30 additional credits in education from WSU. I have a husband & four children.

I plan to use my knowledge as an experienced educator to support the needs of all children, build relationships with parents, teachers and administrators and the community. I will build morale among teachers and administrators, maintain community spirit by representing the school district. I will consider all issues with objectivity, honesty and integrity, I have been given the gift of a quality education growing up in Birmingham, I want to continue this trend for all our children.

Issue one, 3rd Grade Retention Bill. There are two versions, the bill in the Senate is the one Birmingham should support. This version puts the control of a child's education in the hands of the parents and educators making informed decisions rather than the House's blanket bill of retention that wouldn't allow any opposing or circumstantial evidence. Research points out that retention doesn't help with reading. It is reading programs that help children with reading.

Next, there is a brand new bill which would provide funding for safe schools and safe technology. It is funded by McCready money, set aside for schools to update security and technology. The bill should be supported by Birmingham however, I would carefully watch the wording for strings attached that would limit the multiple possibilities of the funding.

Thirdly, a perception of disconnect with administration, teachers and the community.

DOUGLAS ARCEO

1990 Pembroke Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009

My name is Douglas Arceo and I am running for the School Board for Birmingham Public Schools. I have been a resident of Birmingham since 2000 with my wife Karen and our 8-year-old daughter who attends Harlan Elementary.

The skills that I bring to are the understanding of technology, the impact that technology has on our children and teachers and the relative costs of the technology. For the past 20 years, I have worked for several Global Technology companies in various roles from being a Corporate Trainer, Systems Administrator, Data Center Manager, Consultant and Sales.

I am committed to our district through my volunteer efforts in my daughter's Brownie troop, the Harlan PTA and coaching softball. Being on the School Board will allow me to further this commitment while allowing my background to provide the School Board with the understanding and perspective necessary as the District invests in Technology.

Birmingham Public Schools recently passed a \$66M bond that included Technology up-grades (which I 100% support). The top three Priority Issues facing our school district are centered around technology.

1- Continue to invest in our student's future. We need to ensure we have a continuous technology improvement plan that enables our students to have the skills to be competitive in the workplace of tomorrow.

2- Continue to invest in our teachers. We need to invest in our teachers to ensure that they have the best training and support in the classroom.

3- To ensure that the Technology investments that we make, are in the right areas, at the right times and at the right costs.

Focusing on these three issues, we will continue to be a top school District in the State that attracts the best teachers and administrators. This commitment will provide a competitive advantage for our students.

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms and TWO 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR (cont.)

AUDRA BARTHOLOMEW

2900 Walnut Lk. Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

Education has always been a passion of mine. My education (M.A. in Education) and my experience teaching grades K-12 have been quite valuable in my involvement with the West Maple PTA, on the Executive Boards of both the BPS and Oakland Schools Parent Advisory Committees, the BPS Strategic Planning Committee, and as a committee member of the Oakland Schools PA-18 Committee.

Our district has accomplished a great deal over the last several years. We have a superintendent who demonstrates integrity and knowledge, a Strategic Plan that focuses on all learners meeting their highest potential as they become part of our global community, and incredibly dedicated staff members. My years of in-service teaching experience, as well as my current leadership and committee member involvement at the district and county levels, provide me with the understanding and experience to help BPS continue to achieve the outcome of meaningful and inclusive academic growth.

While BPS continuously strives to maintain our standard of excellence, there is more work to be done. One of BPS's greatest challenges is the decrease in State funding. I will work with our Board members to become fully informed (including receiving input from staff and administrators) to use our resources to educate our students. Additionally, we need to focus on continuously maintaining a rigorous academic environment for all students. In order to have the knowledge and tools with which to differentiate and deepen learning outcomes for all BPS students, meaningful research and professional development opportunities must be available to our dedicated staff. We need to utilize the many experts within both BPS and Oakland ISD, as well. Through focusing on responsible spending and an inclusive academic environment, we can also improve our district's family engagement. BPS will continue to produce caring and contributing members of our global community.

COREY JACOBY

1433 Maryland Blvd, Birmingham, MI 48009

- Self Employed
- Bachelor of Science form Babson College majoring in Finance, Investments, Economics, and Entrepreneurial Studies
- Lived in Birmingham for over 18 years.
- I have been married for 16 years to Suzanne Jacoby and have three children. My wife Suzanne Jacoby works for the Birmingham School District at Seaholm High School in the Learning Resource Center (very proud of her). My son who is in the 6th grade attends BCS and my twin girls are in 8th grade attending Derby Middle School.
- My work and life experience have helped me develop the skills to be able to work in a group dynamic, to listen to people's ideas and give people the time and attention they deserve. It's not just about the issues, but how you engage in approach and discuss those issues that can bring consensus, positive change and productivity. My work experience really lends itself to being a board member. I've done budget reviews, labor relations

BRIAN JENNINGS

635 Willow Glen Ct., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I have lived in Birmingham School district for the past 24 years. I have 4 children that have attended elementary, middle school and high school in this district, and have always been impressed with the educational system in this community. As a member of the school board, I would have the opportunity to support students, teachers and the community with the strategic initiative, mission and vision of the district. I would also be involved with the development of goals to promote continued opportunities for academic excellence and leadership skills necessary for the future success of our students. I believe I bring a unique perspective as a Birmingham Public School parent, high school football coach and previous father vice-president of the PTA. These experiences have helped me recognize the potential as well as the challenges facing this great district and community.

Students are the top priority, and I will work with the school board to build upon the academic excellence that this district has always maintained. There is always room for improvement, and opening up new ideas and initiatives in collaboration with educators will help to ensure every student achieves their potential.

The efficient use of resources is another priority facing the district. We need to ensure that every decision aligns with the district strategic plan, in a way that allows for an equitable experience for all students and tends to the gaps in learning that currently exist.

Promoting positive relationships and communication between staff, students and the community. We are all on the same team working to uphold the core values, mission and vision of the district, and I truly believe that "by ensuring educational excellence, we challenge and inspire all learners to positively impact their world."

KIMBERLY WHITMAN

18639 Warwick St., Franklin, MI 48025

I graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in accounting and M.B.A. in Organizational Behavior. I obtained my CPA designation and spent the majority of my career at PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) first as a senior auditor and then as an executive human resource professional.

My education launched me into my career, my experiences allowed me to make significant differences and my inspiration is to continue on that path. As I have volunteered throughout the years, my interest in student achievement and educational welfare has dramatically become a passion for me. As global competitiveness, financial pressures and government regulations continue to increase, the role of a board member will continue to be significant. Such responsibilities as focusing on student learning, public relations, setting policies, establishing budgets and analyzing data are all very comfortable to me and critical for a successful board member.

I believe the three priorities are comparable to a three-legged stool. Each leg is equally important and without one, the stool would topple. The three legs of this stool are: (1) student achievement, (2) community engagement, and (3) stewardship for district staff. My experiences have taught me that the key to success is having a clear goal/vision – and an end state in mind – and then communicating with all of the stakeholders and collaborating with every part of the organization to achieve the collective goal. In any specific situation under those three priorities, this is the road map I would follow. I am an independent thinker but a collaborative and inclusive worker with years of conflict resolution experience. I am confident that working closely together as a board, along with the Superintendent and engaging the community and district staff will lead to continued success for our students.

ADRIENNE YOUNG

1564 Penistone St., Birmingham, MI 48009

I taught special education for two years before attending law school. Now, I represent indigent clients as an attorney at the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit.

Both of us educated in Michigan public schools, my husband, Jeffrey Bozell, and I bought our home in Birmingham because of this district's public schools. We are both passionate about serving our community and we volunteer with our church, First Presbyterian of Birmingham. We welcomed our son and future BPS graduate, Jacob Roger Bozell, in April 2016.

I am running for board member because the perspective I offer as a former teacher, public servant, and young parent is a unique and important one. I recognize that even in high-achieving districts like Birmingham, inequities exist that leave some of our kids behind. It is important to me that this district is one where every child can experience personal growth and success.

(1) **Building partnerships:** I am excited about building relationships between BPS and the community- individuals, businesses, and nearby universities - to ensure enriching, real-world learning opportunities.

(2) **Resolving inequities:** Our test scores, while not the most accurate measure of success, have shown disparities between students with special needs, students of color, students struggling economically, and their peers. But there are also inequities that test scores do not show. There are students who are simply struggling to find inspiration. I hope that working to resolve issue (1) can help uplift all learners.

(3) **Increasing transparency:** I want parents and teachers to be informed about state and local policies that affect our students and add pressure on our tireless educators. I want this to be a district where the voices of teachers and parents are amplified, loudly enough to influence those policies.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

MARK A. BANK

4418 Tanbark St., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

If re-elected, this term will be my second term on the School Board. I am a practicing attorney with 25 years of experience. I am consistently recognized as one the "Top 100" attorneys in Michigan, with a reputation for complex problem solving, analyzing complicated financial transactions, and handling emotionally charged situations. I graduated from Lone Pine, West Hills, and Andover. I received my B.A. from Michigan and my J.D. from George Washington University. I am an Adjunct Professor of Law at Michigan State. I have served on numerous Boards and Committees, including the Bloomfield Baseball League, the University of Michigan Prostate Cancer Research Program, and the Wabeek South Homeowners Association. My objectives continue to be: balancing the budget, while preserving the breadth, depth, and quality of academic and extracurricular programming; and insuring that BHS' interests are well-represented as Lansing continues to change its views on public schools and school funding.

My top priorities for my second term are: (1) balancing the budget to address BHS' long-term stability; (2) preserving the breadth, depth, and quality of academic and extracurricular programming, despite continuing decreases in funding and escalating costs; and (3) insuring BHS' interests are well-represented as Lansing morphs its views on public schools and school funding. Point #1: In my first term I passed a Board Policy that serves as the watchdog and benchmark for BHS budgeting. Insuring that this Policy is implemented going forward is key to BHS' long-term stability. Point #2: As potential adjustments are made to stabilize BHS' financial situation, it is imperative that an experienced board member, with a keen understanding of our community's values and BHS' academic and extra-curricular programming, sits at the helm. Point #3: As an outspoken advocate, I will continue to monitor the changing situation in Lansing and stand up for BHS' interests.

JACQUELINE EL-SAYED

1730 Golf Ridge Dr.S., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Born in Michigan from a long-line of K-12 educators, I have over 20 years' experience as a professor and administrator in higher education and have had three children in Bloomfield Hills Schools. Now in my sixth year on the Bloomfield Hills School Board, I have served as:

- Board Instruction Committee, member and chair
- Facilities, Finance and Legal Committee, member and chair
- Board Secretary
- Board Treasurer, twice
- DAERR member, leadership committee and co-chair, Academic Outcomes sub-committee

In addition to this strong fiscal and curricular experience, I also have state operations experience and have been recognized for educational excellence:

- Four-time gubernatorial appointee as commissioner representing four-year colleges/universities on Michigan Truck Safety Commission; twice elected chair, nominated by a Michigan State Police commanding officer
- Chaired committees for secretary of state to improve traffic-safety education, resulting in new legislation
- 2008-2009 American Council on Education Fellow
- Certificates for strategic planning and educational leadership

My goal is to give back to the schools that have so supported my children and to ensure outstanding education for all students. If re-elected, I would actively continue to work to:

1. Sustain Our Educational Excellence
Sustain our educational excellence by ensuring that each and every student is provided the opportunity to succeed, through individualized instruction, support, and experiences required for each unique student's success.
2. Optimize Resource Utilization
Continue to optimize the manner in which our resources are utilized by building upon the more inclusive, transparent processes established in my first term for planning, goal setting, cost-cutting, and monitoring.
3. Build Communication Bridges
Extend the communication bridges we built between the superintendent, the board, and residents of the district over the past six years so that together we can continue to ensure excellence in the Bloomfield Hills School District.

CHRIS FELLIN

3455 Wimberly Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

My wife and I are parents of two children who attended Pine Lake Elementary, BH Middle School and graduated from Andover in 2009 and 2011.

I earned an engineering degree and MBA from the University of Michigan. I have worked at GM for 33 years and currently serve as Global Launch Process Quality Manager.

The district restructuring/downsizing has consumed the board and administration for almost a decade. As a result, education has suffered and the District has not been able to adjust to ever-changing educational demands, especially for learners who need extra support.

The District has a high level strategic plan, but the methods and metrics are not sufficient to bring improvements our students deserve. I am running for board because I have expertise and experience in strategic planning and a fresh perspective.

Like most people we moved here for the schools. We had three choices: Bloomfield, Birmingham or Grosse Pointe. Sadly, our District has not kept up with advances made by neighboring districts. Our latest SAT scores are unacceptably low and we are not on the Newsweek or US News and World Reports lists while others in our area are included.

My top priorities would be to 1) ensure high achievers continue to enjoy educational excellence, 2) advocate for students who may not be achieving their full potential and 3) ensure non-instruction related dollars are minimized. Reductions should not come from teachers or teacher/student ratios, nor at the expense of students who need extra support. I have extensive experience in budgeting and capital/facility planning. I would work to advance these priorities by applying my skills to the strategic planning process.

KEN JACKSON

4130 Sandy Ln., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Ken Jackson is the father of a 6th and 11th grader in BHSD. Currently, he is Professor and Chair of English at Wayne State University, where he has served in a number of administrative capacities, including Director of Religious Studies and Associate Dean of the The Graduate School (overseeing 6,000 students in the university's Master's and Phd programs). A public education advocate since 2011, Jackson seeks to undo the damage done by over 20 years of education "reform," and increasing state and federal interference in local schools. His deep understanding of state and federal issues shaping both K12 and higher education is needed now. Most importantly, he has the passion and will to articulate these issues – particularly to young families – in a way that gives Bloomfield a chance to both preserve and enhance the District that has served the community so well.

The critical issue facing BHSD is existential. In 2011, Gov. Snyder – in part seeking President Obama's "Race to the Top" federal dollars – proposed "unbundling" geographically defined districts, making explicit a destructive process underway since 1992. In short, both political parties have decided public ed is "failing" and needs reform, a way of thinking which has led to the defunding of even "good" schools. Bloomfielders have experienced this process first hand in the closing and consolidation of schools and, recently, the selling of valuable property. Rather than continually concede to outside forces by constant cutting, Jackson insists on a different path. Young families can enjoy a great education and the community at large can retain a valuable resource. We must, first, opt out of the standardized testing allowing for these attacks and, two, work to use our considerable political, economic, and cultural capital in Lansing.

CYNTHIA E. VON OEYEN

518 Whitehall Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Experience matters. I have 18 years of school board experience advocating for our students and staff, holding every office on the BHS board and earning the Master Platinum Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. After years of advocacy as a parent, I remain actively engaged in continuing to provide the best possible educational outcome for each student. I have the knowledge and proven leadership to deal with any issue, from fiscal responsibility, to standardized testing.

I raised 2 BHS graduates here as a 30 year resident and have been married to Paul for 40 years. I have held leadership positions in many organization, some listed here, which further demonstrates the depth of my commitment to my duties as a board member.

BHS Foundation Board
Instruction Committee, Chair
Diversity Champion
Oakland County School Boards Assoc Past-President

It is imperative to provide best practices in the classrooms to insure that our students are well-prepared citizens, ready to participate and contribute to our global society, through critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and strong character. I will support my superintendent as he renews a focused effort on equitable learning for each student.

Communication and a solid relationship with our stakeholders is vital. I will work to improve communications and engagement across all sectors via available social media as well as finding best possible avenues for engaging residents without students in our schools.

Most importantly, it is necessary that our financial stewardship begins with the needs of the students in our classrooms in mind; enhancing programs where possible. Given the constant threat of reduced funding, I will work relentlessly to create new strategies for leveraging our assets, both staff and facilities.

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BRANDON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

Unopposed on the ballot: JOHN CHARTIER - MARIANNE DWYER - LISA KAVALHUNA - KEVIN MCCLELLAN

CLARKSTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

Unopposed on the ballot: CHERYL MCGINNIS - GREG NEED

CLARKSTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term - Vote for no more than ONE

ANDREA CATALINA

6850 Cranberry Lk. Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348

My name is Andrea Catalina and I have been a Clarkston resident since 2008. I believe it is my time to be a contributor to Clarkston Community Schools. I have twelve years of experience in the public schools. I have a bachelor's degree from EMU in elementary education and cognitive impairment. I have a master's degree from WSU in early childhood education. I am a certified teacher in elementary education, kindergarten through 5th grade, cognitively impaired, birth to 26 and early childhood education. I am currently a high school special education teacher. With my background in education and meeting the needs of diverse learners I have the practical experience in the classroom that gives me the knowledge and expertise to be an effective member of the community and the Clarkston school board.

1. Opportunities - The relationship between students and education needs to be fostered. These opportunities are not only important, but leave positive, long-lasting implications. We need to move our thinking towards lifelong learning allowing them to become productive adults using the Whole Child approach where every student is supported, engaged and challenged.
2. Resources - Let's make sure Clarkston's money is being used in its best interest. Is it providing resources for our students and staff? This needs to be done in a responsible manner. Education spending has been a struggle over the past few years.
3. Providing- Students need to be at the forefront of our decisions. We must focus on meeting the needs of diverse learners to accommodate their instruction and deliver a world-class education. Students need to be given the opportunity to be successful, by providing them with the best resources and support.

LARRY OSENTOSKI

9137 Eevee, Clarkston, MI 48348

I am running for school board because I want to give back to this great community my family has called home since 1998. My children have been the benefactors of great educators. I believe we need to keep our community strong through a solid education system. The oldest of my 5 children currently attend Clarkston High, Clarkston Junior High, and Sashabaw Middle School. As an educator, coach, volunteer, engineer and local businessman I am uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the school board as I understand the needs of the students, teachers and administrators in this district. I believe the board will benefit from my expertise in technology and financial management. The \$75M bond recently passed needs to be administered in a very open fashion so as to protect the students and the taxpayers alike. I believe in nothing less than full transparency of all district budgets.

- 1) Manageable class sizes: We should never have class sizes in excess of 30 students. We need to enable administrators and educators to re-allocate resources at the local level to maintain proper class sizes.
- 2) Balance of Human and Machine: We need to stay on the fiscally responsible leading edge of technology insertion. Additionally, in this world of tweets and texts we need to maintain our ability to keep our children connected to people as well as their electronic devices. "Wolf Time" is a good first step in the right direction. I think this activity can be further refined to draw together students of like interests, which will lead to increased peer groups, and growth of extracurricular activities.
- 3) Reward and maintain our talent: Continue to work with our teachers to make sure we are running a world class school district by offering competitive salary and career opportunities.

CLAWSON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

Unopposed on the ballot: JESSICA BACK - KIMBERLEY M. CARLESIMO - MICHAEL FRINK

CLAWSON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/2018 - Vote for no more than ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: THOMAS J. REED, JR

FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

DONALD DAVID

28537 Herndonwood Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Donald David, 49 years old; married, father of two wonderful girls who both attend FPS. We have one daughter starting first grade and the other will be a sophomore, we anticipate both girls will be in the FPS school system for the next 10 plus years. Our youngest attends Highmeadow Common Campus, our oldest has severe disabilities and attends a specialized program at Harrison. My wife has been an educator in Livonia for the past 18 years, starting the first IB Program in Wayne County.

I'm an experienced leader who has led teams and organizations by listening to stakeholders, identifying opportunities, mediating differences and delivering results. I've worked with both public and private sector organizations to be a catalyst of change, listening to stakeholders (students, Community, staff, District leadership, vendors/ partners) input to facilitate a sustainable future with positive results. I am outgoing, organized, proactive and results oriented

1. The State has consistently created education mandates to Districts without commensurate funding increases. With schools and employees frequently being asked to do more with less. While we must be fiscally responsible, it remains a reality that we cannot continue to cut spending and simultaneously meet stakeholder expectations of a high achieving School District. A top priority will be to work with the Community, District and others to seek and obtain ongoing alternative/ augmented funding sourcing.
2. My second priority would be to help the School District be transparent, solicit community involvement to look at strengths and weakness and work together to review concerns.
3. Preparing our children for the future, a future which will look very different from today and remains unknown is essential; as a Board member I'll work to create opportunities for our children to learn skills they'll need to take their next steps into tomorrow.

CLARK DOUGHTY

33856 Hunters Pointe Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Greetings: My name is Clark Doughty and with my wife Claudia, we have lived in Farmington Hills for approximately 30 years, during which time we raised our two sons, Brian (2001) and Christopher (2004). Both went through FPS System (Fairview, Kenbrook, Dunckel and North Farmington). Claudia taught 7th grade social studies for 20+ years at Dunckel, and is now at Warner Middle School. My father was a Detroit public school teacher for his entire career. I have a B.S. in Pharmacy, and a law degree, both from Wayne State, and am a licensed attorney, practicing real estate law. I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Farmington Community Libraries for 20+ years, currently serving as President. I have extensive experience with negotiation and compromise throughout my 32+ year legal career, and believe passionately in our community and schools, and the value of quality schools.

In my opinion, the top three (3) priority issues facing our school district are: (1) providing top quality education to meet the needs of all students throughout our student population; (2) maintaining fiscal responsibility and appropriate funding, both short and long term, without sacrificing quality; and (3) building and maintaining parental and community involvement. In order to provide top quality education, we must recruit and retain top quality teachers, and provide a safe and inviting environment for them to teach our students in. This must, of course be balanced with available resources and funding. The resources must be allocated to provide the greatest benefit to the broadest possible student population. Through parent and community involvement, built with open and candid communication with respect to all matters, especially financial matters, hopefully creative alternatives can be established and built upon.

BRUCE P. LILLEY

23734 Warner St., Farmington, MI 48336

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

WILLIAM J. LUBAWAY
 23790 Gill Rd., Farmington, MI 48335
 Bill Lubaway is an experienced leader in both business and volunteer settings. While earning his Bachelor's degree at University of Detroit he became Editor in Chief of the Tower yearbook which earned an All American rating under his leadership. He planned, mentored and directed staff to reach this highly successful result. This pattern has been his stock in trade during his career as an auditor, chief financial officer and consultant. In 2008 he received the national achievement award from the Healthcare Financial Management Association. As a lifelong learner he earned his MBA from the University of Detroit Mercy 30 years after receiving his undergraduate degree. He has followed developments in the Farmington Public School District during the 40 years he has lived in the District. During that time his wife, Diane, was a teacher in the district and his 3 daughters graduated from North Farmington High School.

A school board has one essential job – hire or fire the superintendent who will lead the district in providing a high quality education to our students. When the district stumbled on that mission, it hired Dr. Heitsch who went to work to fix finances so that the district could focus on improving student education. This is particularly important to Bill now that 2 of his grandchildren have become students in the system and their parents are looking forward to 11 more years of high quality education. In the recent past, quality has slipped because the district failed to adapt to its changing demographics. The Board's job then is make sure that appropriate multi-year improvement goals are set and to measure the District's progress to achieve those quality goals. It is important to help students realize their potential whatever that may be.

TAMMY LUTY
 27195 Winterset Cir., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 I have been involved in the Farmington Public Schools for 13 years. During this time I have served on the Wood Creek PTA, Highmeadow PTA, Dunckel PTSA, and Harrison PTSA in multiple positions (Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President and Council Representative). I have also been Farmington PTA Council President and served on committees: Pledge for Success, Building and Site, Together for Accelerated Learners, and Farmington Hills 2020 Vision Committee on Education and Jobs. I was also given the opportunity to be involved as MI PTA Federal Legislative Chair going to Washington DC to advocate for students on Federal Education laws and the leader and organizer for Michigan PTA Advocacy Day 2015 on Student Data Privacy in Lansing. I have exposure to a Title 1 school, STEAM, AP and IB programs. This volunteer experience and exposure brings a wealth of knowledge to the table as we continue to move Farmington Schools forward.

The biggest issues Farmington faces is scholastic achievement, district reputation/image, and building closure decisions. We need to make sure that we are taking care of the customer which is ALL the students for Farmington Public School (struggling, average, and accelerated). Families love our community and what it has to offer but the changes and discussions that have happened in the last several years has hurt our community reputation, including the uncertainty of Harrison. If we take care of the customers (students and families) we will attract more to our community and our reputation would improve. Leaving an uncertain future for a school directly impacts teachers, students and families and will not attract others or improve our district image. As a board member I hope to have conversations about curriculum with administration to benefit students, and work on ways to improve our district image to attract families to the Farmington community.

ED RICHARDSON
 21349 Parklane St., Farmington Hills, MI 48335
 I plan on being a student advocate. I have an extensive history in the automotive industry in optimizing resources. I would like Farmington Public Schools to be free to focus directly on education and remove all the trappings such as forcing teachers to become police, social workers, etc. If we need more police - hire more police - let the teacher focus on education. If we need more social workers - hire more social workers. Maybe a bit naive but that would be my focus.

- 1) Students first
- 2) Safety of the students and staff
- 3) Budget resources appropriately

TERA SHAMEY
 33256 Slocum St., Farmington, MI 48336

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ANGIE SMITH
 35004 Pennington Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335
 Over the past 19 years I have lived in Farmington Hills. I am also the mother of three girls, all Farmington grads and my youngest recently from Farmington high. I currently work at Farmington Central High, and an Alumni of Wayne State University. I am 53 years old. I am former PTA council President, sat on the sex ed. committee, MCMR, Co-chair of the MLK walk and Superintendent's team, and recently awarded the Superintendent's Award of Excellence.
 My qualities are working hand and hand with the parents, student's and staff. I also want to rebuild the relationship with the community and schools and to work with the bargaining units and bring the district back as the premier district that others followed.

- Our top 3 issues are, 1. Budgeting 2. Privatizing/school closings 3. Bargaining units.
- 1. I would work with the districts financial advisers and work out a five year plan, and discuss with labor relations what their input would be, and to make sure that funds would be allocated in technology to keep us current.
 - 2. I support in-house relations opposed to resourcing out, revisiting this would be major for me, so I would have a meeting of the minds of all stake holders, to keep from this happening again.
 - 3. I would place myself in the position of the bargaining unit to understand their needs, but it must be extremely important that it is explained that the districts needs have to be met to clarify the board's decision-making. Based on the State legislators.

JAMES STARK
 33355 Cloverdale, Farmington, MI 48336
 I believe that my experience in serving our community as publisher of the Northwest Gazette newspaper, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Farmington Area Philharmonic and Farmington Area Founders Festival Inc., a member of the Farmington Families in Action and the Multi Cultural Multi Racial Community Council and most recently, president of the FHS Music Patrons, makes me uniquely qualified to help lead our schools.
 We have been extremely pleased with the education our daughters have received and when presented with the opportunity to serve on the board, I was excited to step forward. I am running to retain my seat on the school board because 1) I believe strongly in advocating for the education of kids; 2) the administration deserves the support of the community; and 3) a strong school system is essential to a vibrant, economically sound and desirable community in which to live.

Overall, the highest priority is keeping the focus on what's best for students - despite the fiscal, economic, infrastructure and social pressures facing the district. Specifically, I would prioritize them as 1) improving both the classroom performance and educational experience of all students, 2) seeking stabilization of current levels as well as locating new sources of funding, 3) increasing the connection and communications with both our business and residential community.
 My action steps include 1) encouraging working closer, more cooperatively and improving communications with the administration and educational staff to jointly find ways to improve the classroom performance and educational experience of students, 2) maintain responsible fiscal oversight while working with government representatives to find new and creative funding sources, 3) help create new initiatives and concepts to share the positive school district stories and work to rebuild better lines of communications and relationships with the leadership of both cities.

TERRI ANN WEEMS
 29149 Bradmoor Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 I am running because I am committed to seeing the district through the challenges we face. When I started last year, our fund balance was at an all time low. We were faced with declining enrollment, closing schools, privatization, contract negotiations, and passing a bond. We are emerging from those challenges. I want to put our past behind us and focus on the future of FPS. My focus going forward is developing a vision for the district and a solid plan to achieve goals which puts student success and financial stability first and engages our community. My focus is on making short and long term goals which places greater importance on board continuity. I think its importance to seek re-election because of the risk associated with turnover of 5 of 7 board seats. Too much turnover can be costly and result in a loss of momentum and unproductivity.

Student Success – The most important thing we do is educate students. We need to tailor instruction to teach kids at all levels whether they are on track, have special needs, are above grade level, or need additional help. My focus will be to develop a plan to exceed the Michigan math and literacy proficiency standards and increase student engagement over the next term emphasizing curriculum, teaching methods and student and parent engagement.
 Financial Stability - Develop a budget that prioritizes the programs and services offered by the district to meet the achievement needs of all students. This will also include development of a long range plan to consider our footprint.
 Community Involvement – Actively engage the community through listening and learning tours. Develop an updated vision and long range plan for the district incorporating feedback from our community (teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, students, business, etc)

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FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO partial terms - Vote for no more than TWO

FRITZ BEIERMEISTER

38241 French Pond, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Our children are the future and I would like to help develop the education processes that will prepare them to pursue their personal dreams and ambitions and become contributing members of our society.

My desire to share my skills and abilities brought me to the university classroom where I have taught for twenty years. I have also served on various Farmington Public School citizen committees. I am currently one of four active volunteers on the Farmington Public School Citizen Bond Spending Oversight Team helping to assure the \$131.5 mil. proceeds are spent in line with the intent of the bond.

Born in Detroit, I have degrees from Ferris and Stanford University. I have broad experience with business planning and budgets and was part of the Leadership Team that created the services company OnStar. A father and grandfather, my wife of 47 years and I live in Farmington Hills.

Top priority must be to improve student performance at all levels and restore the Farmington Public Schools reputation for high performing education. This is best achieved with a Long Range Education Plan that uses long term goals, action plans and intermediate objectives used to measure progress.

Essential to an effective Long Range Education Plan is clarity regarding the scope of education. I believe our schools must ultimately provide students with the foundational knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in their chosen areas of interest beyond high school. Schools also must develop the creativity and critical thinking skills our students will need for their success in life.

Finally, the Budget must be addressed. Reserves are growing but still low and the balance of expenses must be addressed considering that revenues are not growing. A community effort is needed to resolve budget issues and prepare for the future.

MARK PRZESLAWSKI

7355 Edinborough Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

The Farmington School Board has forgotten our kids. There are 9th and 10th graders in this District that have been to five or six schools already. Some kids attending East Middle School will be bused over six miles this year. That is wrong.

I am a widower with 4 boys and have lived in the District since 1998. With their outstanding FPS education, my oldest is at Dartmouth and my second son received his IB Degree and is attending the University of Michigan. My younger boys are in 10th and 7th grade.

My background in Program Management and as a COO of a global company provided me the skills to successfully oversee business operations including marketing and finance. I attended many forums and Board meetings leading up to the closure vote and provided a lot of enrollment analysis that I feel was overlooked during the process.

A priority is understanding the District enrollment and accurately projecting it. I will continue to work with the Administration and other Board members to do this. Existing home sales have increased, and residents report that young families are moving into their neighborhoods. We have to avoid not having the schools nor land to build if the enrollment increases.

Another issue is getting the District financially stable again. The reserve funds dropped over \$20 million in six years. This has to get resolved and I will use my background to help fix this.

We also need to make this District attractive to families again. The uncertainty of school closures has hurt our reputation. Additionally, we have lost neighborhood schools. Kids should ride a bus six miles, and we have to stop shuffling them from school to school. The kids deserve better and I will represent them and all residents.

DAVID N. TURNER

30977 Hitching Post Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48331

I have been a senior level HR professional for the past 23 years, the last 13 years in public education. I have served as the Chief Human Resources Officer for Detroit Public Schools, Executive Director for HR and Labor Relations at Oak Park Public Schools, Associate Superintendent for Southfield Public Schools and most recently the VP of University Human Resources at Eastern Michigan University. I have had the responsibility for all aspects of district operations, with the exception of curriculum design. I am running to continue the work that has truly taken off in the last year since my appointment. We have begun to address many of the financial concerns and our building and site concerns so naturally the focus can shift to academic programming and academic achievement. We will also be able to better articulate our district strategic plan in the coming year.

First, is establishing FPS as the tier one educational option for residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Clarenceville and West Bloomfield. There are 700 students within our district that do not attend our schools, we need to understand why and address the reasons. Secondly, continuing the great work that went into stabilizing the district's revenue and expense profile. We will remain progressive, our children deserve no less. We must remember our fiduciary responsibilities and be as pragmatic and deliberate as needed as we begin to restore the services and education platforms our parents have come to expect and desire. Lastly, is two-fold, both transparency and accountability. My goal, if elected, is to continue to remain accessible, responsible and dedicated to ensuring the community has an opportunity to be heard and to hear and understand the information we consider when making decisions that impact us all.

FENTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

KIM GRUBER

10201 Bennett Lk. Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

I've lived in the Fenton area my entire life, and I have three children who currently attend Fenton Schools. I have a Bachelors degree in Education and a Masters degree in School and Community Counseling. I work for Linden Schools as the Primary Project Coordinator. This is an early intervention program that helps students with social and emotional issues to become successful in school. While completing my Masters degree, I worked at Fenton Middle School in the Counseling office, incorporating many successful programs. Also, I previously taught at the elementary level for Hartland Schools. In addition, I am an active volunteer within the community and Fenton School district, serving on many boards and committees. With my combined experience stated, and as an involved parent, I feel that I have a well-rounded background to be a representative for the school system.

Address the current financial issues. Our district is operating with a general fund balance way below what it is necessary. We need to create new ways to generate income in our district. With the state consistently cutting our budget and students moving out of the district, this is imperative!

Greater transparency from the district. Important topics pertaining to the district need to be answered, posted, and easily accessible to families. Taxpayers should be made aware of the current issues facing the district.

Create new programs to draw new families to the district. We need new programs that are going meet the needs of ALL students, and draw additional families to our district. The high school needs a more AP classes, an accessible dual enrollment program, and/ or an early-middle college. These are the programs of the future. They will save families thousands of dollars in college education costs!

KRISTEN HARMON

18143 Hillary Ln., Fenton, MI 48430

Married for 16 years to my husband Steve. Two daughters ages 14 and 12. Veterinary Technician at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Board of Directors Land O Lakes Bowmen Club, Fenton. Volunteer director for girl's archery day camp in Fenton. Girl Scout Leader for 8 years and counting. Former vendor chairperson for the State Road Arts & Crafts Show. I am running for Fenton School Board because I have a strong desire to help direct the future of Fenton Schools. I strongly believe our children deserve the very best education and that the overall health of a school district has an immeasurable impact on the community as a whole. I am dedicated and passionate. I have strong organizational skills and I will work tirelessly to help provide all students with a variety of opportunities for personal growth and success that will carry them beyond their years in Fenton Schools.

My top three priorities for my tenure as a member of the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education are to restore our district to good financial health. Tough decisions have already been made, but more difficult decisions lie ahead in order to bring us back to good financial health. To help select and implement a curriculum that will provide all students with a variety of opportunities for personal growth and success that will carry them beyond their years in Fenton Schools and will also be fully supported by our staff of talented educators. My third goal is to improve transparency within our district. Financial statistics and facts, curriculum decisions and many other vital district information should be readily available to anyone who wants to see it. I want to see all Board of Education meetings live streamed.

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FENTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

NORA KRYZA

12008 Jeffers Ln., Fenton, MI 48430

A key element of successful communities are strong schools. Fenton has been known for excellence in its schools. Fenton has just hired a new superintendent to lead its school district, Dr. Adam Hartley. A strong board of education is needed to support and guide the leadership of the district. With my professional and educational background, as well as my school board experience, I would like to be a part of developing the vision and direction for Fenton Schools.

Background:

- Fenton resident for 22 years.
- Married to Joe Kryza for 29 years.
- Four children graduated from Fenton Schools.
- Associate Business – Computer Programming, Baker College
- Bachelors of Arts, Economics – University of Michigan – Flint.
- Software Development, Project Management, 15 years managing teams of software developers.
- 10 years on the Fenton Board of Education – Certified MASB board member, have served as board secretary, treasurer, vice president and president.

1. **Develop the District Vision and Strategic Plan for the district.** With new leadership, it is critical to come together to agree on the Vision for our students and to develop the strategic plan to ensure the district maintains its focus on realizing our vision.
2. **Financial Health.** Fenton Schools must remain fiscally responsible. I will be an advocate for transparency, to remain open-minded in ways to fulfill our vision and strategic plan within the constraints of our budget. While doing this it is critical to maintain strong relationships with all parties serving the school – support staff, teaching staff, administration, parents, students and community members.
3. **Community involvement.** We need to continue to find ways to involve our community, provide them with a voice, and listen to their interests and concerns. I will work with fellow board members to develop forums for this to occur.

KEITH REYNOLDS

611 S. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

FENTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/18 - Vote for no more than ONE

PAM DICKIE

11320 Foley Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

TAMARA VALLEY

7956 Tipsico Lk. Rd., Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

FERNDALE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

Unopposed on the ballot: MIKE DAVISSON - JACKIE HART

HAZEL PARK SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

Unopposed on the ballot: ROSE MARY HAMMONDS - CHUCK HEMPLE - KRISTY SCHLAK - SUE VANCE-HEMPLE

HOLLY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

AMANDA BLADZIK

15041 Western Valley Dr., Holly, MI 48442

I am a former elementary school teacher and am currently the Teacher Certification Officer at Baker College. I earned my bachelor's and master's degree in elementary education from Michigan State University. I am currently attending Oakland University working on a Reading Specialist endorsement.

As a member of the Board of Education, I will be able to utilize my varied P-20 teaching expertise to help the district as it continues to provide a quality educational experience to our community's students. With two current Bronchos, Alex (11) and Max (8) and one future Broncho, Nick (2), I have a vested interest in the success of the district and ensuring that our educators have the resources they need to excel. Public education is always changing and my position at Baker College causes me to keep up with educational policy and cutting edge research in school districts across the State of Michigan.

If elected to the board of education, my priorities would be:

- Supporting teachers—asking teachers what they feel that they need and working on thinking outside of the box to ensure they have the necessary tools to teach our children.
- Promoting Holly Area Schools to the surrounding community using both traditional and interactive social media methods to draw attention to the district's positive achievements. This requires benchmarking with other school districts on best practices and developing a specific plan for Holly Area Schools.
- Developing a plan for the district for how Holly Area Schools is going to follow in the footsteps of Superintendent Whiston's plan for Michigan to be the top 10 state in education in 10 years. Modeling a similar process as the State Superintendent's approach used would be a great first step to ensuring that Holly Area Schools is a top district in the state.

LINDA DONELLA BLAIR

6155 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442

I was born and educated in the state of Tennessee. Received a B.S. from Tennessee State University; A MAT from Antioch College of Yellow Springs, Ohio. Started working for the Holly Area Schools as a teacher in 1965. My four children graduated from Holly High school before attending college. Retired from the district in 2005.

I am a member of Holly's Calvary United Methodist Church and sings with the Mich. Ohio Concert choir. Have toured six of the seven continents with my family.

I am running for a third term as I consider myself to be a "life long" educator with a desire to stay focused on maintaining the best interest of students, while building positive relations and inspiring students as they shape the future.

Since I have no family members currently involved in the school district, I can objectively make decisions regarding all of the schools in the district.

Our local Board Goals:

1. To Increase Student Achievement: Carefully monitoring and maintaining qualified staff, providing challenging, innovative programs, and current equipment to implement them.
2. To Achieve Financial Stability: Given the current situation of our state, this is an ongoing challenge. I will be committed to always making careful and wise decisions with finances, with a focus on things that are necessary for the district's staff and student's success.
3. To Increase Pupil Enrollment: Staying current on issues that may improve the quality of the schools implementing as many as possible. Being a visible community member, by joining and participating in some of their activities.

PETER M. DEAHL

241 Beaver Run, Holly, MI 48442

I am running for the Holly Area Schools School Board because educating our children is paramount. The schools need leadership that will take into account the needs, concerns and strengths of the children that reside in our district. There are many moving parts to a school system and board members must take a wide view and do what is best for the district as a whole so the children which have been placed in our care get the best education we can offer. I come from a family of educators and have heard first hand from my parents the difficulties that are faced by all involved in this effort to raise and teach children. My unique perspective is also informed by my role as an business owner. I look for unique ways to help further education in the Holly Area Schools.

1. Funding is key. The State of Michigan chooses to under fund our schools causing difficult decisions to be made at the board, I will continue to press the state to invest in K-12 education at reasonable levels allowing us to educate and serve our communities more effectively.
2. Elementary reading is an area of emphasis. We are making progress, but we need to keep working with our teachers and parents to achieve better results. There are excellent programs in place, and I am confident that our goals will be achieved.
3. Facilities in the Holly Area Schools are growing older and resources need to be found to fix of ageing roofs, roads, and other structural needs. The State of Michigan must make K-12 education a priority. I will do all I can to let Lansing know that the funding needs are great and our children, teachers, and community deserve better.

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HOLLY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR (Cont.)

NINA INGRAHAM
11151 Terrace Rd., Holly, MI 48442
I have lived in Holly for the past 20 years. My husband and I are the proud parents of a 4th grader in Holly Area Schools.
I received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor; and an MBA from Baker College.
I have 25 years of experience working in the private sector.
I feel that I would be a strong asset to the School Board because; I am a strong communicator who is not afraid to take on challenges that face our school district today. Feedback is a powerful tool in a successful business; this can also be a powerful tool in our school system. I am a team player who values the opinion of all the stakeholders in our schools: Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Kids and the Community. By working as a team, we can make great strides in our school system.

1) Lack of Promotion of Holly Area Schools
Plan: Update Holly Area School website with all of the accolades (academic, extra-curricular, and teacher accomplishments) that are going on in our school district. Communicate these accolades to the Holly Area School community, the local businesses and realtors.
2) Increasing Enrollment
Plan: Promoting Holly Area Schools as a school of choice to surrounding communities. Holly Area Schools is known as the best kept secret in Oakland County. Once the website is updated with all of the accolades, this information can be used to recruit students from other areas.
3) Lack of Communication
Plan: Become an advocate of the teachers, the parents and the local community. I will accomplish this by making sure that their voices are heard at each and every board meeting. Strong Schools are an asset to the property values of our community.

SUSAN JULIAN
P.O.Box 304, Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ALEXANDAR JAMES REMESZ
406 E. Maple St., Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

LEON J. SHARPE
2042 Parker Rd., Holly, MI 48442
I have been a resident of the district for 40 years. I taught in Holly, teaching Young 5's, Kindergarten, 1'st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades, and 7th grade math..I was also Reading and Language Arts consultant at Davisburg Elementary, and the At Risk Coordinator for non special education students at the Middle School. In the past four years as a board member I have supported the reopening of the Middle School ,several refinancing of bonds to save tax payers money and policies to bring our district back to sound financial status. I am running for reelection because I believe good schools create good communities.I believe I have the experience and skill set to help Holly Area Schools be a positive force in our community.

The top three issues are
Keeping a balanced budget at present State funding levels. I will continue to be very prudent while building our annual budget to be sure expenses do not exceed revenue while working to maintain the excellent level of educational programming we have in Holly.
Addressing the needs for facilities maintenance and repairs that have been delayed because of a lack of funds. Possible solutions are sinking fund passage or future bond issue to raise the necessary funds unless we receive considerable increases in funding from the State.
Student enrollment. With the decline in State birth rates it will be difficult to maintain a stable student enrollment. I will propose looking at marketing strategies to attract students to our district. We have a great Educational Program.. We need to let everyone know what is happening in Holly

HOLLY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/18 - Vote for no more than ONE

Unopposed on the ballot: HILARIE MCMULLEN

HURON VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

JULIE CONN
425 Lawrence, Milford, MI 48381
My educational background includes:
• BS – Speech Pathology (WMU)
• MA – Speech Pathology (EMU)
• Post Masters Endorsements (EMU)
o Early Childhood
o Special Education Administration
I have been an educator for 41 years, 31 of those years serving students in Huron Valley Schools, as a speech pathologist, a special education classroom teacher and administrator. I have just recently retired from my position as Director of Student Support Services. My husband, daughter and I have lived within the district for the past 26 years.
My many years of experience within the district have allowed me to witness the quality teaching staff, excellent programming and collaborative support for our students. As a board member I would like to continue to support the district, ensuring that we maintain these high standards while growing to meet the needs of every student who enters our doors.

1. Limited finances continue to plague the district. Conversations with our legislators need to continue while we seek alternative funding sources. We also need to continue looking closely at our budget, prioritizing our needs, while ensuring that our students are provided an exemplary education.
2. Declining enrollment significantly impacts our funding from the state, creating the need for budget cuts and possible building realignments or closures. I believe that it will be a high priority to promote our Schools of Choice initiative, allowing students from outside the district to enroll in HVS, accessing our premiere programming options.
3. Continue to enhance programming to meet the individualized needs of students. Utilize student data to analyze progress, identify areas of need, and to assist teachers on improving and directing their instruction. Align district practices with state standards and engage teachers in collaborative support groups.

JEFFREY LONG
3180 Long Ln., White Lake, MI 48383
I am currently the HVS Board of Education President. I was elected in 2011 and have also served as a Trustee, Treasurer, and Vice President.
I am a 52-year-old father of two at Lakeland High School who was raised in Huron Valley. I attended Oxbow Elementary, Lakewood Elementary, Muir Junior High, White Lake Junior High, and graduated from Lakeland High School. Besides being a current board member, I have served my community as a youth coach, and Cubmaster prior to my board service. The reason I find it important to serve my district is to help keep Huron Valley financially solid, and fiscally responsible without negatively affecting education. HVS has instituted some collaborative ideas and fundraising programs I would like to see continue to grow and flourish.

(1) The most important issue facing Huron Valley is finding a new Superintendent. The most important job a Board of Education does is hire its Superintendent. This will be the second time during my service I have been a part of a Superintendent search. Hiring a Superintendent that is qualified, shares the district's vision, and can work within our culture will be important considerations.
(2) Developing a Comprehensive Plan to keep Huron Valley fiscally secure. While the plan will likely include some tough and possibly unpopular choices, I cannot shy away from those just because it's an election year. The students, staff, and other stakeholders of Huron Valley deserve and expect this work to get done.
(3) Developing the new Strategic Plan, which is the vision of our district moving forward. The most important part of developing a plan is gathering input from all the stakeholders in Huron Valley.

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HURON VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

MICHAEL MANTUA

2591 Overbrook, Highland, MI 48357

I'm looking to earn a position on the school board to make sure every student in the entire district has a positive environment to learn and grow. I want to make sure our students are led by inspired, impactful educators who are recognized for their actions helping our youth develop.

I currently hold the most incredible and rewarding position as a stay at home dad. I'm formerly an Executive Director of National Sales who has also worked as a business consultant/project manager. In the educational arena, I'm a Nationally Certified Athletic Administrator through the NIAAA. I volunteer as an Administrator at Howell High School when time permits. I've been coaching High School Hockey for last 8 yrs and Substitute Teach when I have the opportunity. I also created, developed and led the Howell Athletic Leadership Program.

JIM PEARSON

P.O.Box 291, Highland, MI 48357

I am running for school board because I am committed to the value of a high quality, public education for all children.

I'm a retired teacher with 40 years of experience, 33 of which were in HVS where I taught elementary, middle school and high school. I have a BA in Secondary Education from Western Michigan University and a Masters in Elementary Education from U-M., plus an additional year of study at the University of Delhi, India.

I've had extensive training or experience in the use of technology in education, special education, student overseas travel, school law, contract bargaining, budget analysis and strategic planning.

I've been a Highland resident 39 years and married 43 years to Diane. Our daughter attended HVS from kindergarten through graduation at Milford High.

I believe our school board is most effective if it includes an experienced, highly qualified classroom teacher. I know the classroom.

DENISE PISTANA

928 Joshua Dr., Highland, MI 48356

I am a 24-year resident of Highland Township. I am married with one son who graduated from HVS in 2014. I have a passion for public education and care about keeping local control of our schools. I have volunteered extensively in the school district and have served on numerous committees. I have worked to make sure that our students get a premier education. I bring experience on seeing varying points of view and have the ability to make decisions that affect all our students. I am willing to listen to those with a vested interest. I have attended school board meetings for the past 15 years and in the past two years, have only missed a few. I want to make sure that all students have opportunities that will enhance their education. I will continue to support our staff because they make those important connections to our students.

SUSAN SPELKER

2982 Wixom Rd., Commerce, MI 48382

I am currently serving on Commerce Township's Downtown Development Authority, which is a fiscally responsible and effective board. I also have a Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on managing non-profits in the public sector, from the University of Michigan. I have volunteered extensively in Huron Valley over the last 23 years. I am dedicated to this district and believe this is a fantastic community in which to bring up children. Lastly, I work for Oakland Community College, not a Huron Valley school. People who are too deeply entrenched are often set in old paradigms. I would have the ability to bring a fresh perspective. Lastly, and most importantly, anyone who knows me knows I am all about the kids!

JEFF STANDER

2164 Wildflower Ln., Milford, MI 48380

My family has lived in HVS since 2005 with two daughters having graduated from MHS, our third daughter a sophomore and our son in 6th. My wife and I are home-based pharmaceutical and renewable energy professionals. My energy development projects often have budgets similar in scale to the HVS annual budget and require me to be proficient in sales, negotiations, legal, finance, project management and operations.

I like to serve the community and I like to get things done. I am a Highland Township Planning Commissioner, serve on several small community boards, coach and keep the kids safe on the ski slopes as a National Ski Patrolman.

I am running because we are in an unsustainable state of finance and a cloud of mistrust seems to exist across the district. Difficult decisions will need to be made. I will make them in a pragmatic, apolitical and open manner. www.stander4hvs.com

Fact: We have amazing educators and terrific students in our district. We also have a phenomenal community and we should never lose solid educators, leaders or students to other schools. Enrollment numbers are low for uncontrollable reasons but we need to focus on the controllable. We need to work together to improve the quality and image of our schools and retain the talented individuals we are losing to other districts and private schools first and foremost. Second we need to take ownership over our aging assets and give them the attention they need so we can cut down on the big expenses over time. Third we need to make sure everyone in our community is proud of our school district and feels it's the right environment for all of our students.

Strong schools promote a strong community. Fortunately, we enjoy a long standing history of a community that supports its schools combined with teachers, administrators and support staff who go the extra mile day after day to help shape our students to become responsible, well-educated citizens.

Our challenges include:

- 1) Hiring a new superintendent due to the resignation of our previous one. Selecting the right person is extraordinarily important for the school district to remain competitive.
 - 2) Managing our resources including shrinking financial support from the state, millage proposals not attracting sufficient support for approval, and coping with declining enrollment.
 - 3) Sustaining the best possible learning environment for our children by increasing collaboration and communication with our community to make smart, informed decisions.
- I believe in my heart that for each challenge I am able to take the long view, to listen, and to find solutions.

1. Hiring a new superintendent. This is the most important job of a school board. We need to conduct a search that looks inside and outside our district for the best talent. We must gather input from staff, students and the community to find the right fit using our best practices.

2. Opportunities for students. We must continue to give our students opportunities for growth and enrichment. We must prepare them for the outside world, whether that is college or the job market. We must keep current with our technology and programs. We must continue to provide excellence in education for all students.

3. We must find a way to address the loss of revenue due to declining enrollment. We must look for ways to stretch our dollars while keeping important programs and maintaining our buildings and property. We have to think outside the box to address these challenges.

Currently our board faces the same concerns most districts are facing. We are confronted with fiscal concerns, we are striving to maximize efficient use of resources, and must uphold and improve educational outcomes. As a board member I would do all a board member can. This is not an individual office, but rather a board where I will represent the community collaboratively, proactively in the interest of improving our district.

Finances, trust and communication need to be addressed to protect high academic value.

On a per student basis, HVS is receiving about 1% LESS funding while spending 2% LESS than we did 10 years ago. Over the same time period the cost of living has increased more than 10%. No home could operate in such a scenario and neither can HVS. Lansing is not likely to solve our problems, so we need to be a realistic, united and focused community to address.

The combination of clear, open and apolitical communication with fact-based and open-minded debate will lead to the best decisions. Even though some may be disappointed with the outcome, if we have done our job, they will understand why a decision is made and trust will be reestablished. Hard looks will be made at all options including, overall budget, personnel, real estate, census data, asset monetization, redistricting and consolidation. www.stander4hvs.com

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HURON VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR (Cont.)

THOMAS WISEMAN

7647 Cedar Creek Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

My wife and I have three successful graduates of the Huron Valley School District. We now have three grandchildren who soon will be entering our District.

As a member of the Board of Education I want to make certain that all students continue have now and into the future quality opportunities.

Quality Opportunities=Quality Schools=Quality Communities

Every decision must be based on what is best for our students.

I have 43 years of Public Education experience. I have been a teacher, counselor, and for the past 33 years a Chief Business Official. I am also a CPA.

I have worked very successfully with numerous school boards, local governments, community groups, unions, and parent groups.

I am a strategic thinker and problem solver.

I have the experience, dedication and enthusiasm to assist in leading our District into the future.

*Selecting A New Superintendent
Qualities that I will use to evaluate candidates
Visionary
Instructional Leader
Strategic Thinker/Problem Solver
Strong Community Relations Skills
Strong Communication/Interpersonal Skills
Fiscally Competent and Responsible
Visible, Approachable
Collaborative
Decisive
High Integrity/ Strong Character

*Aligning District Resources to Maximize Opportunities for our Students:
As a member of the Board with District Administration along with other stakeholders will review all processes and programs and make recommendations based on Best Practice and current and future needs.

Areas of Focus:
Budget
Instructional Delivery System
Facilities
Technology
Personnel

*Attracting and Retaining a Quality Staff:
Our students current and future success is dependent on our staff.
Competitive salaries and benefits are important factors.
Open dialogue, trust, respect and recognition are equally important to our staff.
I will work to together will all parties to identify ways to meet these essential needs.

SHERRY ZYLKA

807 Burns Rd., Milford, MI 48381

I have been in leadership positions in higher education for most of my adult life. In terms of my educational background I have earned two associate degrees from Schoolcraft College, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, a Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University, and my Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. Education is something I firmly believe in and want to make sure that all children have equal opportunities to reach their potential.

I am running for school board because I want to be part of the team that creates the long-term vision to provide the absolute best educational experience possible for our children. I believe that public education is very closely tied to the quality of life in our community and feel strongly that by investing in our children now we are investing in our own future.

Hiring the superintendent is the most crucial decision that can be made for the schools and community. In addition to their formal credentials, I would look at their history of interaction with the community, their commitment to children, as well as their ability to tell the story of the District in order to garner support.

Developing and implementing a strategic plan is important to prioritize and address some of the more challenging issues such as the enrollment decline. Once the District knows the direction it is heading in, all processes should be in alignment to achieve the goals.

Proposing another millage will be a priority because students, faculty, and staff deserve to have the best possible learning environment. While valiant attempts were made by stakeholders to create an awareness in the past, I would need to have a more detailed understanding of the previous efforts to determine how to proceed.

LAKE ORION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

NATHAN BUTKI

1342 Maple Point, Lake Orion, MI 48362

I am a 1992 LOCS graduate, I have three brothers who are graduates and two daughters who are students. My wife is a Lake Orion teacher. I am running for School Board to help current and future students continue to receive the learning and growth that my family has experienced.

I gained knowledge of LOCS strengths and challenges by leading the Long Range Planning Committee (community members working with the District to recommend changes during the next 3-5 years) in 2015. I co-led the community group supporting the Building and Site Sinking Fund election in August 2016.

Professionally (MBA, Finance, MA, Telecommunication, Senior Professional Human Resources), I work as a consultant with expertise in strategy and organizational performance. I am an experienced business leader and ask for your vote to bring strong business discipline and commitment to our students to support the important work of LOCS.

Student Achievement.
Trustees are elected to act in the best interest of students. Student safety and academic achievement is the primary objective. I will continue to ensure programs are in place to support every student to succeed.

District structure and budget.
Important work has begun to ensure LOCS remains on strong financial footing and our structure meets the size and shape of the community. I will support implementing decisions to right-size our district. I will also work to ensure the 'best of the best' instruction and programming is brought to each school.

Teacher, Staff and Administrator support.
Great teachers are the professionals who deliver great learning. LOCS has talented teachers, staff and administrators. I will work to continue to create an environment where they have the support to thrive.

My commitment is to be accessible to parents and the community, to listen and be transparent in decisions.

BIRGIT MCQUISTON

440 N. Broadway St., Lake Orion, MI 48362

Since being elected to the Board of Education in 2011, I have served as an officer for four years, led the initiative to implement a Board Self-Assessment Committee and an annual Board Self-Assessment process, helped lead the way for the Curriculum Committee to be re-established, served on the Policy Committee, and am also currently on the Lamp of Learning Committee. I have completed Level 1 MASB Board Certification and also received their Award of Merit, their Award of Distinction, and the Advocacy Skills Specialist Certification. I plan on continuing my professional development as a Board member. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education and would be deeply honored to be re-elected to continue my work.

The top priority issues facing our school district are encompassed in finances and loss of local control. The state legislature has not executed consistent leadership in their provision of stable financial support for public schools, nor have they provided a solution to the broken, state-required, retirement system (MIPERS). The challenge is keeping dollars in the classroom supporting the education of our students. Finances coupled with the decline in population are having a big impact on our district and have created the need to assess and rethink our building utilization. I will continue to support what's best for our students.
Many decisions regarding public schools are no longer directly in the hands of the school board but lie with the state. This is a great concern, and I believe that districts should have more control than the legislature is allowing them. I will continue to advocate for local control.

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LAKE ORION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR (Cont.)

DANA MERMELL

2873 Saturn Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48360

I am a lifelong LO resident, LOHS graduate, wife and a mother of two young children ages 7 and 4. I have a BS degree in Human Resource Development and an Elementary Education teaching certification, both from Oakland University. I am passionate about education, our students, and our community. My husband, Josh, and I were very involved in the effort to get the Building and Site Sinking Fund passed, and through this process I became interested in the operation of our district. I am fair, open minded and I do my research. I am committed to the best interest our district's employees, students, and our taxpayers as I believe quality schools are the backbone of a strong community. My professional background in areas of business and education, as well volunteering, and my passion for Lake Orion will make me a great addition to the Board of Education.

Our district is going through a time of restructuring and "right-sizing", which is an issue that is so large it encompasses the top three Priority Issues. There are difficult decisions that will have to be made, but if done properly with a balance of compassion and an examination of the facts, these decisions will help us continue to be a competitive and thriving district.

Once elected, I will listen to the concerns of parents, employees and tax payers and I will carefully study and do my homework to ensure that well balanced decisions are made.

SCOTT TAYLOR

1227 Stoney Creek Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48362

I am a lifelong Lake Orion resident and a Lake Orion graduate. I currently serve as president on the board and I am seeking reelection. I work, live and play in the community and currently have a 4th and 6th grader and am very active in their school activities, PTO and sports. I was appointed to the board 3 years ago when a vacancy occurred. I was interviewed by the board, along with eight other applicants and was chosen by the board. I ran for the position in November of 2014 and was elected. I feel that I have been a strong leader and advocate for children and the school district. I have a passion for education and helping to insure that all students are receiving the best education possible. I have a strong business background along with years of experience with employee relations and finance.

Lake Orion, along with every district in the state is facing financial adversity. My number one priority is always doing what is best for kids; I ask myself this question before every vote or discussion. I will continue to accomplish this by being an educated voter on issues and always being aware of any issues in the district. My second priority is working through the right sizing of the district. Lake Orion enrollment is down due to the aging out of the district and we need to assure that we are fiscally responsible to all residents while doing what is best for kids. My third priority is making sure that the talented staff is retained. This will be accomplished by continuing to approve fair work practices and contracts for all staff while remaining totally transparent and fiscally responsible.

SEAN H. WIGHTMAN

2659 Wellview Ct, Lake Orion, MI 48360

My name is Dr. Sean H. Wightman. I have been married to my wife for over 23 years and we have 3 beautiful daughters: Courtney (age 18), Lindsay (age 17), and Kyleigh (age 4). We moved to Lake Orion because it is a wonderful community to raise a family and has a great school system.

Lake Orion Public Schools has a rich tradition of providing a quality education to its students and I would like to be a part of continuing this tradition. I will do this by collaborating with fellow Board members and the Superintendent of the District.

Furthermore, I would like to convey that I am a confident, strong, passionate person who demonstrates honesty and integrity at all times. Moreover, I'm a team player who is approachable, genuine, and considerate. As a School Board member, the needs of every student will be my top priority.

Lake Orion Schools, like other districts in the state, is experiencing declining enrollment. This is problematic, since the primary revenue schools receive comes from the per pupil foundation allowance the state provides districts for every child. To address this, I would ensure the district develops/implements a dynamic marketing plan to encourage families to send their children to our schools.

Like any successful business, it is essential for a district to operate and utilize its resources efficiently. I will work to make certain this occurs by carefully monitoring the district's spending and considering how it will help our children be successful in the classroom.

Lastly, I strongly believe our children need to develop 21st century literacy skills so they will be better prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow. I will work to ensure that this happens by judiciously monitoring the effectiveness of our academic programs in Lake Orion Schools.

LAMPHERE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

Unopposed on the ballot: ANTHONY P. AUSTIN - PAUL CAVANAUGH

MADISON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR

DONALD L. BRECHT, JR.

26644 Rialto St., Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a proud graduate of Madison High School with a Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University. I've lived in this community my entire life. Our community and school district will always be a part of my life, including my wife, and now our children. While completing my first 4 year term, I am running for the open seat on the MDPS School Board for a second potential term. My decision to run for a second term is for my community, my friends, and my own family's future. My open communication, strategic planning, one team mindset, and passion for our children and our community will bode well to propel us to the next level. We are in a better position now than we were 4 years ago. It is my goal to continue this path to go even higher by assisting this district to the best of my ability.

We have grown exponentially in all facets throughout our district in recent years. We have an amazing staff lead by a great superintendent in Randy Speck. Going forward, I would love to see continued growth in our curriculum & enrollment. In recent years, we've been able to bring in new programs to serve all of our students interests. We've seen a 35% growth in enrollment. We've had a \$5 million growth in revenue. To continue this momentum, my top 3 priorities are 1) Continual improvement of grades/testing 2) Continue building our facilities to serve our families needs, including adding a before/after school child care for all parents 3) Increased staff compensation to retain our employees. These priorities can be achieved by giving our staff the tools and resources needed to make decisions that will better serve our community and hold them accountable for the expected results.

PAUL CLAIR

910 E. Harwood, Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CHRISTIN COLE

1423 E. Rowland Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071

As a graduate of Madison Schools and one who has a senior at Madison High School, I am committed to the continued success of our school district. This community and school district deserve consistent, bold and vibrant leadership. Our school board has provided that over the past four years and as we look into the future, greater plans exist to expand our reach into the Madison Heights community. Our mission as a school district is to serve families one student at a time. We have done that as we have grown programs, built new facilities, increased revenue by five million dollars, grown enrollment by 35% and retained our current families at a rate of 90%. Madison District Public Schools is growing the right way and I look forward to continuing that leadership for four more years.

Over the past four years, we have seen our school district grow in enrollment by adding relevant educational programs that serve the needs of families and their children. During that time frame, Madison High School went from a bottom 5% school to one that is now viewed as a model of educational reform. Moving forward, my top three priorities are 1) Reducing the achievement gap 2) Providing more early education opportunities for families and 3) Hiring and retaining the most qualified faculty and staff. The most effective way to achieve these priorities is to support school officials by providing them the necessary resources and holding them accountable to the results. This is accomplished by building on the trust that has been developed over the past four years within the Madison School community.

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MADISON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FOUR 4-year terms - Vote for no more than FOUR (Cont.)

JEREMY L. HAGGARD

1116 E. Brockton Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071

I'm a Married Father of 1 Son. A Graduate of Lamphere High School in Madison Heights. Current resident of the MDPS. Local Business Owner within the City. I am running for School Board to bring transparency to a seemingly secretive group. I feel that many of us in the community don't have a voice within the School District. I also believe there have been steps taken by the current Board that aren't in the best interest of the taxpayers of MDPS or its students. Most times revenue is brought in at the expense of quality education. Essentially it becomes Quantity over Quality.

Priority for me would be to work to see Madison High School removed from the Priority List of at Risk Schools that the State has placed it on. To make sure the citizens of MDPS have a say in how the Board and Administration approach situations that affect all of us involved...no more behind closed door deals. Work to see that education is priority and not Real Estate development, which is outside of the scope of MDPS' charge.

MARK L. KIMBLE

27775 Townley St., Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a 48 year resident of the district and a Madison graduate. I am a small business owner and taxpayer. I have a common sense approach which I believe is missing from the current board.

Priority 1 should be to focus on improving the quality of education for all students.
 Priority 2 should be to respect the taxpayers that fund the school system and not engage in ridiculous land development schemes and give a ways to friends and or business partners, which is clearly a conflict of interest if not illegal in my opinion. The school board works for and is responsible to the taxpayers. I think the current board has forgotten that.
 Priority 3 should be to have a more transparent process including more public input on issues (like the sale of the Monroe property) instead of the current policy of decisions being made behind closed doors with no public discussion or input.

RICHARD KRSTICH

26355 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

BILL PITTMAN

27768 Delton, Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a lifetime resident of Madison Heights, graduating from Madison High School in 1980. I spent nearly 20 years on the Madison Heights Little League Baseball Board of Directors, serving as Corresponding Secretary and Membership Director. I was the Varsity Baseball Coach at Madison for five years and I have had the honor of serving the district as a member of the Madison District Public Schools Board of Education since June of 2012. I am currently employed as a Proposal Engineer at KUKA Systems after spending more than 10 years as a licensed Real Estate Agent and Insurance Sales Agent. During my time thus far on the school board we have accomplished more than anyone could have imagined. I look forward to continuing to serve Madison families.

As has been the case since I have been on the board, my No.1 priority is always the kids! I learned years ago that not all kids go to college. My priority is to prepare these students for life after school. Whether it be in the work force, military, college, etc. We have added programs to get these kids ready to go out in the world and survive as productive citizens. Another priority is fiscal responsibility. Our district was mired for many years in financial deficit. This current board has worked hard to get out of that hole, we will not go back. We owe this to the taxpayers. Another priority is staff retention. We must provide the resources and support necessary to retain our entire staff. That includes safe buildings, the latest technology, as well as competitive salaries.

WAYNE REIF

P.O.Box 71916, Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a 35 year resident of the Madison District Public Schools and small business owner. I have been a longtime volunteer, supporter and contributor to many area charities and non profit organizations. I have also been a longtime supporter to both Madison District Public Schools academics and sports programs. In the past five years, I have had eight students attend Madison High School, often times with less than favorable results. I would like to focus on educational opportunities, and increase the quality of education, not only at Madison High School, but in the district overall, at ALL schools. I am also very interested in getting more public input from the district residents without them having to necessarily come to a school board meeting. I feel transparency and easy access to board minutes and district records is imperative to residents of the district.

I would like to keep education as the ONLY business the district is involved in. I believe that "businesses" such as housing, real estate and busing should be left to professionals in those areas, not school teachers and administrators. Keeping open green space is important, while reviewing needs and uses of all properties owned or leased by the district. Return the former Sunset Park, a drain on district resources, to the city and try to get it reinstated to a city park.
 A second area I would like to focus on is returning residents to the District. I believe more emphasis should be placed on local students coming to Madison schools, and less attention attracting out of district students and not district residents going to neighboring school districts.
 A third area I would like to focus on is increasing the level of transparency to the District residents and property owners.

WILL WEAVER

26151 Osmun, Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

NOVI SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

BRENT FERRELL

26414 Fieldstone Dr., Novi, MI 48374

I am a Deputy Sheriff with Oakland County Sheriff's Department and have been a public servant for over 15 years. I graduated from Eastern Michigan University and currently attend Walsh College in Novi, where I am pursuing my MBA. My experience in law enforcement has given me skills that I can bring to the Novi School Board. My involvement ranges from being on the City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, the DCC (PTO) at Deerfield Elementary, to an active member of several Homeowner Associations. I have a daughter whom attends Deerfield Elementary. I want to ensure she along with every other student, has the best possible education available. I believe having the right leadership in place will ensure growth and forward movement of the district. It's not my intent to change the Novi School Board, but to provide a fresh perspective and continue to build upon its success.

- The most important issue for me is providing safety for the students, teachers, and staff. My background in law enforcement has allowed me to obtain the skills and knowledge necessary to be effective in expanding on the safety of the Novi School District.
- Refine and expand on the Anti-Bullying policy, providing more training and education to the students, teachers, and parents/guardians. Initiate anti-bullying campaigns city wide and use the additional security and training stated above, to bring the community together to prevent bullying. There seems to be a break down with the enforcement of the students who violate this policy. It's my intent to ensure every teacher and staff member is better trained and adheres to the policy.
- Adding more technology in our schools to provide a broader knowledge on what will be used in the future. Additionally, I would like to attract more female students to the technology field.

KATHY HOOD

40920 Coventry Rd., Novi, MI 48375

I grew up in Washington Michigan and graduated from Utica Eisenhower HS. I earned a BA from Michigan State and an MBA from the University of Illinois. My husband Bryan and I have two sons and moved to Novi from Wheaton Illinois in 2000. We chose Novi because of the public schools and our sons graduated from NHS in 2014 and 2016.

I am running for the School Board because I love Novi Schools and I am grateful for the opportunities this district provided my children. As a parent, I have been involved with Novi Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, LAN, and Boy Scouts.

Professionally, I have managed operations for a \$150M organization, led enterprise client teams in both sales and service, managed contracts, and worked with people across all business functions. The skills I bring include budgeting and finances, negotiations, team building and collaboration, and problem solving.

Attracting and retaining highly skilled, experienced teachers and staff. Our kids benefit when our teachers feel valued and love what they do. Build up teaching as a profession – celebrate achievements, recognize innovation, help teachers improve their instructional skills to address the needs of Novi's diverse student population.
 Enhancing Board communications with the public. Use our new communications specialist to develop a Board newsletter to discuss district successes and challenges, including how Novi is affected by legislation and funding changes. Highlight special topics, like our music, IB, Special Ed, language, and sports programs. Review additions to the curriculum. Use it to advocate for public education.
 Expand opportunities for students within the district's budget. Expand collaboration across schools and stakeholders with open presentations from school improvement committees with input from teachers, students, and parents. Use those discussions to explore best practices, curriculum improvement, and building a culture of cooperation community-wide.

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NOVI SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO (Cont.)

BOBBIE MURPHY

21575 Trent Ct., Novi, MI 48375

Elected nine years ago to the Novi School Board, I remain:

Invested:

- 22 year resident of Novi
- Married 27 years to Robert,
- Four children – three graduates, one currently enrolled in Novi Schools
- Certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards

Involved:

- MASB Government Relations Committee member
- Board liaison to the Novi Educational Foundation,
- Finance, Curriculum, & Policy Committees (current),
- Board Officer - Vice President (current) and Secretary,
- Legislative Action Network –Novi, founding member,
- Lengthy service record in classrooms, events and on school committees,
- Church and community-based volunteer

Informed:

- Investing time researching and studying educational best practices, leadership skills, and legislative initiatives,
- Listening to parents, staff and community members.

Education:

- MSW, University of Michigan, School Social Work Certification, children and adolescent specialization
- BSW, Bowling Green State University

For more information visit: www.bobbie-murphy.com

Being one of the best school districts in the state makes marked progress in student achievement a challenge. The current vision for our district and the goals we have set demonstrate our commitment to the success of each student in our district. Working with this administration to keep a laser focus on student achievement will be my priority.

Economic challenges continue to require advocacy for stable education funding. Additional challenges are created by legislative proposals that eliminate local control. Both are critical to Novi's ability to provide the quality education that is expected in this community and deserved by every child. I will continue to actively advocate on behalf of Novi's children.

Novi's shifting demographic requires diligent attention to the needs of every child. I will continue to be an accessible listener, critical thinker, and creative problem-solver as we seek to address each child's educational needs.

JASON SMITH

25785 Lochmoor Ln., Novi, MI 48374

Our family has lived in Novi for 9 years and I'm a proud father of a 5th grade boy at Meadows. I'm running for school board simply to help elevate the district. I believe in our community, our schools and our students. We are able to attract top-notch staff members! I want to do my part to help meet the needs of our students - every student, every day. I'm a small business owner, independent thinker, and a grass roots candidate. I will take what I've learned from the last two years as Parkview's PTO president and apply it on a larger scale. I believe all our students should be afforded an opportunity to succeed and in the strength of diversity. I would be honored if the voters of the great city of Novi would elect me to represent them on the NCSd school board

1. To be fiscally responsible with ever decreasing funding. This can be done by continually evaluating costs and expenses. I will always do what is right for the students. Nothing is more important than their education and an opportunity to succeed.

2. Improving communication. I will look to find additional and better ways to communicate to our students, parents, and community. There are residents who believe that public schools are failing. Novi Public Schools are consistently ranked high in the state and we need to make sure everyone knows that. We need to do a better job communicating our successes.

3. Local control. I will be an advocate for public education and help strengthen relationships with the community, local businesses, and government. I want all to believe in our long standing record of excellence and make sure that all students know they are the reason for our success.

OAK PARK SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

DAWN CORPORAN

14530 Pearson St., Oak Park, MI 48237

My name is Dawn Corporan. I am a 2011 graduate of Oakland Community College, and in 1986 attended Oak Park High, as did the oldest graduate from Oak Park High, of my two beautiful daughters. My younger daughter attended an Oak Park school district elementary school. I have worked for Chrysler Corporation for five years. A proud Oak Park resident, I have been a participant and supporter of many facets of the community. I have worked with many youths through my former employer, including juvenile court and performing drug testing. I have taken multiple classes in sociology. As you are probably well aware, this generation is experiencing educational struggles. I would love to be a part of the school board to have a voice that advocates for them, producing vast improvements.

1) One of the most pertinent issues facing the District is the safety and security of students, teachers, administrators, and support staff at all buildings, and especially at the high school. Since we can't rely solely on human efforts for their protection, we need to consider Metal detectors and more metal wands school entrances and during athletic events, etc.

2). The infrastructure and stability of our buildings need to be inspected and updated, and renovated, as necessary. In addition, outdated and unused equipment in classrooms and storage areas should be removed. It is also imperative that heating and cooling issues in several hallways be addressed and alleviated.

3) The Oak Park School District's overall test scores and high school graduation rates are at their lowest. This must be changed, through expanded volunteerism, increased parental involvement, and maximum parental education regarding student retention.

If I were given the privilege of being a board ...

CLAUDETTE LUNKINS

13971 Kenwood St., Oak Park, MI 48237

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

MILDRED E. WARREN

21860 Cloverlawn St., Oak Park, MI 48237

My employment history includes 30 years with a large automotive corporation in Personnel Administration. It provided me with experience in working with people in the communities and employees at all levels of responsibility within our organization in and outside the United States. I have a B.A. degree in Personnel Management from the University of Detroit Mercy.

I am running for re-election to the Oak Park School Board because I want to continue working on the goals of the Board to offer a high quality education to every child in our district. I am proud of the accomplishments of the present administration and feel that I will be able to contribute more if re-elected.

Top three priority issues would include: (1) Maintaining a good working relationship with our superintendent and staff (2) Continue to meet the needs of our students and ensure that they will receive the education they need to become productive citizens (3) Being fiscally responsible.

OXFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

STACEY BEANE

446 Thornehill Trl., Oxford, MI 48371

I am a mother of 6 and am actively involved in the District on a daily basis.

I have an extensive background in the inner workings of a board from my past experience in the following board positions: PTO President and Secretary, NYFL Cheer Director and Secretary, OJW GM of Cheer.

I am a good communicator, have extensive experience building and running successful programs, and always make myself available to answer any questions.

I volunteer in classrooms, have organized large events including but not limited to cheer-leading competitions, school auctions, and staff training clinics, and am currently running the Cheer program at Waterford Kettering High school.

You may see me coaching a cheerleading team, cleaning a yard at Oxford Gives Back, working school registration, helping with Blessings in a Backpack, or even selling 50-50 tickets. Whatever the job I am never afraid to get my hands dirty.

1. I would like to see Oxford do better when it comes to having written policies and procedures in place. This would ensure consistency.

2. I would like to see accountability procedures be implemented. We can have the best policies around but if there's no procedure to ensure they are being followed then what's the point?

3. I would like to continue to see a change in the curriculum with better communication regarding programs offered and students need for better preparing for college. Several programs are found out about after its too late to take full advantage of them.

DAN D'ALESSANDRO

214 Presidio Dr., Ortonville, MI 48462

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

TOM DONNELLY

18 N. Washington, Suite 3, Oxford, MI 48371

My name is Tom Donnelly. I am the pastor of Firmly Rooted Ministries in Oxford. I have a Masters degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. My wife has a Masters degree in education. We have raised 7 kids (all adults now). I was born and raised in Detroit. I have been in Michigan most of my life. And in Oxford for the last 19 years.

The relevant qualities and skills I bring to the position:

I am a man of integrity and passion. I get personal fulfillment from making a difference in people's lives. I am hoping that serving on the school board will be a chance that I can give back and to make a difference in the community I live in. I take a collaborative approach to problem solving. I am a good communicator and team player.

1. Make sure that we as a board provide our Superintendent and faculty an environment that allows them to thrive.

2. To provide our students a safe environment that allows them to thrive. We must address issues of self-worth, bullying, drugs and sexuality.

3. We must clearly communicate with our community so that they are fed truthful and updated information about the things the school district is facing.

KATHERINE EAST

642 Overlook Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

I am running for the School Board because I have a desire to help with education programs for all students that attend an Oxford Community School. I have lived in Oxford Michigan for two years and have three children that attend schools in this district. I am very passionate about my children's education, realizing that an outstanding education is one of the most important things my husband and I can do for them. Not just my children, but all children's future will depend heavily on the decisions that we make about the schools they attend.

I am an open-minded leader, organized, and honest. My years of being a general manager helped to fine tune my leadership and teamwork skills. Being a Dental Hygienist has only re-enforced my organization, attention to detail, and open-minded mentality.

Technology standards.
Oxford is a leader in Michigan schooling, and must continue to stay that way. I will listen to others and give ideas to help keep our students up to speed with the rest of the country when it comes to technology.

Allocation of Funds.
I am prepared to be available to attend meetings with the community and staff to help explain where and how school funds are being spent. A fresh set of eyes on different situations can sometimes help improve the efficiency of how funds are allocated.

Lines of Communication.
I will help communicate current and future plans/issues with the community and staff. My goal would be to ensure that people understand there is a priority list of goals for our district, while keeping in mind, that the order of the list is in the best interest of ALL our students.

JENNIFER W. GUTHRIE

170 Franklin Lk. Cir., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

BRUCE MEYERS

971 Oakwood Dr., Rochester, MI 48307

When attending board meetings I observed that what the public was told was different than what actually happened. The information presented was less than forthright and is misleading. There was attention on special initiatives benefiting non-district students while ignoring district students, buildings and grounds maintenance.

Board meetings found residents silenced, their questions and concerns ignored and met with disregard. Staff members that pointed out problems were no longer employed by the district. I hope to bring some transparency to the actions of our administration.

As an Oxford Township resident for over six years and parent of a graduated special needs child I stay current on the issues and am not afraid to ask tough questions. I believe in holding the board accountable and transparent to its residents. Being a physician, Sheriff's Mounted Deputy and one of the founding members of TEAM20 has provided extensive experience, background and insight.

Disclosure and transparency of the actions of the Board and Administrators including district finances. Programs that benefit nonresident students must also clearly benefit district students. We must create policies in which Board members are encouraged to communicate openly with the public.

Make it clear that the primary role is to prepare district students to be career/college ready upon graduation. Show the entire process of education as a continuum with measured success. Return the attention of staff and administrators to local students while allowing the teachers to focus on teaching.

Work to enhance OCS as a premier school district. This involves maintaining buildings, playgrounds, and landscaping to reflect the quality of Oxford Education and encourage families in other communities to move into our community. Promote and deliver K-12 as a package, letting our highly skilled certified teachers show that we have a higher rate of success than charter schools.

KALLIE ROESNER

971 Oakwood, Rochester, MI 48307

As a Chemical Engineer, 20-year member of the Oxford Township Planning Commission and certified Reserve Police Officer I am an experienced and effective problem solver with a proven history of leadership and making government accountable and transparent. I founded TEAM20 to improve transparency and to enable the community to become knowledgeable and participate in the actions of the School Board. I am current on School Board activities and budget issues, I ask the tough questions and expect accountability.

District spending should be focused on preparing District children for college or career and obtaining the best teaching and support staff available. Our priorities need to be refocused on the classroom. Teachers need to be given the resources and environment to successfully teach. Every dollar spent should be scrutinized with the question being; how will this enhance the education of our students and is this the best way to spend this money.

Priorities, Transparency, Communication

Our Board has lost sight of its District Students. The focus on bringing in foreign students at taxpayer expense, creating a virtual academy and becoming an IB school has little to no benefit to district students has drained resources and taken valuable teacher, administrator and superintendent time away from our students.

I will prioritize district students, make sure that our initiatives have a tangible and proven benefit and insist that the cost of the initiative or program is weighed against the proven benefit.

I will ensure that the board is transparent, fiscally responsible and most of all, accountable to its citizens.

It is time to lift the veil of secrecy and expect our board to listen to and respond to the members of our community. The Board shouldn't need a spokesman; every member should speak. I will listen and I will be Your Voice on the Board.

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OXFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

HEATHER SHAFER

696 Glenmoor Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

RICK VANDECAR

630 Roxbury Ct., Oxford, MI 48371

My name is Rick Vandecar and my wife, Jeanne, and I have lived in Oxford for 18 years. We have 4 children that have attended Oxford schools their whole lives. My oldest two boys are now in college while my youngest son is a senior at OHS and my daughter is a junior. Our family has greatly enjoyed and benefited from Oxford Schools and I'm running for school board because we want to give back.

Having been a coach of football and baseball in the district for over 10 years and a volunteer for dozens of events I feel I have a great deal of knowledge about the district. I believe I can help the district become better by bringing management skills that I've acquired while serving as a director of quality for various companies. I hope to be able to use those skills to improve district communication and organization.

There are a few issues that I'd like to address if I am elected to the Oxford school board. First, I'd like to make sure that proper oversight is occurring in the classrooms to limit teachers from pushing their political views on our students. I strongly believe that most Oxford teachers are terrific but my children have had a few teachers that insist on pushing their political agenda and that should be left to the parents.

Second, I want to adopt a system of reporting metrics with our coaches. They should be held to certain goals and standards to make sure the programs are succeeding and improving.

Finally, I want to ensure that the rules on the books are followed, especially those involving hiring practices. There have been recent incidents where exceptions to rules have been made that have left many parents wondering why rules weren't followed.

PONTIAC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 4-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

MIKE MCGUINNESS

26 Union St., Pontiac, MI 48342

- Pontiac Resident, Homeowner, Taxpayer, Community Activist
- Chair, Pontiac Arts Commission (2015-Present)
- Created School Pride Mural at Pontiac High School with Students
- Pontiac Charter Revision Commission (2013-2015)
- Never Missed a Commission meeting while serving on either body
- Attend All Saints Episcopal Church of Pontiac
- Employed as Mortgage Company Marketing Director
- Previously Worked as Michigan House of Representatives Legislative Staff
- Graduate, Oakland University (B.A. Political Science)
- Oakland University Student Body President (2005-2006)
- Helped Pay for College by Serving in AmeriCorps at Pontiac Schools
- Completed Over 1,400 Service Hours Facilitating After-School, Summer Youth Programs

I was motivated by many in the community who recruited me to run for school board, believing that my commitment, thoughtfulness and diplomatic approach would enhance the board. I'm seeking this position to create change, while advocating for our students and protecting us taxpayers. We need substantial improvements – fast.

Improving Academic Achievement

Schools exist to educate our children. Every student in Pontiac Schools deserves a strong, quality education. We must advocate for stronger academic achievement. I'll collaborate with Board Members to expand initiatives that have generated results and implement new best practices.

Stabilizing Finances

Every decision will have to be made through the lens of whether it would move the district closer to financial stability. The state Consent Agreement in place must be carried out, or our schools will face even greater obstacles to success.

Community Dialogue and Engagement

Despite the community having a vested interest in the performance of Pontiac Schools, and ultimately paying for it as taxpayers, many feel disconnected and unaware of what's happening with our district. As Board Member, I'll consistently attend our meetings – and then I'll report latest developments out to the community, seek their feedback, and share opportunities to support students' success.

DUBRAE L. NEWMAN

433 Harvey Ave., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

KERRY TOLBERT

25 W. Strathmore, Pontiac, MI 48340

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SHERMAN WILLIAMS II

1546 Richmond Ave., Pontiac, MI 48340

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ROCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

Unopposed on the ballot: KEVIN C. BEERS - SANDRA R. FIASCHETTI

ROCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/2018 - Vote for no more than ONE

MICHELLE BUELTEL

754 Wellington Cir., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I'm running for the School Board because I believe in giving back to the community. This opportunity perfectly suits my passions, experience and skills. It is a privilege to directly impact 15,000+ students to ensure that they receive the best education possible. A community with high-quality schools educates students who give back to our region, maintains home values, and supports thriving businesses.

I have been a Rochester Hills resident for more than 22 years and my children attend(ed) Rochester Community Schools. I've held leadership roles in local and district PTAs for 14+ years, and I've served on district-wide committees that produced tangible benefits for students and residents. I attend board meetings, stay actively informed, and I'm in touch with parent concerns. I also provide service and leadership to community groups and charitable organizations.

Visit www.MichelleBueltel4SchoolBoard.com for more information.

Budgeting – The district must adopt a sustainable budget each year, based on its per-pupil funding from Lansing. RCS leaders must also carefully direct projects for the \$185M school bond that was approved by voters last November. I would ensure that the district is fiscally responsible with the funds it receives, basing decisions on what is best for the students of today and tomorrow.

The **well-being of the whole child** must be considered. Increasing numbers of students have anxiety disorders, especially at the elementary school level. I would encourage investigating additional recess time and alternative learning and coping tools.

Challenging Curriculum - The board should ensure that every student, whether at the top of the class or in need of extra help, is challenged, supported, and achieves at least one year of academic growth in each grade. I would encourage and promote programs that support this goal.

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ROCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/2018 - Vote for no more than ONE (Cont.)

ELIZABETH WITTEN

871 Spartan Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I have been a resident in the Rochester Community Schools district for 25 years. My husband and I have three children, two are graduates of Rochester High and the third is an eighth grader at West Middle School.

I have enjoyed my involvement in the community, with Scouts, and with the schools over the years and I am ready and qualified, with experience in facility project management, finance and risk management, to make further contributions by serving our wonderful students, families, teachers, and administrators as a trustee on our School Board

1. Communication
Information needs to be easy to find and current. Develop a plan to keep the information on the website updated. Discuss with the administration the opportunity to utilize practicum students to assist with the updates giving them real world experience with little impact to the budget.
2. Recess
Implement morning and afternoon recess for elementary students. Review data from the Brookland's pilot. Utilize recess as bonus outdoor learning opportunity.
3. Class Size
Work with teachers and administrators to brainstorm and implement solutions that are fiscally feasible. Benchmark other districts, identify best practices and implement those ideas. Support discussions with the legislature to increase school funding.

ROMEO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

KIM BARROWS

6081 Hunters Ridge, Washington, MI 48094

My name is Kim Barrows and I am running for a seat on the School Board for the Romeo Community School District. My husband, Ron and I, together with our son have lived in Washington Township for eleven years. I graduated from St. Clair Community College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts before graduating from the Oakland University Paralegal Program. My twenty year career in the legal arena has afforded me opportunities to work in both Paralegal and managerial positions.

I am running for the School Board in order to be directly involved in the many important decisions facing the board including, but not limited to, changes in the curriculum and structural projects. I believe my legal experience and research skills will assist in resolving issues as they occur.

A very important priority for our school district is to ensure our children receive the education they need and deserve. It is my opinion that the School Board must closely monitor changes introduced by the Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent to avoid additional "failed experiments". Our children need a consistent and solid education so they may lead satisfying and productive lives. Secondly, direct and open dialogue between the School Board and the community as a whole are essential for a successful school district. Members of our community should be encouraged to attend meetings and allowed to ask questions, especially following presentations. Lastly, the School Board must ensure that the monies from the recently approved bond are used wisely and appropriately as represented in the bond proposal. Those items need to be completed in a timely manner to avoid disruption of the students' education.

CHRIS GIANCARLI

74365 Nordman, Bruce, MI 48065

I have lived in Romeo for 19 years and my wife is a lifelong resident who is the Program Director of Little Lambs Preschool. Of all the candidates running, only I currently serve on the RCS BOE. This established trust with board members, teachers, and community stakeholders is invaluable. In last five years, I have managed to bring back order and effectiveness to the RCS BOE to accomplish great things. While other districts are in deficit and laying off teachers, I've helped accomplish the following: new district wide technology & busses, 50+ under budget sinking fund projects, a major facilities improvement bond, restoring the Curriculum Director position, no reduction of instructional programs, no teacher layoffs, and returning to a balanced budget (not in deficit as of 2015-2016). All while lowering the bond tax rate (5.25 down to 4.95) and remaining one of the lowest taxed districts in the county.

The first priority is supporting our teachers properly to provide our children the best possible education. As government continues to put more and more demands on our teachers each year, we need to insure they have the proper resources & professional development to support their jobs. My financial leadership has not only returned RCS to a balanced budget but now we must continue to provide solid financial leadership to enable our teachers. The second and third priorities go hand in hand. Managing the ever changing funding & curriculum expectations from the state! I believe we not only should provide the "state minimum" curriculum but also offer innovative curriculum choices for ALL our students. By providing sound financial management, we can create savings to direct towards new and innovative programs for our students. Many districts are currently cutting instructional programs while Romeo has continued to offer new opportunities

JILL RILLEY

6639 Wellsdale, Washington, MI 48094

I am qualified to examine district issues through multiple lenses: as parent, as taxpayer, and as professional educator knowledgeable in the myriad of factors impacting our children's achievement in RCS.

Lifelong residents of Washington and graduates of RCS, my husband and I choose Romeo so that our three children (ages 15, 13, and 11) have a quality educational experience while growing up in a small, close-knit community. They have all participated in numerous extra-curricular activities including Science Olympiad, which I coached for five years, athletics, and band.

I hold a bachelor's degree in English (MSU) and two master's degrees, one in Educational Leadership (SVSU) and one in Library and Information Science (WSU). I have taught in Utica for 22 years and have also been the teacher leader at a specialty program since 2012; this role includes student and teacher scheduling, budget, fundraising, curriculum development, and providing teacher professional development.

- Engaging All Learners: Research shows that engaged, confident students learn best; instructional strategies, policies, and facilities must align with this fact. I will encourage ongoing staff development focused on best instructional practices and building positive, growth-focused schools where empowered teachers encourage active learners, not passive receivers of information.
- Bond Issue Expenditures: Bond issue projects must address both short- and long-term district goals; I will push to include stakeholder groups (community members and teacher, parent, and administrator representatives from each school) in planning to assure fair, sound, and practical spending decisions.
- Financial Challenges: With increased control of budgets and curriculum at the state level, RCS has and will continue to be asked to do more with less. I will be involved in organizations including Michigan Association of School Boards to advocate for our students at the state level and learn how to best continue to attract and retain skilled teachers.

LEWIS J. SOLDATEK

11434 Birch, Washington, MI 48094

I am a 54 year old divorced male. I have lived in the RCS district for a little over a year. I grew up in Detroit and lived as recently as last year in Warren, Michigan. I am a retired Air Force / reserve veteran of 25 years and currently work for the US Army in Warren, MI. I believe that our future begins with the education of our students. I am a common sense, fiscal conservative type who still lives by my AF Core Values of: Integrity first, Service before self and Excellence in all we do! I plan on doing the same if elected to serve the people in the RCS district.

We've invested millions of dollars in our schools over the next 25 years. Now we need to take care of that investment and the most important investment of all: our students! Pay attention to and embrace the ever changing dynamics of technology and trends but not to lose focus on traditions by adapting a curriculum that encompasses them all. Help the teachers get the tools they need to assure students learn and retain what they are being taught. All students are NOT the same and shouldn't be taught as if they are. I will always listen to the citizens of RCS! I will respect the board members as a TEAM, never individuals to accomplish great things!

ZAC ZANOTTI

218 Pleasant, Romeo, MI 48065

My name is Zac Zanotti and I am running for Romeo Community School Board. I was raised by two great parents who also happen to be two terrific teachers. Teaching is found throughout my family and drove me to earn my Bachelor degree in Secondary Education with Mathematics and History major from Alma College. After graduating, I earned my Masters of Business Administration from Averett University while coaching football. Coaching, which is just a different form of teaching, led me to multiple universities. While at Northwood University, I became Assistant Director of Admissions working directly with the DeVos Graduate School. Currently, I am District Manager for ADP and recently married a lifelong Bulldog. I believe my passion for education, my business acumen, and desire to keep our community great are the reasons I will make a great School Board member.

The top three priorities facing our school district are growing and continuing success, proper researching and planning of funding, and keeping pace with ever changing technology. Continuing the school districts' traditions and building on success may seem that it comes easy but a proper review of where we stand and where we are going is constantly needed. The success is centered on attracting and retaining brilliant teachers, providing all the necessary resources to our student's education, and having extracurricular outlets for their talents. Researching and planning of funding is extremely important to the success of our school district while being completely transparent with the community. There cannot be any shortcuts while spending taxpayer's money to provide a future for our youth. Technology is constantly changing and providing those new opportunities to our teachers, staff, and students will allow the school district to stay ahead.

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ROYAL OAK SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 4-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

Unopposed on the ballot: **GARY W. BRIGGS - MARYANNE VANHAITSMA**

SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

BESSIE BURDEN

25645 Grand Concourse Street, Southfield, MI 48075

Education. University of Detroit-Mercy May, 1997 Master of Arts in Curriculum Instruction and Design

Mercy College of Detroit May, 1987, Bachelor of Arts in Law/Legal Administration

I have been a resident of Southfield the past 28 years and the proud mother of three children and two grandchildren graduating from Southfield Schools.

In 1998, I was offered a middle school English and Social Studies teacher position at Birney Middle School where I retired from June, 2012.

I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, National Congress of Black Women, Southfield Police Advisory Board.

I am running for the board because I have excellent leadership skills, verbal communication, and eager to serve my community. I would like to be part of the collective lens that will look at moving the district forward.

Top Goals: I want to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education that is rigorous, and a well-rounded experience, and teachers are effective with the tools they need to be successful.

Next, I want to build strong relationship bridges not barriers between the schools and communities. By engaging parents in discussion about matters in education and what their vision would be for children. I have high expectations to getting parents involved.

Finally, issues or concerns from parents or students are resolved expeditiously.

YOLANDA SMITH CHARLES

17580 Westland Ave., Southfield, MI 48075

As a lifelong Southfield resident, Yolanda Smith Charles is uniquely qualified to continue as Trustee on the Southfield Board of Education, serving the residents of Lathrup Village and Southfield, having received her BS and MEd in Business Management and Education, respectively. In addition, Ms. Smith Charles attended SPS, from pre-K through 12, matriculating through Bussey, Kennedy, Thompson and SHS and worked in the district as a beloved substitute teacher.

During her two terms elected to the board, Trustee Charles:

- Served as Board Vice President, Secretary and is the current Treasurer.
- Achieved Master Diamond status with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).
- Acted as board liaison to the SPS Head Start grantee.
- Advocated for SPS and traditional public education, statewide and nationally.
- Publically denounced the proliferation of Charter schools in Southfield.
- Working with the other board members, maintained fiscal solvency and aligned every action to the district Strategic Plan.

1) Traditional public education is under attack. There is an effort by some to dismantle local governance and establish for-profit education centers, taking away the rights of workers in education.

2) Lansing officials are continuing to syphon tax-payer dollars away from k-12 by rerouting funds to other entities such as private schools. This is unconstitutional and criminal.

3) Southfield Public Schools has educated phenomenal young people and it is time for those very people to champion the story of the district but it doesn't end there. Our teachers, principals, secretaries, and support personnel must champion the good things going on in this district and share the good news.

Regarding each of the aforementioned issues I will continue to advocate for Southfield Public Schools, promote traditional public education and encourage others to do the same. Please vote to re-elect Yolanda Smith Charles, Southfield Board of Education.

CHARLES HICKS

25656 Grand Concourse Street, Southfield, MI 48075

As an alum of the Southfield Public Schools (SPS) and father of five children (1 child an alum of SPS, 3 children currently students in SPS and 1 child starting next year), I want to give back to my community. The education I received in SPS established a strong educational foundation that helped me achieve in college and professionally. I served as Director of Purchasing for Wayne County where I managed \$1.5 billion dollars of annual spend. At Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, I serve in a management capacity. Professionally, I manage contracts, negotiations, process improvement, and implement large projects and initiatives. I am a proven decision maker, visionary and have the ability to implement solutions effectively. I am a collaborative, competent, and ethical person that has a vested interest in helping raise SPS bar academically, financially, and operationally.

Three critical issues facing Southfield Public Schools (SPS) are 1) declining student enrollment and retention 2) reduced funding 3) helping students adjust/acclimate to significant SPS changes. If elected to the school board, I would study previous budgets to understand how monies were spent and identify opportunities to find savings and also establish partnerships with municipalities/districts to reduce our annual spend. In order to attract and retain students to SPS, we have to provide more educational services/courses that help improve SPS children move to the next level academically or prepare them in a trade. SPS is limited until additional funding is secured. I am effective in doing more with less based on my professional experience in local government. Professionally, I manage change and process improvement in large corporations. My project management and process improvement background will be beneficial in helping make recent major changes effective.

NATHANIEL LEWIS, JR.

24665 W.Walden Rd., Apt. 2203, Southfield, MI 48033

Nathaniel Lewis, Jr. received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Michigan in 1997 in Social and Political Philosophy, and a Master of Arts degree in K thru 12 Education from Wayne State University. Mr. Lewis received his second Master of Arts degree from Ashland Theological Seminary. Also, he served as an intern at the United States House of Congress in Washington DC, and he worked at the World Headquarters of Ford Motor Company. In addition, Mr. Lewis has taught in the public school system as a Special Education Teacher for 19 years, and is a long-time member of American Federation of Teachers. Endorsement: Southfield Mayor Kenson J. Siver.

- 1) Provide a clean and safe environment for all students.
- 2) Provide a quality education for all students.
- 3) Employ staff that provides quality educational service to the children in the City of Southfield.

CHARLES K. PENN

30341 Park Ln., Southfield, MI 48076

Charles K. Penn, Ed.S, is 36 years old, married with 2 children ages 2 and 6. I attended Wayne State University, with degrees from the School of Education. I have been in the teaching arena for over 10 years. I am running for Southfield School Board, to make a difference in the lives of the children of Southfield Public Schools as well as giving the citizens a transparent representative body that will make fair decisions and hold all involved parties accountable. As well as make the district into a thriving district that will attract more families to attend Southfield Public Schools.

1. Attracting more families, with many school districts having open or school of choice districts, I want to put Southfield School District in the driver-seat of a top-tier education destination.
2. Increasing the tax base in Southfield, cities thrive when school districts thrive and vice-versa, I want to make sure Southfield does not become a transient school district, where students come and go but graduate from SPS.
3. Increase the graduation rate and to increase the testing proficiency, doing these first item agenda things will undoubtedly see more families choosing SPS over other school districts.

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SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

TALISHA RICE

25172 Lindenwood Ln., Southfield, MI 48033

My name is Talisha Rice and I am running as a candidate for the Southfield School Board. It has been my goal to serve the Southfield Community in such a capacity. Parents and Teachers working together has always been important to me and that is why I have served on the Parent Teacher Association for over 15 years, as Southfield Area Council President for 2 years, and as PTA President and Vice President at Southfield Public Schools for 13 years. Throughout my 15 years as a resident of Southfield, I am keenly aware that our community is based on the strong educational foundation that we provide to our children. That is why I am excited at the opportunity to serve on the Southfield School Board. My children have benefited from a quality education at Southfield Public Schools and now it is time to give back and support our future.

The top focus would be to improve student academic achievement in the areas of Math and Science at the elementary level and increase family engagement starting in Pre-School and lasting until the completion of High School. As a graduate student of Lawrence Technological University with a Master's in Computer Science, I understand how important it is to increase access to STEM education and will look for opportunities to develop, evaluate and share effective ways to engage families in STEM experiences, while working with partners to improve access to STEM school and community learning environments. I believe Family Engagement in a child's education increases student achievement, improves attendance and reduces dropout rates. I would target capacity-building and technical assistance for effective family engagement strategies by promoting school district flexibility to identifying programming that works best for our community.

SHAAKIR WAHHAB

22200 Eleven Mile Rd. #94, Southfield, MI 48037

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SOUTH LYON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

ERIC KENNEDY

903 Westbrooke Dr., South Lyon, MI 48178

I am running for South Lyon School Board to administer continued excellence in education for our students. As a 16 year veteran teacher, I understand the educational challenges our students, staff, and community face on a daily basis. I also serve on two other boards: as an Executive Board Member for the Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association and on the Board Of Directors for Growing Hope, a 503.c organization based in Ypsilanti, Michigan. My education experience formally and informally allow me to make tough decisions towards the best outcomes for all students and families in our district. As a parent, husband, and educator I have the knowledge and experience to make decisions that yield positive outcomes for all students and our community.

The biggest challenges facing our district is growth, growth, and growth. Within that challenge there are several points we must consider: Our board must (1) create continued financial stability, (2) provide safe and high quality buildings and (3) maintain high achievement standards and expectations for all our students. We must manage our growth in the short term as well as the long term with creative solutions to maintain the highest quality education. In keeping open and transparent communications between teachers, staff, students, administration, families and the community, making tough decisions for the benefit of all our students, these goals will be met. Together we ALL learn.

MICHELE LURZ

23761 Prescott Ln.W., South Lyon, MI 48178

I am a graduate of the James Madison College at Michigan State University. My previous professional experience includes working for a consulting firm in Chicago and in a business process group at a GM marketing agency in Detroit. In both jobs, I witnessed the effects of growth and how the dynamics of organizations have to change to meet new environments. In addition, I had to take into account the viewpoints and goals of different stakeholders to find compromises and strategies to meet different needs.

As a volunteer in the schools I have seen first-hand how great a community we have, how passionate our parents and teachers are and what a strong foundation our administration has built. Moving forward, we need to foster a greater sense of teamwork amongst these stakeholders. As a team, we can adapt to our environment, understand different perspectives and create exceptional learning environments for SLCS students.

Our district is impacted by some factors, such as rapid growth and inequitable state funding, which are out of our direct control. However, we need to work with government entities and developers to make them understand the impacts their choices make on our school environment.

With increased enrollment, however, we can justify offering more course subjects and opportunities that engage the diverse interests and aptitudes of our students. Surveying the school community, as well as other districts, could lead to greater variety in classes and extra-curricular offerings.

And, we need to challenge students at all levels of learning. Our teachers should be empowered to use techniques that don't necessarily focus on test results but result in positive achievements for all our learners. Positive classroom results should focus on more than just test-score numbers.

Continuing the use of task forces, outside-the-box thinking and communication amongst our stakeholders is key.

SHEILA RYZYI

916 S. Parkwood Dr., South Lyon, MI 48178

9 years ago, my husband and I moved to South Lyon. We desired a safe, friendly, value orientated community with wonderful schools. As a mother, I love all children, and I believe creativity, development, and growth must always be emphasized in the classroom. I care deeply about our schools, and I want to ensure our community remains great for everyone.

I am a graduate of the University of Michigan and hold a degree in Material Science and Engineering. In my professional career, I am a Product Materials Engineer at Ford Motor Company. Our district needs leaders who are willing to fight for you, and make our schools even better. I believe in smart planning, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. I will be an advocate for our parents, teachers, and students, and will represent you and your family.

There is no denying our district is facing difficulties: Overcrowding classrooms, art on a cart, constant redistricting, etc. Real solutions need to be identified and smart planning needs to take place. In order to implement smart planning, the board must set aside personal agendas, and listen to the will of the community. I will listen to parents and follow their requests to guide my decisions.

KIMBERLY TAGGART

26921 Victory Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178

Kimberly Taggart, I'm 43 years old, I am married with 2 daughters in the SLCS district. I am running for school board to add my insight and years of experience dealing with the school system and watching the district grow for the past 9 years. I have a 4 year degree in accounting and have a mind for weighing cost vs benefit. I have been the Deputy Clerk for Salem Township for the past 5 years and am involved in many clubs and volunteer programs through the community.

Our top priority is the growth within our district. Our buildings are being stretched to hold more children than they were built to house. We are currently building one new elementary, but it will be at capacity when it opens. Our middle schools are about to exceed capacity and there are still more subdivisions being completed. I would like to provide my insight on the topic to ensure that smart long term decisions are made, not just those that meet the immediate need.

Our busing system is not able to keep enough drivers to transport all our students. I think by building in an area where a majority of the children can walk, or have reduced bus rides, would help this issue. Also, looking at changing our district lines and making sure they make common and cost sense.

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SOUTH LYON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - ONE partial term ending 12/31/18 - Vote for no more than ONE

MARGARET FALLOW

415 S.Lafayette St.,South Lyon,MI 48178

My name is Margaret Fallow and I have been a resident of South Lyon for 20 years. I have been married for 24 years and have a 13 year old son and a 16 year old daughter that both attend school in South Lyon. I am a Clinical Behavioral Psychologist, receiving both my Bachelors and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University graduating with honors. I have provided professional services to the South Lyon community for 17 years. I have volunteered at school events, attended IEP/ 504B meetings as a student advocate, trained teachers about special needs students, provided career counseling and assisted with interviewing of new teachers. My education, high level of involvement in the community and schools and a passion to make a difference and promote change, makes me a skilled candidate that would be honored to serve on the school board.

Rapid growth of the school district is one of the priority issues of the district. I would ensure that the board manages the growth in a financially and responsible manner by fostering open communication with the public and prioritizing spending to ensure that the taxpayer's dollars are being utilized in the most cost effective way for the district. Outdated policies and procedures that are not addressing the growth and needs of students is a second issue. I would provide data from research indicating what isn't working and assist in devising more up to date policies that addresses all student's needs. The third is the excessive testing and common core curriculum. I would work to modify these standards and fight to allow families to opt out of testing and present evidence demonstrating a more effective way to assess how our district is performing.

STEVEN SCHEEL

24445 Peters Barn Ct.,South Lyon,MI 48178

I am a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Michigan. I have a Master of Business Administration from Walsh College and a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Michigan State University. I work for Croskey Lanni, PC, a Public Accounting Firm, where I have participated in the audit of Public School Academies throughout the State. I have experience with Public School finance and budget processes and am aware of the role the Board of Education plays in the oversight of a district.

I was raised to value and participate in leadership roles in our children's educational experience. I have participated at various levels since my high school days. Now, as a parent of South Lyon students, I am looking forward to bringing my years of experience to the Board. My finance background will complement the skills of other current and future board members to add value to the school district.

Our school district is in a unique position in the state of Michigan. Our student population is growing rapidly. My priorities will be focused on managing this growth so that our children receive the best possible educational experience.

First, space will need to be added to handle the growth. Current projections show the district nearly at capacity the year that Pearson Elementary opens.

Second, continue to add staff to support the growth. The effective education of our children is the goal. Keeping student to teacher ratios as low as possible will help us achieve that goal.

Third, we need to update projections and improve our long term planning. The growth of the South Lyon Community School District will be continuing for the foreseeable future and we need to be proactive and fiscally responsible so that our current and future students all have an enjoyable, positive, and safe educational experience.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

DENISE C. BITHER

1539 Wandrei Ct, Commerce,MI 48382

I'm married with two children and have lived in Commerce township for 19 years. I left a nearly 30 year successful professional career in communications to raise my two children. I became very involved in their elementary school (Glengary) and served as a volunteer, PTA leader and President at both the elementary and middle school levels. I also served as President of the PTSA Council for Walled Lake Schools.

I've served on the board as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Trustee. During that time we redistricted, closed schools, privatized bus drivers and eliminated programs without negatively impacting the classroom and maintaining an outstanding relationship with our employees.

I believe in our motto of every child everyday. I am a leader who is compassionate, caring and have a proven track record of putting our students first and working toward our goal of having the best educational system in the world.

Every child everyday is not only the districts, but my guiding principle - providing all students with the best education to achieve their full potential. Therefore, we need proper funding; a safe and secure environment; and outstanding teachers and educators.

I will continue to inform legislators that proper funding is a necessity for education. As a Board member, I authorized the district to expand our school of choice program and approved the sale of district-owned property to residential developers to increase our school population both short and long term and generate new revenue.

Finally, providing our students and teachers with a safe and secure environment. I voted to authorize the district to seek a millage for increased security, safety and technology — the bond was approved and we are now in the final stages of implementation Every decision I make focuses on bettering our district for our students.

DENISE M. DUNN

2895 Greenbrooke Ln.,West Bloomfield,MI 48324

My name is Denise Dunn, my family and I have lived in the Walled Lake School district for the past 14 years. My inspiration to run is the belief that all children should be educated according to current best practices. I am the mother of three and owner of Dunn Financial Services Corporation, a successful financial management firm in West Bloomfield. I have an elementary and a middle school student in the district, and am an active member of the school's Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, as well as the Ladywood High School Alumnae Board. I have also sat on the finance committee for the Down Syndrome Guild of SE Michigan Board. As a school board member I will combine my passion for education with my financial skills to focus on balancing the budget, supporting all teachers in the classroom and implementing evidence-based curriculum.

The top three issues facing the Walled Lake district are upcoming budget cuts, class sizes and special education reform. To address these issues I would first take a look at administrative costs and recent excess legal expenditures to see if there is a way to cut costs and reallocate funds to add more teachers, para-professionals and resources directly in the classrooms. There has been a shift in best practices in educating all children and we need to be current with those practices; including support and training for teachers to accommodate all students as valued members of our school community.

JOHNNY ORAM

995 N. Pontiac Trl. Rd. #83, Walled Lake, MI 48390

I am a Management Consultant and have worked at the local, state, and federal levels of government as well as advising global corporations in the United States and abroad. I have served in roles such as Policy Advisor to Chief of Staff to numerous lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, in the Michigan Legislature, Hawaii Legislature, and the U.S. Senate. My policy work includes education, taxation, insurance, transportation, etc. I am currently working with former United States Senator Bob Dole in securing the ratification of the International Conventions for the Rights of Peoples with Disabilities before the United States Senate. I hold a BA in Historical and Political Studies and I'm currently pursuing my Master's in Public Policy. I am running because I have a personal interest in improving quality of our schools, create collaborative framework between our board, teachers, parents.

First, I support evidence based curriculum to support all teachers and students. Second, a priority for me is to ensure that our school district complies with federal laws to make sure that all kids with disabilities get a fare and adequate public education and to make sure we promote inclusion rather than segregation. I want to be a voice for the voiceless and stop the school district's wasteful spending on frivolous lawsuits against families who are advocating for the rights of their children. The school district has fallen out of line with the IDEA (Individual with Disabilities Education Act) passed by Congress over 40 years ago. Lastly, in light of budget constraints, I'd like to find ways to reduce class size as this yields to higher achievement and graduation rates. This is good for both teachers and students.

KIMBERLY PAVUK

2865 W.Bloomfield Oaks Dr.,West Bloomfield,MI 48324

My motivation for running is my beautiful twin girls. Izzy is an enthusiastic, creative third grader at Keith Elementary. Mady is a funny and compassionate third grader at Keith Elementary, but struggles with dyslexia. Mady made important progress through her second grade year with the support of two incredible teachers and an amazing IEP Team. However, our journey to this place was not without frustration and challenges with the Walled Lake School District. But I'm not doing this just for my own children but for ALL children in our community.

My 14 years of administrative experience, working directly with student, faculty and staff, at the University of Michigan will allow me to bring valuable input on providing a diverse and inclusive education to ALL students. I am known for being outspoken and will ask the tough questions. I will bring new and creative ideas to the table.

My first concern would be parent concern regarding overcrowding of our classrooms. There is Title II Part A funding that's goal is to increase academic achievement through quality teachers and principals.

There is a current atmosphere of discord in our community relating special services. There is a divide between administration, staff, and parents regarding special services policies. We must ensure the process is more productive for all involved, and that we are diligent in following state and federal laws as well as pay heed to any guidelines provided by the state and government. I want to find ways to bring everyone together to support special education initiatives.

While the district says it aims to be transparent with the budget, there is still confusion regarding how money is managed. I would also like to know specifically how money is being spent and where it could potentially be re-allocated.

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WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE (Cont.)

CHRISTOPHER TITUS

3817 Damas Dr., Commerce, MI 48382

I, and my wife Christine, have lived in Commerce Township for the last 24 years. We raised four children—all who attended Walled Lake Schools. I've served as a PTA President, served on several district committees, and volunteered with several parent booster groups.

I'm a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Economics. I've owned many local businesses that provided employment opportunities for our local youth, many of them their first jobs.

I am the current Vice President of the Walled Lake School Board and board member for Lakes Area Youth Assistance. I want to continue serving our community as a civic-minded, student-centered, board member. I'm honest, hard-working and goal-driven. As many districts are experiencing declining enrollment and diminished funding, it is important that I continue to support decisions that maintain the integrity of the classrooms and the students who occupy them.

Three Priority Issues are:

Declining Enrollment: In order to attract families to our community and out of district students through schools of choice, I will support the continued initiatives of providing well-maintained facilities and state-of-the-art programs that include: Advanced Placement courses, the IB program at WLW, technology-rich instruction, Transitions, Early Childhood programs, Performing and Visual Arts and other outstanding programs.

Uncertain Funding: I will continue my fiduciary responsibility to the community by maintaining balanced budgets and an appropriate fund balance to keep budgeting and spending under local control. I will continue to build effective relationships with our legislators to positively impact future funding.

Maintaining Student Achievement: I will support our superintendent in his efforts to recruit and hire the most qualified educators and encourage him to provide continued professional development opportunities for ALL staff that will equip them with the tools to produce the best students in the country.

NANCY VAN LEUWEN

2450 Burleigh St., West Bloomfield, MI 48324

My name is Nancy van Leuwen and I wish to continue serving the children of the Walled Lake School District as a member of the Board of Education. I have been a resident of West Bloomfield for over 42 years. I was a teacher here for 29 years and served as the President of the WLEA for more than 5 years. This is my 11th year of service as a School Board member. All of my past experiences as a teacher, union leader, and Board member provide me with insight and expertise that is invaluable to my service as a School Board member. I strongly believed that those of us who service on the Board of Education are there to take into account all children, all staff, and all parents as we make decisions about policies and budget.

We must continue to encourage Lansing to adequately fund public school education in Michigan. I will lobby our representatives and senators and encourage our superintendent to continue to keep in close contact with those responsible for educational decisions in Lansing.

We must continue our growth of student success. This means thinking of all children as we make financial and policy decisions, supporting all staff as they work for our children, continue providing programs in athletics and performing arts, and having a superintendent who has student success as goal number one.

We must provide a loving environment that is safe for all who are a part of our district. I will continue to support hiring those who care about all children, approve budget proposals to fund a quality staff, and approve budgetary items that continue to provide safety to our schools.

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

JILL FORREST

28115 Dowland, Warren, MI 48092

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SUSAN M. JOZWIK

33223 Morrison, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

I have lived in the district most of my life, I attended school in WCS for the majority of my education, I played sports and once graduated I coached cheerleading. I currently have 3 sons attending 3 different schools in WCS. I currently work in Human Resources for Dow Chemical, and have 16 years of HR experience. Along with these items I bring a passion for our district, I love to ask questions, I seek to find solutions and would be honored to again be a voice for the kids, the parents and the community on WCS School Board. I have 4 and ½ years of previous WCS school board experience and will work hard for our kids, for our district and for our community to ensure the best decisions are being made on behalf of all of WCS and its community.

To preserve and improve the education that all kids in WCS are receiving, and my plan to accomplish this is to work with the current board members and staff to provide the appropriate resources.

Be financially responsible and continue to hold our Administrators accountable through continued monitoring of our current auditing system. Maintain a secure and safe atmosphere for our children to live and to learn in, by ensuring our district continues to provide the safety measures that are already in place through continued support of funding for the proper tools and resources.

MEGAN E. PAPASIAN-BROADWELL

4410 Chicago, Warren, MI 48092

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JOHN SCHRODER

14120 E. Fourteen Mile., Warren, MI 48088

If I am elected to school board, I hope that when I leave office, I will have assisted in putting the school system in a better position, both in terms of its financial situation and in terms of student academic achievement.

I was a student of public education my entire life and have always considered education of the utmost importance to equal opportunity for all and for a free and democratic society. I have had substantial experience and involvement in the public education system. I received a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Michigan in 2008, and a Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law in 2011.

My hope is to raise additional funding for the school system, to ensure that all employees are well compensated, to have balanced budget, and to have an education system that helps to grow all types of students.

The financial well being, student achievement and graduation rates, and improving education opportunities for special education, at-risk students, and also for advanced students and those who desire technical training are all top priorities. I want to ensure well funded programs and classes for at-risk or special education students, special technical training, or even college level classes and opportunities for students to gain college credits in their senior year of school. When someone is struggling, we need programs to aid them, and when they are succeeding, we need programs to push them even further. The ultimate goal should be for every child to reach their maximum potential. I also support new measures to fund the school system at all levels, including the local levels, and will attempt to improve salaries for the school system employees, including teachers, because the best teachers come to stay with the district that best supports them.

SUSAN G. TROMBLEY

33122 Beth Ann, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

I have lived in Sterling Heights and Warren Consolidated School District for 23 years with 3 WCS graduates. My position as a Trustee for 2 years and current President for a second year of this Board of Education working alongside board members, Administrators, teachers, staff, and students gives me the working background and experience to understand the tools needed for each of them to be successful in their roles of giving our children the best education; the best start to life for the students. I am MASB Certified and the MCSBA Legislative Chairperson. I believe that I possess the qualities and have a proven reputation to bring this District to the top of list. I am running for this position to preserve the education my children received for all children in this community while holding the administration accountable to be fiscally responsible to the community we serve.

1. Continued work with Administrators to provide all students with the best technology and resources available to reach their full potential. This begins at an early age through graduation.
2. Continued work to remain a balanced and fiscally responsible District with 8 years of clean audits to help prepare our students to be ready for college and successful citizens in their community. I plan to continue to work with Administrators to find additional revenue within our district to assist in keeping our budget balanced and not through cuts to or from staff or increased taxes on residents.
3. Continued stable classroom sizes and available resources present a safety issue for all students. I am determined to continue to keep class sizes stable and bring together the resources to best serve our students and staff needs. I intend to continue providing the safest atmosphere for our children to live and learn.

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.

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WATERFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - THREE 6-year terms - Vote for no more than THREE

MARY BARGHAHN

9205 Twin Lakes Court, White Lake, MI 48386

I was born and raised in Waterford. I attended Waterford Schools K-12. I worked in the Waterford School District for 23 years as both a teacher and an elementary principal. I recently retired from Public Education and have started a photography business. I have been married to Paul for 22 years. We are the proud parents of a 2016 Kettering Graduate (now attending MSU for Mechanical Engineering) and a current sophomore at Kettering. I believe I can offer the School Board great insight on how we can improve our achievement scores. I believe as a School Board member I can ask questions to have open and honest conversations on issues. My education background will be a huge asset in this regard. Transparency with the community on all issues will be key. A strong focus on academic achievement and financial stability will be my mission.

1. Raising our achievement scores. I would ask to see evidence of programs and their related achievement. I would ask to see program results. A clear criterion for which programs are evaluated and when results would be reported to the board would be established. A specific plan for improvement would be expected. Score reporting would be followed by deep discussion and questioning.

2. Securing financial stability. There is a need to be transparent about the use of funds, the district debt, and district expenses. There is a need for solutions to creating a 9% fund balance. I would move beyond the projected budget and discuss actual revenue and expenses against our actual budget.

3. Transparency. Discussing the two issues listed above at each meeting with great detail will be a priority for me. Details of all discussions and reports should be on the agenda with hyperlinks to the board packet.

PAUL J. GREENAWALT

1007 Lasalle Ave., Waterford, MI 48328

I am a caring problem solver. One who sees a problem and works to fix it. I am not afraid to try new ways or even old proven ways. My name is Paul J Greenawalt. I am married and have three children. I believe we are teaching children what to learn, and not how to think. I believe we as a district must be pioneers and adapt new approaches.

There is many problems with our school systems. I would say my biggest three issues are: to teach life skills to children, catching up with the rest of the state in test scores and reading. Create more programs for parents to be in. If parents are not involved, children will not be either. No one person makes or breaks a school. Nor does one person have all the ideas or all the votes. I would gladly work with other school board members to implement great ideas.

JON KNAPP

381 Lorberta Ln., Waterford, MI 48328

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ERIC M. LINDEMIER

5104 Cohoctah St., Waterford, MI 48327

I have had three boys attend Waterford schools including my 11th grader who attends Mott. My degree is in Public Administration from MSU. I have experience as an adjunct professor at Lawrence Tech. At the time I owned a computer training education company. My work with the American Federation of Teachers has bolstered my strong background in public education. I will use creative thinking and problem solving to solve complex issues facing Waterford schools. I can bring stakeholders together; parents, students, employees and community leaders. We will respect ideas to improve our schools. Parents trying to help their children will be respected. I have, and will continue to challenge ideas and policies that have led to the decline of Waterford schools student count. We need change because we can do better. Visit my Facebook page Eric Lindemier for Waterford Schools. I have lived in Waterford for 24 years.

1) **Student Loss:** (budgeted as 500 per year); Bring Waterford Township officials, business leaders, educators and parents together to create a plan to attract students (\$50 million lost revenue in recent years). We need education programs in Waterford that will make us a "School District of Destination". Visit my web site for more information www.lindemierforwaterfordschool.com. Cutting wages and benefits of employees cannot be our only response to student loss.

2) **Helping Parents:** Developing an Iphone/Android app to send "push" messages to parents when their child has a missing assignment has received wide support from parents and educators. No other area district has this app to help parents and students raise classroom performance.

3) **Educating Non-College Bound Students:** We need an apprentice prep program for non-college bound students that will ready our students for building trades apprentice programs. Student debt is a crisis therefore we need programs for non-college bound students.

ROBERT PETRUSHA, JR.

2700 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48329

I'm a lifelong resident of Waterford and a graduate of Waterford schools. My wife and 3 sons are also Waterford graduates. My oldest son will complete his student teaching this winter. I have been on the board for 18 years and believe that speaks to my commitment to our district. I am running for re-election as the future will continue to be difficult as we continue to have decreased funding and increased state mandates. I have the knowledge of having had to cut tens of millions of dollars over the last 18 years and still balance our budget. I am willing to make the hard cuts for the survival of our district, which is not always the popular decision, but decisions that require a balanced budget.

My top three priorities are raising our test scores, changing our perception that our schools are not as good as neighboring districts, student retention and state funding. As to our state funding, I do not have any control over how much money we receive, only on how we allocate those funds. I will continue to work with our administration, staff and parents to accomplish these goals. Our district is very competitive with other surrounding districts. We recently passed a hundred million dollar bond issue, without raising our millage rate, which allowed us to update our infrastructure, add new technology, repair and update our buildings.

BOB PIGGOTT

6913 York, Waterford, MI 48327

I have served on the Waterford School Board for the past six years. My wife Kris and I have been married for 19 1/2 years and we have a daughter Kaitlyn, who is a junior at Waterford Kettering. I am employed as a Project Manager at Hubbell, Roth and Clark. I have served on the Beaumont Elementary PTA, the Pierce PTA and the Kettering PTA. I have been a member of my subdivision board, the Drayton Plains Nature Center Committee, the Hess Hathaway Board and the Waterford Youth Assistance Board. I am also a member of the Bryan's Hope Advisory Board. As a board member for the past six years, I have listened to the community before each vote and always made it a priority to vote what was in the best interest of the children of the Waterford School District.

1. School Funding. It is imperative that local school boards work with and communicate with our elected officials in Lansing to let them know the dire need public schools are in for appropriate funding so that our children are educated properly.

2. Declining Enrollment. It is imperative that our district continues to properly educate our children and implements new programs to maintain our families who live in the Waterford District. I have been part of the implementation of the Junior Kindergarten program, the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Program, and the Waterford READS program, which guarantees that all Waterford Students will read at or above grade level by third grade.

3. Open Communication with our Families: This board must be the bridge between our families and our administration. As a board member, I have and will continue to listen to our community as to their needs and their concerns.

ROBERT J. SEETERLIN

6122 Barker Ave., Waterford, MI 48329

Robert Seeterlin, 6 years of service as a Waterford School Board Member. Served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the School Board. 29 years experience as a Local Government Administrator - 24 with Waterford Township as Director of Fiscal and Human Resources and 5 with Dearborn Public Schools and Director of Human Resources. Master of Public Administration Degree. Waterford Schools Graduate - 1976. Father of 3 Waterford Schools Graduates. Waterford homeowner. Seven year member of the Waterford Foundation for Public Education. Active Waterford Lions Club and Knights of Columbus member.

1. Continue progress. New Superintendent is providing great leadership. Capital improvements over the past 5 years puts the District in a great position to provide services without worrying about building issues. More to come thanks to the 2016 voter approved \$100 million bond approval.

2. Promote and encourage respect for staff. Continue efforts to promote adequate state funding for Waterford Students. The State needs to increase support for money directly to the classroom. State needs to fix the retirement funding issue and not penalize local districts for poor state policy in operating the public employee retirement system.

3. Improve student achievement so that all students can be successful. Increase opportunities for learning. Promote more Career and Technical Education. Change the mindset that all students need to go to a traditional college. Partner with 2 and 4 year colleges to offer opportunities for Waterford Students while still in High School.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - TWO 6-year terms - Vote for no more than TWO

ROBERT BRUNHILD

4517 Kevin Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I am running for the WBSD School Board because I was asked by numerous people currently active in the WBSD to fill one of two planned vacancies. I have two daughters who have grown up in the WBSD, my youngest being a senior this year, and I have always been very active in after school activities. I was recruited to run because I have a strong track record as a local businessman and an MBA which gives me a solid financial background and that is always needed on the board. I believe that in addition to my financial acumen, people who have worked with me at the schools have expressed to me that I am easy to get along with and I can be very diplomatic during stressful situations. In my past experience on several non-profit boards, level-headedness is a valued quality.

As I mentioned in Question 1, I was recruited to run for one of two planned vacancies, however the incumbents who were going to vacate have decided to run. I think they have done a fine job and I don't have burning issues with the current board. My two daughters have received an excellent education at the schools. The one issue I feel strongly about is to figure out how to deal with the fact that the science is clear that high school students do not perform well at 7am in the morning which is when our high school starts. I understand that transportation, extra-curricular activities, and budget constraints complicate the issue but I feel that everything that can be done should be done, to allow our teens to get adequate sleep as per their biological clocks. The data is irrefutable - our students would perform better.

MATT CHASE

3498 Fox Woods Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48324

I have lived in Michigan most of my life and been a resident of West Bloomfield Township for over 20 years. I am Chemical Engineer and have been employed with Veolia for the past 20 years. I have served on the School Board for the past 6 years and am running for reelection to continue to work with and challenge our administrative team to provide rigorous curriculum for our students within the finances that are provided by our taxpayers. With my work experience and previous school board service, I have the necessary understanding of school funding and district expenditures required to make educated decisions.

The three major issues facing our school district are the declining school district enrollment, especially of resident students, finances due to the declining enrollment and lack of adequate State of Michigan funding and lastly the ranking of the district's testing scores within neighboring districts and Oakland County. The actions that I will take and have been taking include the continued evaluation of the right sizing of our district in regards to the utilization of our current educational space and the amount of school of choice, additional revenue sources such as bond millage renewals and providing our instructional staff with the best tools, training and facilities to enhance learning.

KENNETH FERGUSON

5055 Patrick Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

As a father of two young children in the district and one graduate of WBHS, I understand the importance of excellence in academics, social/emotional development and other areas for preparing 21st century learners. While I can attest to the wonderful staff and programs we have available to our children, our district is facing some serious challenges. We must provide our schools with the resources to not only maintain our current level of success, but exceed it. This requires diligence with regards to the types of programming offered as well as fiscal responsibility. Our Board needs someone with educational experience who can bring fresh ideas that will truly benefit all students. I have been a special education teacher and consultant for nearly twenty years and am passionate about helping all children succeed. My experience with urban and suburban districts makes me a valuable addition to our Board of Education team.

The top three issues facing our district are finance, enrollment, and restructuring. It's simple - less students equals less funding. We receive approximately \$8,600 per pupil funding from the state and have not received an increase for years. It's also significantly less than some of our neighboring districts. Enrollment has continued to drop for nearly a decade. We must do a better job showing our community the great academic and extracurricular opportunities our district has to offer so we can boost enrollment. With the sharp decline in enrollment, we continue to face the challenge of closing or combining schools. Restructuring has already begun (Ealy, Doherty, Sheiko) and is still looming. While it might be cost-effective to close a school, is it what's best for our children? Being a parent and educator, I will help ensure success for ALL our students and make it my priority to increase enrollment.

RANDI BERMAN SAKWA

4866 Fairview Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

- Current WBSD board member since 2009: serving as president, vice president, trustee and secretary
 - 20 year WB resident, three children that attended and graduated from the WBSD
 - Board Committee involvement: District Advancement Network, Board Policy, Strategic Planning & Engagement, Continuous School Improvement, Partnership & Collaboration, Social Justice & Diversity, Finance, Reproductive Health, Technology and School Enrollment and Facilities

My seven years of active school board service and community involvement has given me solid knowledge of the issues that not only affect our school district but public education as well. My experience on the school board has been rewarding but not without it's challenges, as we have had to make some very difficult but strategic decisions. I am driven by my passion and commitment to our schools and will continue to work hard to keep the WBSD competitive by maintaining high standards and driving positive change for success.

Increase Student Achievement and Growth for Every Student
 *Focus on our instructional priorities and educational programs while challenging the status quo
 *Support our teachers and staff to meet the needs of all learners
 *Prioritize better alignment between general and special education
 *Attract and retain the most qualified teaching staff

Maintain and Improve our Current Financial Health
 *Make fiscally responsible decisions while still funding educational priorities
 *Support district strategic plan to decrease operating overhead by rightsizing our district
 *Support initiatives that attract students and increase revenue sources

Strengthen Community
 *As the WBSD continues to be a source of pride in our community, we can increase opportunities to collaborate to ensure greater inclusiveness in our wonderfully diverse community
 *Continue the work of the Partnership & Collaboration Committee honoring the ideas of all staff in a collective atmosphere of trust, respect and open communication
 *Engage all stakeholders in our strategic plan

District Library Races

Ferndale Area District Library

Vote for not more than SEVEN
 Four highest vote totals - four year term
 Fifth, sixth and seventh highest vote total - two year term

Judeen Bartos • Richard Consul • Kelly Farrah
 Adrienne Fazzolara Gilmore • Amanda Hanlin
 Kevin Yezbick

Hazel Park District Library

Vote for not more than SEVEN
 Four highest vote totals - four year term
 Fifth, sixth and seventh highest vote total - two year term

Julie Barton • C. Jerry Bertrand • Ed Bullock
 Peter J. Pappas • Sandra Pond • Richard E. Robbins
 Barbara Winter • Timothy Wright • Linda Zeiss

Salem/South Lyon District Library

Vote for not more than THREE - four year term

Janet M. Bernardino • Linda Hamilton • Joe Salvatore

Local Proposals

OAKLAND COUNTY

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to Levy an Assessment The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy within Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties a property tax assessment:

- at a rate of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value);
 - for 20 years beginning in 2016 and ending in 2035;
 - that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without direct voter approval; and
 - to be used upon the affirmative vote of an RTA board member from each RTA member jurisdiction for the purpose of construction and operation of a public transportation system connecting Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, including rapid transit bus routes across county lines, specialized service for senior citizens and people with disabilities, commuter rail, airport express service, and other public transportation purposes permitted by law, consistent with RTA bylaws and subject to the limitations of the Regional Transit Authority Act.
- If this new additional assessment is approved and levied, revenue will be disbursed to the RTA. It is estimated that \$160,907,285 will be collected in the first year. Should this assessment be approved?

Pro and Con statements on the County Proposal available at LWVOA.ORG

CITY OF HAZEL PARK

PROPOSAL #1

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Shall Sections 4.2, 4.4 and 4.19 of the Hazel Park City Charter be amended to provide for staggered 4-year terms for the Mayor and Council members beginning with the November 2019 election, and a transitional election in November 2017, in which the Mayor and 2 council member candidates with the highest number of votes are elected to a 4-year term and the 2 council member candidates with the next highest number of votes are elected to a 2 year term?

PROPOSAL #2

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Shall the Hazel Park City Charter, Section 5.8 be amended to require initiatory or referendary petitions be signed by at least 5 percent (5%) of the qualified and registered electors of the city?

CITY OF ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6,

CITY OF ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER

Proposed Amendment to Chapter 6 Section 6.6 (D) of the Orchard Lake City Charter. Chapter 6 Section 6.6 (D) states that there shall be no standing committees of the Council. It is proposed the Council shall have the authority to establish such committees as it deems appropriate in the performance of its governmental functions. Shall the proposed Amendment be adopted?

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 12,

CITY OF ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 12 Section 12.1 and 12.2 of the Orchard Lake City Charter which require that comparative prices be obtained for purchases and sales up to \$1,000.00 and for purchases and sales over \$1,000.00, require Council approval, sealed bids, City Attorney review and verification of available funds. The proposed Amendment raises from up to \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 the ceiling under which comparative prices are required and raises from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000 the threshold over which purchases and sales are subject to Council approval, competitive bidding, legal review and funding verification. Shall the proposed Amendment be adopted?

CITY OF ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

A Charter amendment is proposed to prescribe property seizure and forfeiture. If adopted, a criminal conviction shall be a prerequisite before the City is allowed to take property through forfeiture proceedings and any property taken through forfeiture proceedings shall only be used to fund local street repairs. Shall the City of Orchard Lake Village Charter be amended to add a new Section 16.14 to prescribe property seizure and forfeiture be adopted?

CITY OF PONTIAC

MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO EXPEND FUND FOR YOUTH CENTERS

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be assessed against the property in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased and the City of Pontiac be authorized to levy a new tax up to 1.5 mill(s) (up to \$1.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, from 2017 to 2026, for the purpose of expending funds for centers open exclusively to youths under 21 years of age and aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency within the City of Pontiac, pursuant to Public Act 179 of 1967. It is estimated that up to \$900,000.00 will be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized to be levied. Should this proposition be approved?

CITY OF ROYAL OAK

CHARTER PROPOSAL - PROPOSAL A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 11 OF THE ROYAL OAK CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR A POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MILLAGE RENEWAL.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Royal Oak City Charter, if approved, would allow the City to renew the millage levy for a period not to exceed five (5) years of up to 3.975 mills, to defray the costs for police, fire and emergency medical services starting December 1, 2017.

The levy renewal, if approved, would defray the general expenses and liabilities of the City for police, fire and emergency medical services only and will allow Royal Oak to maintain core services and staffing levels. Shall the proposal be adopted?

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT A

Shall Chapter V, Executive Division, of the City Charter be amended to amend subsection (e) of Section 5.3, qualifications, which would require the resignation from office by any city officer who becomes a candidate for any other elective city office, except to succeed himself or herself?

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT B

Shall Chapter V, Executive Division, of the City Charter be amended to establish that a person shall be deemed a candidate for office upon certification of the person's nominating petitions by the City Clerk?

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

PETITION-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1

Shall the Sylvan Lake City Charter be amended to add a new Section 7.14 providing that a criminal conviction is required before forfeiture of any property to the City; that all revenues from forfeited property in connection with any crime must be used solely for street repairs and may not be used for law enforcement or code enforcement purposes; that a property owner may seek the return of forfeited property and the City must return, replace, or pay compensation for such property under certain circumstances; and that the City must keep records of forfeited property and publish such records monthly.

CITY OF WIXOM

DEDICATED MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATING PURPOSES INCLUDING POLICE AND FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PARKS & RECREATION

Shall Section 9.2 of the Charter of the City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City, beginning July 2017, of a new dedicated millage in an amount of up to 3.5 mills (which is equal to \$3.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years to provide funds for municipal operating purposes including police and fire, public works, and parks & recreation?

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD SENIOR SERVICES REPLACEMENT MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Milford, Oakland County, Michigan replace the current 0.125 mill senior center millage, as reduced by the required rollbacks to 0.1237 mills, due to expire in 2017, with a levy of 0.125 mills (\$0.125 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable real and personal property within the Township of Milford (including the Village of Milford), Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of ten years, 2016-2025, inclusive, and subject to authorized disbursements mandated by law, for the purposes of planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons, including the operation and maintenance of the Milford Senior Center, raising an estimated \$103,320.35 in the first year the millage is levied?

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR POLICE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of 1.7193 mills for a period of six (6) years, starting with the December 2017 levy to be disbursed to Oakland Township for the purpose of providing police services; including equipment, operating costs, officer quarters and personnel costs in the Township? This proposed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage for the above stated purpose. Approval of this proposal would renew the tax limitation increase of approximately \$1.7193 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$2,224,309.80 in the first year, if approved and levied.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND SAFETY PATH AND TRAILS NETWORK MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy up to 0.17 mills for a period of ten (10) years, which represents a reduction of the current levy of 0.2406, starting with the December 2017 levy to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of a network of safety paths, trails, and boardwalks to provide healthy recreational opportunities and safe routes to schools, parks, and neighborhoods in the Township; and acquisition of property and right-of-way for such purposes? Approval of this proposal would authorize a tax limitation levy of 0.17 mills on all taxable property in the Township. Approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of approximately \$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect up to \$222,454.15 in the first year if approved and levied.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOND PROPOSAL FOR OXFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS

Shall the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$2,000,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of constructing, equipping, furnishing, improving and maintaining the Oxford Township Parks? The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 0.27 mills (\$0.27 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.27 mills (\$0.27 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS PURCHASE AND SALE OF PROPERTY:

QUESTION: Shall Section 12.1 of the Charter of the Village of Beverly Hills be amended to allow Council to authorize a Purchasing Officer to make purchases and sales in amounts not in excess of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, without prior approval of the Council, and in all sales and purchases in excess of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, the sale or purchase shall be first approved by the Council and formal sealed bids shall be called for?

Local Proposals

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN

STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow a sum of money not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series for the purpose of constructing improvements to Village streets, including but not limited to pulverizing, constructing, repairing and otherwise improving major and local road streets and rights of way and appurtenances and attachments thereto, and making related drainage and safety improvements? The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 15 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 3.3104 mills (which is equal to \$3.3104 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Village); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 3.2776 mills.

Ballot Question #1

Shall Chapter III, Section 3 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to change the minimum age of eligibility for election or appointment to the office of Village President or Trustee to eighteen (18), and to repeal the unconstitutional requirement that in order to be eligible to hold office a person must own real property in the Village?

Ballot Question #2

Shall Chapter III, Section 3-A of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to be consistent with Chapter III, Section 24 of the Charter and require the oath of office to be taken within ten (10) days after the time fixed for taking office?

Ballot Question #3

Shall Chapter III, Section 7 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to provide that the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council Trustees voting shall be required to pass any ordinance or resolution, unless a different number is required by Charter or state law?

Ballot Question #4

Shall Chapter III, Section 8, Subsection (b) of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to delete reference to Village Marshall and to provide that the Chief of Police shall report to the Village President and Council and such other Village official as the Council may prescribe by ordinance, and to restate the Chief's authority to enforce Village ordinances and regulations?

Ballot Question #5

Shall Chapter III, Section 13 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to provide that thereafter upon the expiration of the Village Clerk's term of office in 2018, the Clerk shall be elected by the Village Council and hold office at the will of the Council and be subject to the direction of the Council?

Ballot Question #6

Shall Chapter VIII of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to state that construction contracts with an estimated cost exceeding Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) shall not be awarded without first advertising for sealed bids, and also to delete the requirement that Council must have and approve drawings, profiles and cost estimates before contracting for any public improvements costing more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)?

Ballot Question #7

Shall Chapter XI, Sections 5 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to allow construction of new sidewalks and pathways only along routes identified as arterial, major or collector roads in the Village's Master Plan?

Ballot Question #8

Shall Chapter XII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to modify the vote required to own or operate or to approve a public utility franchise in the Village to be consistent with the Michigan Constitution?

Ballot Question #9

Shall Chapter XIV of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to state that any public water system must first be approved by the electorate at an election?

Ballot Question #10

Shall Chapter XVI, Section 6 of the Village of Franklin Charter be amended to provide that the Village's public records shall be available and open to inspection in accordance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act?

VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION

Police Millage Proposal

"Shall a "Headlee Override" be adopted so that the current limitation on the amount of Village taxes that may be levied against all taxable property in the Village of Lake Orion, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased 1.4467 mills from 11.6554 mills to 13.1021 mills with said increase being used for police purposes only beginning July 2017? If levied in its entirety, the new millage would raise an estimated maximum amount of \$171,000.00 for the Village in 2017."

VILLAGE OF OXFORD

Proposal No. 1

Proposed amendment to Sec. 3.19i. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to add new sec. 3.19i. to the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide that all public records of the Village of Oxford shall be available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

Shall new Sec. 3.19i. be added to the Charter of the Village of Oxford, to read as follows:

"Sec. 3.19i. – [Compliance with Freedom of Information Act.]

All public records of the Village of Oxford shall be available to the public under the Freedom of Information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246."

Proposal No. 2

Proposed amendment to add Sec. 5.11. to the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to add new section 5.11 to the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide for the annual review of the Village Clerk by the Village Council.

Shall new Sec. 5.11. be added to the Charter of the Village of Oxford, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5.11. – Functions of and Village Council Review of the Clerk:

Notwithstanding any other duty or responsibility expressly set forth in this Charter:

1. The Clerk shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him/her by this charter, and/or by ordinance or by resolution of the Council. The Clerk's performance of his/her responsibilities/duties as set forth in the charter and/or by ordinance or by resolution of the Council shall be reviewed annually by the Council with the Clerk. The Council shall review the performance of the Clerk at a regular meeting in November of each year and shall prepare a resolution outlining the responsibilities/duties of the Clerk for the next calendar year for action by the Village Council at the last Council meeting of December of each calendar year.

Proposal No. 3

Proposed amendment to Sec. 3.3. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to Sec. 3.3. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide for certain eligibility requirements to hold elective office in the village.

Shall Sec. 3.3. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.3. – Eligibility for office in Village.

No person shall be eligible for any elective office of the Village, unless he/she shall be at least 21 years of age, an elector, and shall have been a resident of the Village for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of election to any such office. In addition, no person shall be eligible for any elective office or, permitted to maintain elective or appointed office of the Village if he/she has any indebtedness, statutory or otherwise, to the Village. Such indebtedness shall include any water bill or other financial obligation to the Village which is more than 90 days past due, in whole or in part.

VILLAGE OF OXFORD (cont.)

Proposal No. 4

Proposed amendment to Sec. 5.2. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to Sec. 5.2. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford to add paragraph #8 to Sec. 5.2. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide for annual review of Village Manager by the Village Council.

Shall Sec. 5.2. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.2. – Functions of and Village Council Review of the Village Manager.

The Village Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the Village government. He/she shall carry out the policies formulated by the Council.

1. He/she is charged with the responsibility of supervision and management of all the services of the Village.
2. He/she shall have the responsibility for the enforcement of the ordinances of the Village, this charter, and applicable laws of the State.
3. He/she shall make the reports to the Council required by this charter, and such others as may be required of him/her by ordinance or by resolution of the Council, and in addition thereto, any which he/she may deem advisable.
4. He/she shall prepare the budget of the Village for consideration by the Council, as in the charter provided.
5. Upon the adoption thereof by the Council, he/she shall administer the budget so adopted and keep the Council at all times informed as to the financial affairs of the Village.
6. He/she shall have the right to take part in the discussion of all matters coming before the Council, but shall have no vote.
7. In addition to the duties prescribed by this charter, he/she shall perform such other duties as may be required of [him/her] by ordinance or by resolution of the Council.
8. The Village Manager's performance of his/her responsibilities/duties as set forth in the charter and/or by ordinance or by resolution of the Council shall be reviewed annually by the Council with the Village Manager. The Council shall review the performance of the Village Manager at a regular meeting in November of each year and shall prepare a resolution outlining the responsibilities/duties of the Village Manager for the next calendar year for action by the Village Council at the last Council meeting of December of each calendar year.

Proposal No. 5

Proposed amendment to Sec. 4.1. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to Sec. 4.1. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide the Village Council with the power to adopt, continue, amend, or repeal village ordinances. Shall Sec. 4.1. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.1. – Ordinance enactment.

The Village Council is empowered to adopt, continue, amend, or repeal Village ordinances.

All legislation of the Village of Oxford shall be by ordinance or by resolution. The word "resolution" as used in charter shall be the official action of the Council in the form of a motion, and such action shall be limited to matters required or permitted to be done by resolution by this charter or by State or Federal law and to matters pertaining to the internal affairs or concerns of the Village government. All other acts of the Council, and all acts carrying a penalty for the violation thereof, shall be by ordinance. Each ordinance shall be identified by a number and a short title. Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing or printed form. The style of all ordinances passed by the Council shall be, "The Village of Oxford Ordains." Except in the case of ordinances which are declared by the Council to be emergency ordinances, no ordinances shall be finally passed by the Council at the same meeting at which it is introduced. No ordinance shall be revised, altered or amended by reference to its title only. But the section or sections of the ordinance revised, altered or amended shall be reenacted and published at length, and all ordinances, when enacted shall be immediately recorded by the Clerk in a book called "The Ordinance Book"; and [it] shall be the duty of the President and Clerk to authenticate such record by their official signatures thereon.

Local Proposals

VILLAGE OF OXFORD (cont.)

Proposal No. 6

Proposed amendment to Sec. 3.10. to the Charter of the Village of Oxford.

Amendment to Sec. 3.10. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford to provide for prohibited interests in village business.

Shall Sec. 3.10. of the Charter of the Village of Oxford be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.10. – Prohibited interest in Village business.

No member of the Council, nor any officer of the Village, shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made, or service to be performed, for or on behalf of the Village unless such interest is authorized by the then existing state law and in the manner required by such state law.

Proposal 7

Shall the Village of Oxford's Council be granted the authority and approval from the Village of Oxford voters to sell the Village of Oxford's interest in real property described as follows:

Property commonly known as Parcels 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 containing mostly vacant land at the southern end of Maple Street in the Village of Oxford of approximately 3 acres more or less, more particularly described as: Parcel Identification No. PO-04-22-381-0004 and Parcel Identification No. PO-04-22-382-001

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Birmingham Public Schools to continue to levy up to 10.9236 mills for general operating purposes (a reduction from the 11.3111 mills previously authorized by the electors) on all taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy. Under existing law, the School District would levy only that portion of the mills on taxable property necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. The School District is currently only levying 8.5642 mills of these mills on personal residences (owner-occupied homes).

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except property exempted by law, situated within the Birmingham Public Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be renewed as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 10.9236 mills (\$10.92 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of five (5) years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, inclusive, with 10.9236 mills of the above being a renewal of millage which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2016? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the Birmingham Public Schools of Forty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$43,200,000) Dollars during the 2017 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes, if approved and levied.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK COUNTY OF OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX PROPOSAL

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the School District to levy a building and site sinking fund tax, the proceeds of which will be used to make infrastructure improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities. Pursuant to State Law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund tax proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

Shall the School District of the City of Hazel Park, County of Oakland, be authorized to levy two (2) mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2027, to create a building and site sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings or any other purpose authorized under Michigan law? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the School District of the City of Hazel Park of approximately Five Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two (\$549,682) Dollars during the 2017 calendar year, if approved and levied.

OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS I. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2016 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.8078 mills (\$17.8078 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Oxford Community Schools, Oakland and Lapeer Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$5,187,196 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2016 tax levy)?

II. OPERATING MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Oxford Community Schools, Oakland and Lapeer Counties, Michigan, be increased by 0.1922 mill (\$0.1922 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$55,388 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF MACOMB AND OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Romeo Community Schools to continue to levy the number of operating mills required for the School District to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State of Michigan. Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the Romeo Community Schools, Counties of Macomb and Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 19.5 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of five (5) years, 2017 to 2021, inclusive? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Six Million Seven Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Two (\$6,719,402) Dollars during the 2017 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS

COUNTY OF OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN OPERATING MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL

This authorization will (i) restore the authority of Royal Oak Schools to levy 18.00 mills previously authorized and levied for general operating purposes on non-homestead taxable property (comprised primarily of business, commercial, and rental property) which has been reduced by 0.1566 mill by application of the Headlee Amendment, and (ii) increase the prior authority by 0.6434 mill in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of the same amount. This authority, combined with other unexpired authorizations, would allow the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable non-homestead property in Royal Oak Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased by 0.8 mill (\$0.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses? This millage would raise an estimated \$132,312.04 for the school district in the first year that it is levied.

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE 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 local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, River-view Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District



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- U.S. President/Vice President _____
- 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 _____
 Oakland County Commissioner _____

★★★ Nonpartisan Ballot ★★★ (Contested Races)

- Michigan Supreme Court (1 Full Term - 1 Partial Term)

- Circuit Court _____
- Probate Court _____
- District Court (46, 51, 52-1)

- OCC (3) _____
- City/Village Offices _____
- School Board _____
- Library Board _____

★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★

- County _____
- (Local Community/Library/School)

