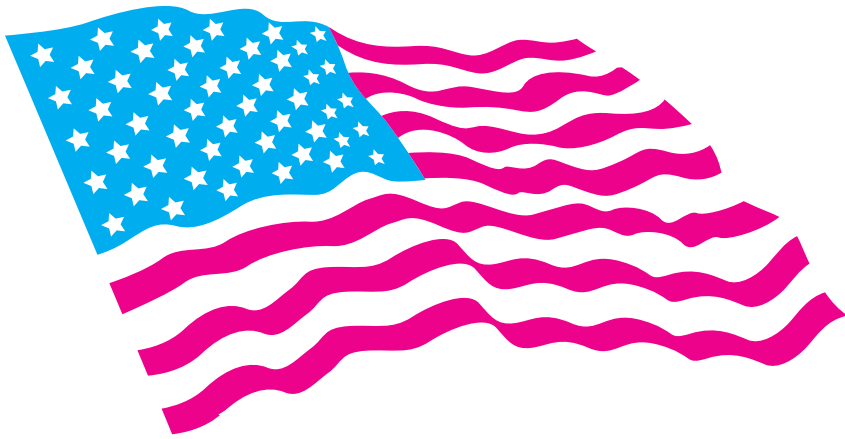


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VOTER GUIDE

for residents of **OAKLAND COUNTY**

2014 GENERAL Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

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 lww.org and 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
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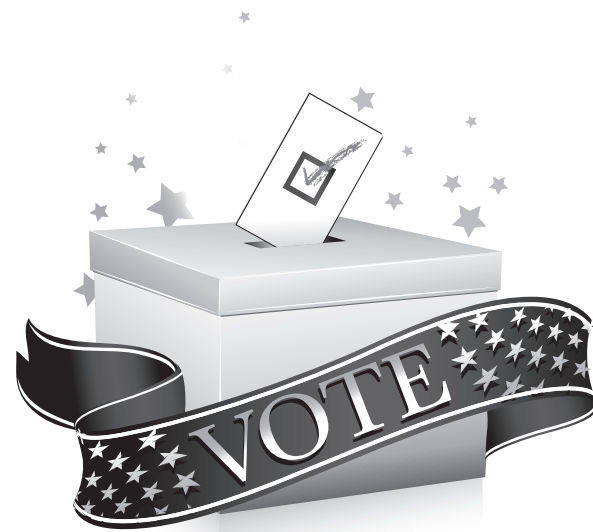
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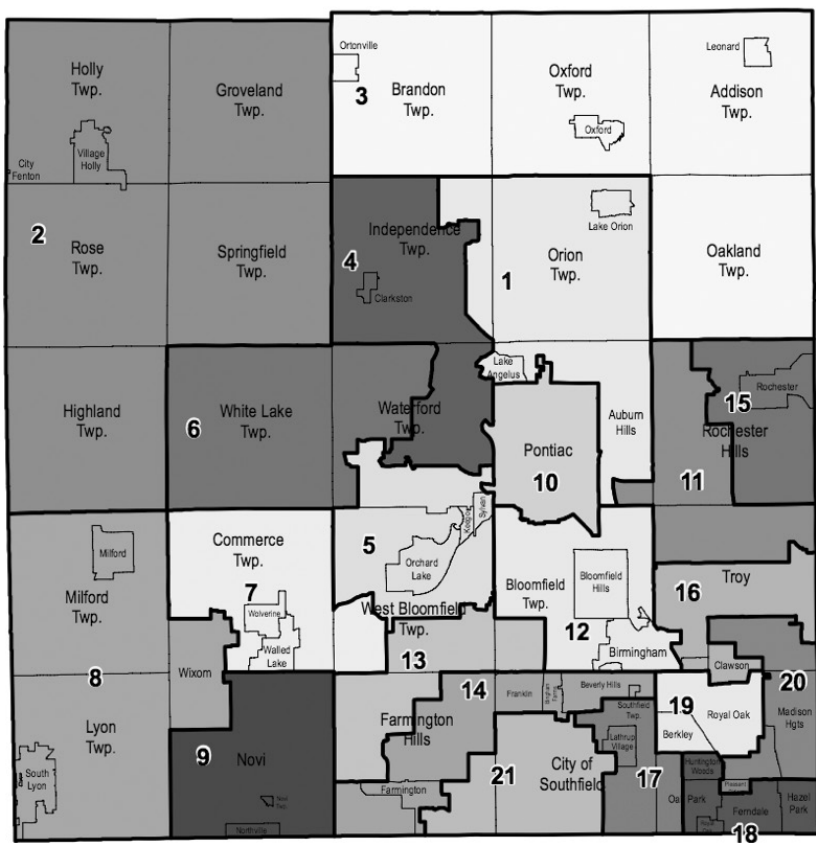
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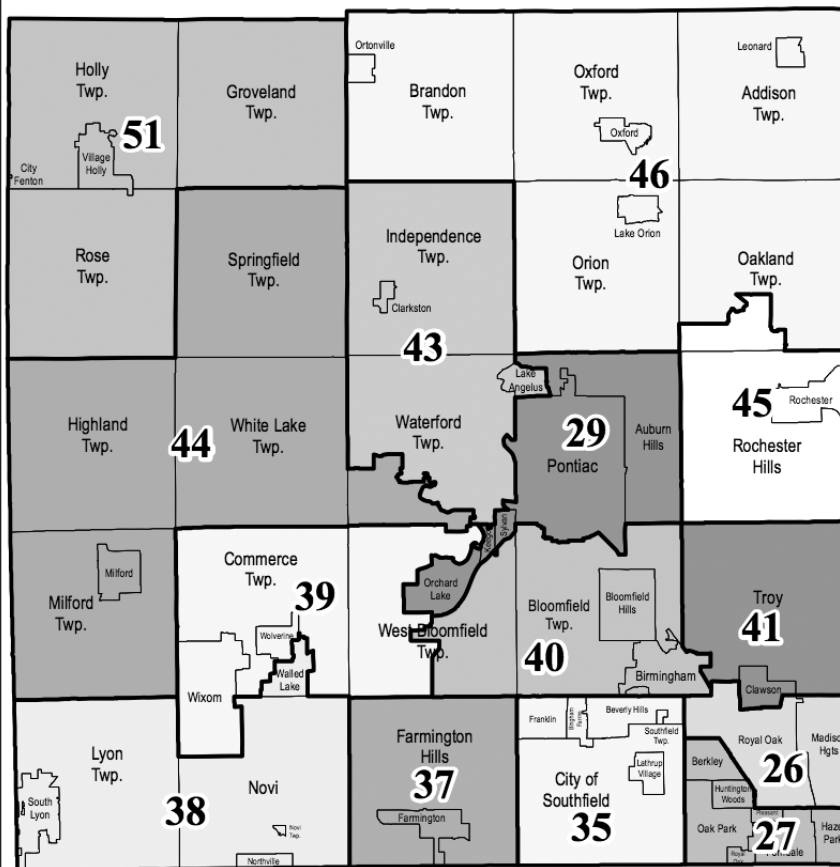


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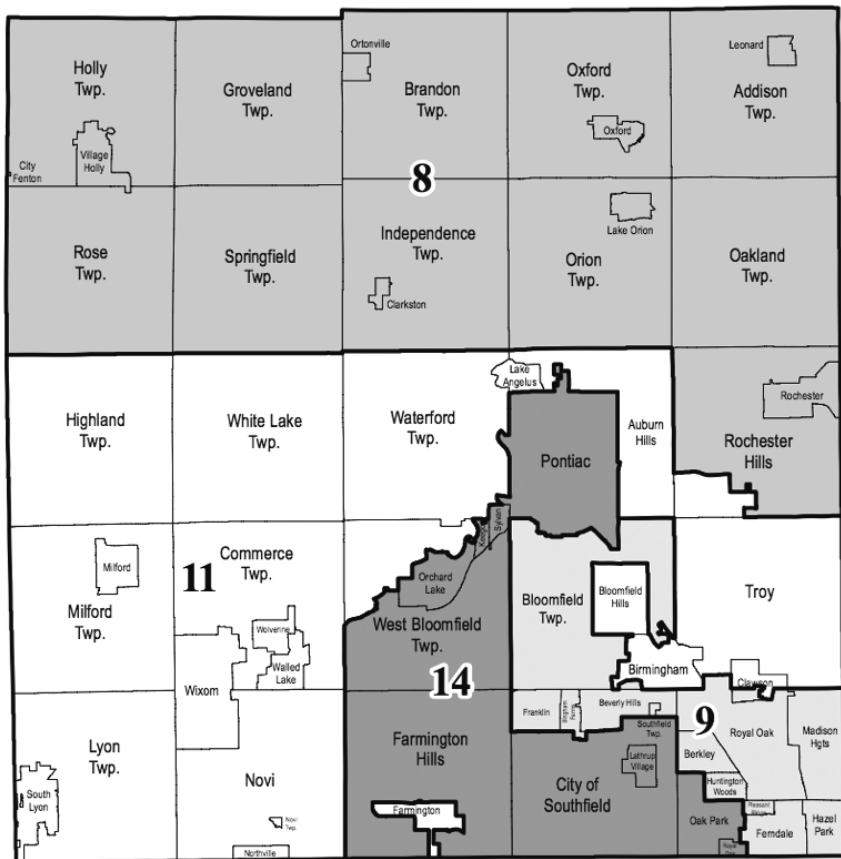


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ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

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 1, 2014.

Emergency requests may be made until 4 p.m. on the election day Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

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.

Governor - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Four Year Term

Duties: The state's executive powers are vested in the Governor.

Qualifications: A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years.

Term: 4 years - Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>What are your top three state priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i>	<i>What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
<p>RICK SNYDER, Republican Running Mate: Brian Calley Campaign Website: www.rickformichigan.com Facebook Page: facebook.com/rickformi Occupation / Current Position: Governor Education: J.D. University of Michigan, 1982; M.B.A. University of Michigan, 1979; B.G.S. University of Michigan, 1977 Qualifications / Experience: Governor, CPA, Venture Capitalist, CEO, Chairman of the Board</p>	<p>Like most Michiganders, I was growing increasingly frustrated with the direction in which Michigan was going in 2009. Our unemployment rate was among the highest in the country, our kids were moving to other states to find jobs, and our favorite businesses were closing. Then, while out to dinner, my wife Sue suggested I run for Governor. Since day one, my focus for reinventing Michigan has been creating more and better jobs, revitalizing the educational system, and revamping government to focus on providing excellent service to its customers, the state's 10 million people.</p>	<p>A bright future for our kids starts with a great education. This is why I have made it a priority to increase Early Childhood education funding to a level where every pre-school age child in Michigan can attend pre-school, preparing them for a successful future. I have also increased state education funding by over 1 billion dollars since I took office. State education funding is now the highest it's ever been. But, our work isn't done. I will continue to work to create educational programs that will fill the skills gap in Michigan by preparing our students and workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.</p>	<p>With nearly 300,000 private sector jobs created since 2010, our businesses are hiring. But, we still have over 80,000 open jobs in Michigan – most of which are skilled trades or STEM focused. We must continue to expand and invest in programs like MAT2 - an industry-driven approach to education that gives our students the skill sets to succeed today and tomorrow. With over 58,000 robotics jobs in Michigan, we recognize the importance of FIRST Robotics in schools. Last year, we invested \$3 million in FIRST, and another \$2 million more this year. In fact, Michigan now has more FIRST Robotics teams than any other state.</p>
<p>MARK SCHAUER, Democrat Running Mate: Lisa Brown Campaign Website: www.markschauer.com Occupation / Current Position: Democratic Candidate for Governor Education: BA, Albion College; MPA, Western Michigan University; MPS, Michigan State University Qualifications / Experience: After college, I ran a nonprofit that provided essential services to kids, seniors and unemployed workers. I then served on the Battle Creek City Commission and served in the Michigan House and Senate, where I was Democratic Leader. In Congress, I fought to pass tougher Buy American laws, rescue the auto industry, ensure quality health care for millions, and worked to make college more affordable.</p>	<p>JOB: The state should invest in high-tech research to attract jobs. We should expand small business lending to spark the next generation of workers, innovators and job creators right here in Michigan. EDUCATION: We must reverse Gov. Snyder's \$1 billion cuts to education, which have raised class sizes, hurt school quality and made it harder for our kids to compete for 21st century jobs. RETIREMENT SECURITY: Snyder's unfair tax on retirement income and property tax hike on seniors are hurting retirees. As governor, I'll work to repeal Snyder's pension tax and fight to protect seniors' hard-earned retirement income.</p>	<p>We need to improve our schools by: putting the state on a path to universal preschool; investing in teacher training; setting standards for maximum class sizes; and making sure students have access to specialized curriculum such as computer skills and financial literacy. Additionally, we need to stop using the School Aid Fund as a "piggy bank" for state government and only use it for K-12 and preschool purposes. Finally, we should remove the profit motive from charter schools and conduct an adequacy study to determine the true cost of educating a child.</p>	<p>To promote economic fairness and create ladders into the middle class, we must work to grow the economy from the bottom up and the middle out, not from the top down. We should cut taxes for the middle class by restoring the child tax credit, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, and eliminating the Snyder Retirement Tax. To ensure big corporations start paying their fair share, we must end tax breaks for companies that outsource Michigan jobs. Additionally, we should repeal "right-to-work for less," which is designed to destroy Michigan's unions and drive down wages and job security for the middle class.</p>
<p>MARY BUZUMA, Libertarian Running Mate: Scotty Bowman Campaign Website: electmarybuzuma.com Occupation / Current Position: Chair, Libertarian Party of Michigan, US Navy Retired Education: BA Political Science, Kalamazoo College Qualifications / Experience: Experienced in the challenges of working within a diverse community, overcoming differences to accomplish a mission through 26 years in the US Navy.</p>	<p>As Governor of Michigan I would change the direction of our state towards one of more economic and personal freedom. 1. Fix the roads not by tax increases but by cutting the budget and eliminating costly and duplicative programs that don't live up to their promises. 2. Eliminate unnecessary regulations and licensing laws that drive up costs, hurt small business, stifle entrepreneurship and violate private property rights. 3. Reduce crime and keep our streets, homes and kids safe by ending our costly war on drugs. Legalize marijuana for recreational use - decriminalize use/ possession of all others.</p>	<p>Spending more taxpayer dollars (investment) on top down one size fits all academic programs (Common Core) will not improve education, but more competition by increasing the number of nonpublic schools will. As governor I would support a Scholarship Tax Credit (STC) program that grant tax credits to individuals and/or corporations who donate to non-profit scholarship organizations that fund low to middle-income students attending independent or home schools. STC programs do not use public funds and could pass constitutional muster. They would empower parents to decide which is best for their children not government.</p>	<p>Michigan maybe on the road to recovery, but our politicians in Lansing are wasting this opportunity for true economic growth. Stop growing government by taking money from the many and bestowing it on a chosen few. Return surpluses to the taxpayer. Michigan taxpayers have been promised an income tax cut for years and those promises have continued to be broken. As governor I would cut to eliminate the state income tax. Putting money where it belongs in the private sector will stimulate investment and create more jobs. It will give workers an incentive to produce more because they can keep more of what they earn.</p>
<p>MARK McFARLIN, U.S. Taxpayers Running Mate: Richard Mendoza</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>

Governor - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Four Year Term (Cont.)

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<p>PAUL HOMENIUK, Green Running Mate: Candace R. Caveny Campaign Website: http://www.paulhomeniuk.org/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/paulhomeniukforgovernor Occupation / Current Position: Founder & owner of Practical Education Solutions, LLC. Part-time instructor at Washtenaw CC Education: Grand Valley State Colleges - Earth Sciences Qualifications / Experience: A varied career working in education and business that includes multiple start-up companies, Marketing, Education Director for Junior Achievement, Instructor at LCC and through them Eaton ISD as well as WCC. Visit my website and click on the picture of me and you can learn more than this space allows.</p>	<p>Education, Infrastructure and Jobs. The truth is I picked these because they are on people's minds and they have a profound effect on nearly every area of Michigan's challenges. There are no issues in a free society that you can "solve" independent of each other as though you are moving down a checklist. Anyone that tells you otherwise is lying. We need to reform our entire tax system not just raise taxes. We need to focus on jobs already in Michigan and small businesses in our communities that actually create jobs here. We need to lower the cost of college and prepare our K-12 students better. They are all connected</p>	<p>We need to return control of our schools back to the local communities. When you tell our educators; you must use this curriculum, and teach it this way or you will not get the money you need, innovation, creativity, and learning go out the window. It is diversity of ideas that educate people. When they are good ones they will be rapidly copied without anyone having to tell them to. We need to reclaim the billion dollars a year going to charter schools whose only innovations are new ways to profit. We need to address the societal issues that hurt children's education as a united people, not put it all on the schools.</p>	<p>We have to quit weakening the Free Enterprise system with corporate welfare. Support the small, local businesses that create most jobs. They do not want a corporate hand-out just access to small amounts of capital. We need to create opportunity for the long term unemployed not pretend they no longer exist once they fall off our spreadsheets. We need to recognize that we have a consumer driven economy and when you allow companies to shift to part-time jobs you harm the workers and the economy. Start from zero and design and build a tax system that is fair, equitable, and able to address the people's priorities.</p>

Secretary of State – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term

Duties: Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state's official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal.

Qualifications: Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office.

Term: 4 years - he/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<p><i>Biographical Info</i></p>	<p><i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.</i></p>	<p><i>What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?</i></p>	<p><i>What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?</i></p>
<p>RUTH JOHNSON, Republican Campaign Website: www.rj4mi.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ruthjohnsonsos/ Occupation / Current Position: Michigan's Secretary of State Education: Bachelors from Oakland University; Masters from Wayne State University</p>	<p>I want to continue to build on our success increasing access to the ballot box while securing Michigan elections, fighting fraud and delivering faster, more convenient service. Our accomplishments include: More transparency and tougher rules for campaign reporting; the first-ever post-election audits; help for veterans; historic expansion of organ donor rolls (27% to 48%); tripling online services and an appointment system in our busiest branches. We've done this despite budget cuts and having 25% less staff than a decade 10 years ago. Michiganians deserve the best possible service at the lowest possible price.</p>	<p>Michigan, with a 98% voter registration rate, was recently named No. 1 in the country for registering voters through our office. We were also named 6th highest in election administration. We engage voters with college registration drives, by offering registration to new citizens and asking eligible voters at our counters. I support no-reason absentee voting and online registration for convenience and access, but only when it is paired with tested, secure technology to ensure integrity. America works best when every eligible voter, who has a right and a responsibility to vote, casts a ballot on Election Day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve service. Today customers have more options, 24/7 service, shorter lines and a better experience, thanks to technology, training and our partnerships. We've looked hard at our operations. I'm proud of my staff. • Continue to protect consumers against fraud, including costly auto insurance scams. We reduced fraudulent/invalid certificates by more than half by working with police and more staff training. • Continue to work for elections that are convenient and secure as possible. I've successfully pushed for more transparency, tougher reporting and online training for 38,000 poll workers.
<p>GODFREY DILLARD, Democrat Campaign Website: godfreydillard.com Facebook Page: Godfrey Dillard Occupation / Current Position: Attorney; Principal, Law Offices of Godfrey Dillard Education: BA, Philosophy Eastern Michigan JD, Univ. of Michigan MA, International Affairs, George Washington Univ.</p>	<p>I am an attorney with over 40 years of civil, criminal, international, litigation and transactional experience. I have executive and management experience as Deputy Counsel General at an overseas Consulate General of the US; general counsel for a million dollar non-profit health agency; and project director for an educational development totaling 40 million dollars. I am running to enhance the fundamental right to vote by increasing voter participation at the ballot box, improve enforcement of campaign financing laws, protect the data of citizens, reduces fees and improve the quality of SOS services.</p>	<p>Currently, the SOS's budget only allocates 3% (\$7 million) of its total budget of \$224 million to elections. This is totally inadequate to improve the access to voting. I will lobby the legislature to authorize absentee ballot voting for any reason; institute voting pilot programs to evaluate voting by mail, early, same day voting and registration proposals, etc.; improve services for seniors and the physically challenged; improve SOS private data protection and audit current technology and voting machines to ensure authenticity of the vote,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase voter participation at the ballot box with increased funding allocations to election operations; 2. increase enforcement of campaign financing laws with additional funding and 3. reduce fees paid by the public via an across-the-board assessment of the necessity of current SOS fee schedules. Funding will come from decreases in the Legal Services and Executive Direction Divisions. I will improve election support services with increased employee training and outreach to citizens. Finally, I want to implement a super center concept, which will provide additional capacity and reduce wait times.

Secretary of State – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>What changes, if any, should be made to ensure that all eligible Michigan voters have the opportunity and the access to vote?</i>	<i>What would be your top three priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?</i>
<p>JAMES LEWIS, Libertarian Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/James-Lewis-for-Secretary-of-State/153606294653979 Occupation / Current Position: Printer/ Production Supervisor at Cascade Printing and Graphics in Grand Rapids. Education: Graduate Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. Attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Western Michigan University.</p>	<p>15 years supervisory experience in the private sector. Volunteer and leader in many community, educational, religious and fraternal organizations over the years. Running for Secretary of State to ensure that all candidates and parties are treated fairly and equally in Michigan, and to give voters a pro individual liberty choice on the ballot.</p>	<p>Expand time frame for elections. End the practice of only having one day to vote in Michigan. Remove all restrictions on eligibility for absentee ballots. Have minimum thresholds for participation so small groups can't dictate tax policies. Many times poorly publicized tax votes result in only those benefiting from the increase turning out to vote. A new tax should only be approved if a minimum number of voters participated in the vote.</p>	<p>As Secretary of State I would lobby the state legislature to make the following changes to election law. 1) Elections are an essential part of our civil society- Too important to restrict to a 12 hour window. Adopt a 30 day election window where voters can either vote anytime at their city or township office or, on the last day at the regular polling locations. 2) Every voter in Michigan should have the option to receive an absentee ballot by mail and shouldn't need any reason for selecting that option. End all eligibility requirements for absentee ballots. 3) Adopt a minimum 15% voter turnout for any tax increase.</p>
<p>ROBERT GALE, U.S. Taxpayers Occupation / Current Position: Self employed businessman Education: I attended MCC and MSU</p>	<p>I am successful self employed business man in the private sector with a background in management. Unlike my Republican opponent, I am not a career politician. The dismal policies of this bobble head are a disgrace, as are the stale ideas of the Republican party whom she serves.</p>	<p>All current policies and procedures will all be put under review.</p>	<p>My main objective as Michigan's New Secretary of State is to dismantle, abolish and privatize the SOS office as it is known today. The SOS office is too costly for us the taxpayers, and the service is pathetic. The sun will set on the SOS office as I propose to completely privatize it. Career politicians and special interest groups will be on the run, as the SOS office is privatized saving us the taxpayers millions of wasted dollars and improving everything.</p>
<p>JASON ROBERT GATTIES, Natural Law Campaign Website: http://www.gatties.org Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/votegatties Occupation / Current Position: Freelance Writer & Security Consultant Education: St. Joseph Senior High School - 1994</p>	<p>The Secretary of State's office should become modernized and streamlined. As a former small business manager, I was able to do exactly that, streamline and modernize what was a very out dated security guard company. Democrat? Republican? Why should that matter when it comes to this position? I think it's time we bring common sense back to the office, which can only be accomplished by voting for a third party candidate who will not be influenced by either major party.</p>	<p>I'm a proponent of Election Day voter registration. Last year, I was unable to vote in our municipal elections due to the fact that I moved after the registration cutoff date. My voice didn't matter and I know I'm not a lone. Every year, this happens to many Michigan voters and I feel everyone's voice should be heard on election day. Voter turn out in the nine states that allows Election Day Registration have shown an increase in voter turn out. Modern technology would allow poll workers to register voters on the spot with a few simple strokes of a computer keyboard.</p>	<p>Election Day Registration: This would need to happen via our legislators in Lansing, but I would attempt to influence this change. If that failed, I would call on a citizens referendum and bring this to a vote in a future election. License Plate Fees: I would advocate Michigan revert back to a fee system based on the weight of the vehicle instead of the current system None of the Above: I would advocate that Michigan voters have the option to vote "None of the Above" in election in the State of Michigan. If "None of the Above" wins, a special election should be called with a brand new slate of candidates.</p>

Michigan Attorney General - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Four Year Term

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the State of Michigan.

Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office.

Term: 4 years - He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?</i>
<p>BILL SCHUETTE, Republican Campaign Website: Please visit my campaign website at www.BillSchuette.com Facebook Page: You can visit my Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/Bill-Schuette or my Twitter @SchuetteOnDuty. Occupation / Current Position: Proudly serving as a Voice for Victims as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General. Education: Graduated cum laude from Georgetown with a Bachelor of Science in the Foreign Service. Studied at University of Aberdeen in Scotland before earning my law degree from the University of San Francisco</p>	<p>No candidate for attorney general has had a greater breadth of experience. Following service as a congressman, state senator, director of the Department of Agriculture and judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, I have served with honor as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General for nearly four years. I feel now, as I did four years ago, that public safety in Michigan must be improved for Michigan to move forward and that is why I am running for reelection as your Attorney General.</p>	<p>As Michigan's chief law enforcement officer, my priority is public safety and serving as a voice for the victims of crime, and the constitution. We must increase the number of police by at least 1,000, keep violent criminals behind bars, stop the scourge of human trafficking and ensure the testing and prosecution of abandoned rape DNA evidence kits in Michigan. Defending our constitution is part of the oath I took and I have fought to do so, including protecting the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the equal admission clause and the pensions of public safety officers, and will do so in the future.</p>	<p>Being careful about any revisit of sentencing guidelines. The safety of our streets and schools is key to our recovery. And, we must continue to secure justice for victims and their families. Victims were made a promise by the criminal justice system that those who were convicted of crimes would kept behind bars. Second, the legislature should increase the number of police. We remain thousands of officers short compared to a few years ago and this has repercussions for public safety, longer 911 response times, a feeling that criminals can act with impunity, but also in fewer crimes being discovered or reported.</p>

Michigan Attorney General - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Four Year Term (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney-General and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>Which advisory and enforcement responsibilities of the Attorney General's office will need the most attention and resources in the next four years, and how would you address them?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you make to the State Legislature for improving the administration of justice in Michigan?</i>
<p>MARK TOTTEN, Democrat Campaign Website: www.marktotten.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/electmarktotten Occupation / Current Position: Prof. at MSU College of Law. Former Federal Prosecutor, U.S. Appeals Court clerk, Justice Dept. Atty Education: Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and Ph.D in Ethics from Yale University.</p>	<p>I'm running because Michigan families deserve an Attorney General who will protect them from crime – street crime as well as economic crimes – and never let partisan interests get in the way. For the past four years we've lost our way, as the office has waged one extreme partisan crusade after another leaving every family less safe. As a prosecutor I protected the public from armed criminals, women from domestic abusers, children from sexual predators, and seniors from predatory lenders. As Attorney General I'll focus on what matters most: taking on the criminals and powerful interests that threaten our families.</p>	<p>As a prosecutor I helped strengthen the law against child predators and I'll work to make sure kids are safe. I will go after sex offenders who fail to register and aggressively prosecute crimes against kids. I'll take on corporations that profit while harming Michigan families. When corporations pay women less than men they'll answer to me. I'll fight to overturn the law – passed by my opponent – that leaves victims powerless if they are harmed or killed by defective medicine. I'll lead the charge to strengthen consumer protection laws. I'll protect our Great Lakes, holding corporate polluters accountable.</p>	<p>As AG I will work with the legislature to protect families. I will prioritize repealing the law, passed by my opponent, which leaves victims helpless when they are harmed or killed by defective prescription drugs. This law was a handout to pharmaceutical companies and has left every family less safe. I will also lead the fight to restore the MI Consumer Protection Act, This once strong law signed by Governor Milliken was gutted by the courts and my opponent has refused to defend it, leaving every family less safe. I will partner with the legislature to strengthen laws that protect kids against internet crimes.</p>
<p>JUSTIN M. ALTMAN, Libertarian Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/AltmanForAG Occupation / Current Position: General Practice Attorney, Sole Practitioner Education: B.S. and M.S. from The University of Michigan; J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law.</p>	<p>I have a philosophical commitment to protecting people's rights against private and public intrusion. I am running because people are agreeing with these conclusions more and more every day. I am running to give those people exposure to resources that go beyond electoral politics.</p>	<p>I don't know. No one does. Any candidate for any office that pretends to know what needs the most attention and resources over the next four years would be founding businesses and community funded cooperative projects, not running for office. That being said, the important issues in these tough economic times are based on returning power to the people of Michigan by reducing state burdens that prevent new businesses from growing, creating jobs, and evolving the market to more sustainable and efficient configurations. If a person is not infringing the rights of others, there is no need for interference by the State.</p>	<p>Stop trying to design to provision of an essential service. Entrepreneurs serve an important role in finding better ways of doing everything. Administering justice is no different. Any top-down design can't meet the evolving needs of a population of 10 million people who each have different needs in the area of justice. I leave it to those running for legislature to devise a system that appeases partisan interests while also taking steps to allow individual's needs for justice to be met.</p>
<p>GERALD T. VAN SICKLE, U.S. Taxpayers Campaign Website: ustpm.org Occupation / Current Position: Machanic</p>	<p>1> I'm not an attorney. 2> I'm not a politician. We need people that are connected with the people in all elected offices and not just Big business. The State government must have an understanding the fight families are having, and as Attorney General I would focus on removing the State from family matters</p>	<p>Our judicial system has become a gigantic revenue generation system and justice has taken a back seat to money. I would look at different ways to fund the court system .I would bring a more common sense approach to the way people that fall in to the system are processed.</p>	<p>Look at way to get back to common law, and restructure the way the court system is funded.</p>
<p>JOHN ANTHONY LA PIETRA, Green Campaign Website: (My campaign's Web presence is on Facebook; no separate Website at this time.) Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/jalp4thePeople Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, solo practice; focus on Constitutional/civil rights (also document review, esp. Japanese). Education: BA cum laude, Macalester College (St. Paul), 1978; major: planning/public administration. JD cum laude, Cooley Law School, 2008; concentrations: administrative law & Constitutional law/civil rights.</p>	<p>I've worked 6 years as an attorney, with a focus on civil rights – and 10 years each in government, non-profit, and private sectors. I've learned to manage a budget on the "bohemian easy-payment plan": 100% down, \$0/month. I know government should be businesslike, but it's not a business. And anyone who puts law and order before justice has it wrong: justice comes first – and it comes from balancing rights and protecting against wrongs. I'm running to make Michigan's Attorney General the top attorney FOR THE PEOPLE. (And I'm already doing the job that way; see the Benton Harbor recall case on my Facebook page.)</p>	<p>Michigan's Constitution starts: "All political power is inherent in the people." But those in government have been stealing that power. They've toyed with initiatives and referenda – medical marijuana, wolf hunts, emergency managers, etc. They've insulated themselves from recalls and fair competition. They've changed voting and election rules for their own benefit. But government must be FOR THE PEOPLE. I'll address this by bringing Michigan a court case, State ex rel Ohioans for Fair Districts v Husted, 130 Ohio St 3d 240 (2011), that told Ohio's Legislature to stop weaseling out of listening to the people.</p>	<p>Many government agencies have inspector generals or other ombudspersons. Most often, they watch how public money is spent. That's necessary. But it's not enough. We also need someone to watch how elected officials use the power entrusted to them by the people to bring justice FOR THE PEOPLE. We need independent oversight of county prosecutors, sheriffs, courts, even the Attorney General's office. I pledge to take seriously any credible claim of abuse of power, and I will urge the Legislature to empower and protect citizens who make such claims – so our state will have justice we can trust . . . FOR THE PEOPLE.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution.

Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

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

Term: 6 years

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
<p>TERRI LYNN LAND, Republican Campaign Website: www.terrylynnland.com Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner Education: Bachelor of Arts, Hope College Qualifications / Experience: I am a mom and small business owner. I served as Kent County Clerk for 2 terms and as Michigan Secretary of State from 2003-2011.</p>	<p>My #1 priority is putting the people of Michigan back to work by putting Michigan first. That means reforming the tax code, balancing the budget, paying down the debt and repealing and replacing ObamaCare. First, we need economic growth and job creation. Families and businesses need lower, fairer, simpler taxes. We can hold Washington politicians like Congressman Peters accountable and rein in spending with a Balanced Budget Amendment. Finally, 225,000 Michiganders have lost their health insurance; many more their doctors. By repealing and replacing ObamaCare, we can have the best health care system in the world again</p>	<p>To strengthen the economy, we need to get the federal government out of the way. Taxes are too high, regulations are increasing energy costs and rising education and health care costs are hurting families. To reduce unemployment, we need to free our Michigan job creators from the burdens of Washington overreach. Business owners across Michigan have told me that Washington policies are making it difficult to hire more workers, invest in capital improvements and grow their businesses. I believe we need to strengthen our job-training programs, so our great Michigan workforce can match the demands for the 21st Century.</p>
<p>GARY PETERS, Democrat Campaign Website: www.petersformichigan.com Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative (MI-14) Education: I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alma College. I earned an M.A. from Michigan State University, a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School, and an M.B.A from the University of Detroit, Mercy. Qualifications / Experience: I have served on the Rochester Hills City Council, in the Michigan State Senate, as the Commissioner of the Michigan State Lottery, and I am now in my third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. I also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and held the rank of Lieutenant Commander.</p>	<p>First, my top priority is working to reinvest in Michigan's economy and grow jobs. I will continue to focus on expanding access to capital to small businesses like through my SSBCI program and encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship by expanding R&D tax credits. Second, our economy is only strong when our middle class is strong. I support raising the minimum wage, reforming our tax code to stop giving outsourcers special tax breaks, and making education and skills training affordable. Third, I want to make sure seniors can retire with dignity. I will fight efforts to privatize Social Security and Medicare.</p>	<p>The federal government can grow our economy by increasing small businesses' access to capital and encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation. We should make targeted investments in next-generation manufacturing and infrastructure, roll back outdated regulations, and reform the tax code so it's fair for middle class families and Michigan businesses. We should also work to close the gender-pay gap by passing The Paycheck Fairness Act and raise the federal minimum wage, which has not kept pace with inflation so folks can support their families and save for retirement.</p>
<p>JIM FULNER, Libertarian Campaign Website: http://www.jimfulner.com Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/libertarianJim Occupation / Current Position: Systems Engineer, Automotive Supplier Education: Software Engineering, Oakland Community College, BS Northern Michigan University (2005) Qualifications / Experience: My qualifications stem from my God given Natural Rights and my commitment not to violate yours. I understand the Declaration of Independence and believe it may be time for another. I will not advocate nor initiate force for political nor social gain.</p>	<p>Separation of Marriage and state: The government should treat everyone as individuals whether single, married, gay or straight. Doing so practically eliminates the same sex marriage argument, and liberals and conservatives will eventually agree. End War: The US has no business being the world's policeman. If those in power had to find volunteers to fight and fund their operations, they'd likely find better more peaceful solutions. Promotion and use of Free Software: Using Free Software (www.fsf.org) allows individuals to inspect the source code and verify that what were seeing is really what we are getting.</p>	<p>Many of the problems in today's economy are caused by the privately owned federal reserve, and the laws established to keep away competition. In a libertarian society everything currently provided for by government would likely be better provided by a free market, regardless everything would be funded by either user fees or donations. Short of a libertarian society, I recommend the adoption of the People's Central Bank as defined by Eric WhoRU, funding all four levels of government with interested on loans to private sector borrowers. Interest on your mortgage could be used to fund roads, instead of funding bankers.</p>
<p>RICHARD A. MATKIN, U.S. Taxpayers Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Army (Ret). AIRBORNE! Education: BA University of Detroit Mercy (Summa cum Laude). MA University of Detroit Mercy Qualifications / Experience: Lifetime member of the Jesuit National Honor Society. Lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans. Lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. I have taken the pulse of friend and foe of this great nation under often challenging conditions, I have learned from many of the finest minds in their chosen fields of expertise and what I am sure of is that America is the destination of choice.</p>	<p>1. Education in all its foams. Nothing is more important. 2. National Security. From space defense to border crossings, from cyber security to water treatment plants and the list goes on. This is paramount to any nations survival over time. 3. Quality friends on international issues, we must bind government with chains to the constitution and at all cost confine government to the will of the governed.</p>	<p>This is America, the federal government only needs to be clear with laws and then enjoy the bounty american industry will provide. Strong industry and equity of opportunity in the free markets home and overseas will reduce unemployment and help keep productive employees in house. Compensation should and I believe will go up across the board according to skill set and responsibility.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term

<p>Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.</p> <p>Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.</p>	<p>Term: 6 years</p>		
<p><i>ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?</i></p>	<p><i>MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?</i></p>	<p><i>IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain..</i></p>	<p><i>HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.</i></p>
<p>The high cost of energy has had a dramatic impact on Michigan jobs and the middle class, hurting families and manufacturers. We need more affordable, domestic energy production. I will always oppose oil or gas drilling in or under our Great Lakes, but other states should be able to decide what's best for them. Build the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will create thousands of good-paying jobs; some right here in Michigan. I oppose the Obama EPA's strict new regulations, which will raise energy prices and cost jobs. Michigan energy companies are already making progress on their own. Let's help them, not punish them.</p>	<p>I strongly oppose the Disclose Act, which is a piece of partisan legislation designed to unfairly benefit certain special interest groups. As Michigan's next U.S. Senator, I will support fair, strong and bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation.</p>	<p>As the granddaughter of Dutch immigrants, I understand how important legal immigration is to a strong America. But our immigration system is broken, because President Obama and Congressman Peters have failed to enforce our laws and secure our border, resulting in lost Michigan jobs. As a mom, I'm saddened by our current border crisis. We need to help get these undocumented children back to their parents. We must enforce our immigration laws, make the system more efficient, increase high-tech visas and secure the border. My plan puts Michigan First, protects our middle class jobs and helps Michigan businesses grow.</p>	<p>I support fully repealing ObamaCare and replacing it with market-based reforms to make healthcare less costly and more accessible. President Obama and Congressman Peters promised us that with ObamaCare, our costs would be lowered, we could keep our plan, and we could keep our doctor; yet 225,000 Michigan families lost their health insurance. Many more lost their critical doctor-patient relationship. We must solve these problems. My Michigan First plan includes allowing insurance to be sold across state lines, allowing small businesses to purchase insurance in groups and allowing portable insurance for young workers.</p>
<p>I am confident we can make conservation and jobs a priority so that we are protecting our Great Lakes and expanding our clean energy sector. With our tradition of innovation and our incredible natural resources, Michigan is uniquely positioned to lead the country in securing our energy needs. Our automakers, manufacturers, universities, and our talented workforce can continue to lead in clean energy development and technology to create jobs, reduce greenhouse emissions, and lower costs for consumers. We must continue to invest in clean energy to transform these challenges into an opportunity for Michigan.</p>	<p>I am very concerned about the lack of oversight and accountability stemming from the Citizens United decision. Our nation was founded on the democratic principle that everyone has a vote, but the sheer level of spending from outside parties with interests that clash with the needs of Michiganders can have a corrupting influence on our elections. I strongly support improving transparency in campaign spending and I helped introduce the DISCLOSE Act. I am a cosponsor of the Fair Elections Now Act and the Government By the People Act, both of which take steps to empower more Americans and democratize political campaigns.</p>	<p>We need to find a responsible way to fix our immigration system and protect national security. I support bipartisan solutions to comprehensive immigration reform like the proposal that passed the U.S. Senate last year, and I was proud to vote for the DREAM Act. Border officials need to have the tools to secure our borders and crack down on illegal immigration, and employers should be able to attract the best and the brightest from all over the world. I also believe undocumented immigrants can have the opportunity to earn citizenship if they are willing to go to the back of the line, pay taxes, and learn English.</p>	<p>The ACA takes an important step to ensure people have access to affordable, quality health care, and now we should focus on improving the law so it works for Michigan. I'm proud of new consumer protections that stop discriminatory practices and close the Medicare donut hole. After hearing folks' frustrations, I worked to support bipartisan, common-sense ways to fix the implementation process. In addition, I proposed The Small Business Insurance Affordability Act to expand tax credits for small businesses. In the Senate, I will continue to work to overcome politics, move forward on health reform and protect Medicare.</p>
<p>Most everyone wants clean air. Private property rights are the key to achieving such. The largest polluter is the U.S. Government, yet its illegal to sue them. Allowing individuals who own the water, and land that are touched by our air to hold responsible all: governments, corporations, and individuals, who pollute on a dollar for dollar basis will force these polluters to change their ways. Current legislation attempting to do so always includes caveats for job-producers and others already in existence, leading to further problems not only caused by those that already pollute, also stopping new market competition.</p>	<p>I highly encourage voluntary disclosure. Most voters would want to know which people support a candidate or committee that they are interested in, and it would be in the benefit of most to allow others to opt in to such a program (and the opt out of such used against them by their political opponents). However, requiring disclosure can be detrimental to free speech. For example, if a group of workers is trying to unionize their shop, and makes large contributions to political organizations that support such, disclosure can cause these folks to lose their job before their dream becomes a reality.</p>	<p>It is immoral to treat individuals differently based on what side of an artificial line used to control people one happens to have been born. If elected I would work across the aisle to make it as easy as possible for people to come to the nation legally. So-called illegal aliens risk their life to get to the U.S. and stay away from services they are paying for in hopes of not being caught being here. I understand those who would like to see the welfare state downsized before loosening immigration policy, but lives are at stake. Jesus taught us to welcome the visitor and care for him, I will do all I can to that end.</p>	<p>The government struggles to even take care of our roads, why would we invite them to take care of our health? The U.S. has a sick care system, not a health care system, because we aren't focused on preventative care. In order to achieve a true health care system, we must open the market and allow competition. Providers should share their prices prior to services being rendered, so consumers can make better more informed choices. It wasn't that long ago that health insurance didn't exist, doctors still made house calls, almost no one went bankrupt paying their health care bills, and neighbors helped voluntarily.</p>
<p>This is when our best and brightest can and should excel, protecting our health and natural resources while at the same time using our nations geographical assets is a fine line that truly must be respected and utilized to the fullest extent. Only the most skilled can maximize this effort and not mis-use or abuse what has been freely provided to this in my opinion greatest nation on the planet.</p>	<p>Yes, simply for accountability.</p>	<p>We have an immigration system that is second to none, no more laws needed only quality enforcement of what is already in place.</p>	<p>I utilize the VA system and when procedure is followed it has met most of my expectations. VA is a large federal health system that has many of the same challenges as many large organizations, as will the entire federal health care program, we as a consumer must be vigilant and keep those paid to work for us accountable for their actions.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
<p>CHRIS WAHMHOFF, Green Campaign Website: Wahmhoffsenate.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/chris.wahmhoff Occupation / Current Position: I currently work for A+ Nursing as a home health aide, in Kalamazoo county Education: I have a large Arts and Psychology majored education. Through employment I have taken numerous , proficiency, healthcare and legal documentation trainings as my work is funded by legislation Qualifications / Experience: I have over 15 years in healthcare and social services, I also have been active in my community putting in 40 plus hours a week into local and community efforts. I feel what is important as a politician is to listen and serve. I feel I have an exceeding level of experience at these 2 components of this position. I also have seen how 1 law can cost 1000's essential services. I believe I am ready</p>	<p>Money out of Politics and more importantly campaigns - I feel as though the root of all our branches of problems stem from money in campaigns and politics. To combat this I have chosen to donate any incoming campaign money to help stop gang violence in my home neighborhood of Edison. Also if elected to donate my home, and any wages surpassing the MI poverty level. I have challenged other candidates to also take both steps, because I believe it will take people of conviction to stop corporate corruption. 2nd: Transitioning from fossil fuels (see energy) 3rd: Cutting corporate welfare (see economy)</p>	<p>Cutting Corporate welfare is the most effective step we can take for our economy. The disparity of wealth has grown in this country to the point that 95% of our new sector growth from 09-12 went to the top 1%. Over 30 companies like DTE, GE, Verizon, and the NFL pay no taxes and get billions in subsidies. Banks that were bailed out in 08 are 33% larger after doubling our nations debt and gave out 26 billion in bonuses in 2013 (more then every federal annual minimum wage salary combined), most of these companies pay both major parties and receive no sincere accountability. Accountability must be our 1st step</p>

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

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Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.
Term: 2 years

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>ECONOMY: What should the federal government do to strengthen the national economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
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<p>MIKE BISHOP, Republican Campaign Website: www.electmikebishop.com Occupation / Current Position: Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, International Bancard Corporation Education: Juris Doctorate of Law – Michigan State University DCL (1993) B.A. in History/Psychology – University of Michigan (1989) Real Estate Broker's License – Curry Management Institute (1994) Qualifications / Experience: Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel – International Bancard Corporation (2013 – present) Senior Attorney – Clark Hill PLC (2011 – 2012) Adjunct Professor of Law – Thomas M. Cooley Law School (2011 – present) Senior Attorney – Simon, Galasso & Frantz, PLC (2004-2010) Senior Attorney – Booth Patterson PC (1993-2004) MI House of Representatives (1998-2003) Michigan Senate (2003-2011)</p>	<p>Healthcare - The number one concern on the minds of families and businesses in the district is the rising cost of healthcare. We need to work on reforms that will make healthcare affordable and accessible, and not by mandating a government-managed marketplace. Jobs - My top priority is getting Michigan's economy moving again so the private sector can create jobs. I believe one of the biggest challenges facing Michigan is uncertainty. Debt and Deficit - Its time to stop the out-of-control spending policies in Washington, D.C. and halt government expansion. We need to curb spending and begin paying down our debt.</p>	<p>I believe that the fiscal policies of Washington, D.C. are out of control. I do not think the massive expansion of government and huge amount of new debt American taxpayers have been forced to take on in recent years will help our economy grow or create jobs. The President's fiscal policies have paved the way for unsustainable spending in Washington while borrowing even more from countries like China. The first step to economic recovery is to stop out-of-control spending and begin to pay down the deficit and the debt so employers in Michigan and across America can borrow the money they need to grow and create jobs.</p>
<p>ERIC SCHERTZING, Democrat Campaign Website: www.ericforcongress.com Occupation / Current Position: Ingham County Treasurer and Land Bank Chair Education: Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University's James Madison College (JMCD '85) and a Masters of Public Administration from Western Michigan University ('00). Qualifications / Experience: Eric has been Ingham County Treasurer since 2000. Prior he served 8 years as Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner and 9 years as Special Assistant to Congressman Bob Carr (D-MI). In 2005, Eric led the creation of the Ingham County Land Bank, the second in Michigan, and serves as Chair. He is a leader in the tri-county area for foreclosure prevention and consumer financial literacy.</p>	<p>One, we need to invest in our nation's infrastructure—our roads, bridges, schools—all the building blocks our economy and prosperity depend on. Two, we need to address college affordability crisis and rein in student loans that stop young people from buying houses and achieving the American Dream. Three, we need to strengthen Social Security, which is the bedrock of security for our seniors, now and in the future.</p>	<p>Women deserve equal pay for equal work. I also believe we need to raise the federal minimum wage, which has not kept pace with the rate of inflation over time. Work should pay enough to keep people out of poverty. I support a tax structure that incentivizes companies that keep jobs in America—not outsourcing jobs overseas. And we need to invest in infrastructure that supports our economy and leads to strong growth—a great education system for our kids is part of that. Right now the system favors Wall Street and the ultra-wealthy, and that's wrong. I will always fight for Michigan workers and families.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term (Cont.)

<i>ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?</i>	<i>MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?</i>	<i>IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain..</i>	<i>HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.</i>
<p>Transition is essential to get away from short term investments we are told are sustainable. A pipeline running under the straits of Mackinac can spill 1.5 million gallons of oil in 8 minutes by the owning company Enbridge's own admission. A spill would cost us 20% of the entire worlds fresh water supply. New gas fracking methods used over 22 million gallons of water in Kalkaska. Transitioning to existing models like high speed solar trains used in Europe, and localizing industrial hemp that has the adaptability of an estimated 30,000 industrial products would create a new local focused industrial revolution</p>	<p>I believe all politicians should work for minimum/poverty wage I support the Disclose act, but feel there must be a moral precedence taken in politics to realistically change the land scape of a government that is more up for auction then vote. 20 year studies from Princeton and other universities have boldly said we are not a democracy based on the influence of power and legislative representation in our laws and government . Countless other Universities, articles, and legislative and economic minds and reaffirmed these statements. We need a moral change in Washington for a legislative one to take effect</p>	<p>I feel immigration is something that must be addressed, while I feel the large scale answer will require work. structural changes to I.C.E are paramount. Michigan is seeing an increase of gang violence from cartels that ultimately come from the lack of security and accountability from programs like Fast and Furious as arms, and drug deals our government continues to build with out worth weight convictions. This is the area I would like to see enforced and families allowed to fill out required paperwork and payment plans for expiring visa's. Allowing families to stay together and Citizens to get increased funding</p>	<p>I feel the AFA was a band aid approach to appease Insurance companies, I want to see universal healthcare that focuses on preventative holistic medicines, and restrictions put on pharmaceutical sponsorships with hospitals and doctors. Sliding scale rates pending amount of exercise, diet tracking, and check ups would give multiple levels of incentive for ever sector of our population to live a healthier approach. Further more I would demand the labeling of GMO's and double blind studies on the health effects of most chemicals used in industrial food operations. pushing for local farming. as it is related to health.</p>

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

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<p>I believe we must do much more to expand all sources of American energy and create an all-of-the-above energy policy. While the debate over energy issues has often been heated, I believe that it also presents an opportunity for America to innovate, rather than regulate, our way to a cleaner more secure and affordable energy future. We must have a new energy policy in this country that focuses on safely using American innovation and American natural resources to create millions of jobs, bring down the cost of energy and make America independent from overseas oil.</p>	<p>I do not support the Disclose Act, simply as a matter of fairness. I wholeheartedly agree we need campaign finance reform. However, for whatever reason, there has not been the political will in Washington DC to get done what needs to get done. I bring up fairness because this version of the Disclose Act, like the first version, still has exemptions. Organizations that meet certain criteria in terms of membership and the number of states in which they operate would not have to disclose their donors. To me, this is not acceptable. Disclosure must be across the board, with no exceptions.</p>	<p>I believe that Congress must take action to address our failing immigration system. It is evident that we have a broken system that undermines existing laws and threatens our national security. It is time to replace ineffective policies with real reforms. I believe this requires a massive response that allows America to control its own borders, reform federal work laws, and provide local law enforcement with the resources they need to protect local communities. We can and must do better to improve our legal immigration system for future generations. I will not support any measure that threatens our national security.</p>	<p>The number one health care concern on the minds of families and small businesses is the rising cost of health care. Congress should begin working on step-by-step, bipartisan solutions that would actually lower healthcare costs. These solutions include expanding access to Health Savings Accounts, and allowing small businesses to pool resources to purchase health insurance for their employees. We should do this not by mandating an expensive government-managed marketplace, but by forcing insurers to actually compete for their customers in the open marketplace, across state lines much like we do now for auto insurance.</p>
<p>Our biggest priorities should be improving energy efficiency and investing in renewable energy sources like wind and solar. Those investments will make us more energy secure and keep prices down long-term. We have no more important responsibility to our children and grandchildren than protecting the water, air and land we all depend on to live healthy lives.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe in transparency in campaign financing. People have a sense that the system is rigged against them, and how can they know unless we can see who's funding what? Washington is dysfunctional, and a big reason for that is Republicans in Congress putting themselves and their special-interest campaign contributors ahead of average Americans. They say "sunlight is the best disinfectant"—what's been going on in Washington could use a lot more sunlight.</p>	<p>As with almost any of the big issues facing us, this Congress has failed to act. I will look for a bipartisan solution that strengthens our border security and that makes absolutely sure that those who broke the law pay a penalty, learn English and go to the back of the line. We need to modernize our immigration policy to strengthen the economy and keep families together.</p>	<p>It is my priority that folks have access to high quality, affordable healthcare. If you have a doctor you like, you should be able to see that doctor. If you have a pre-existing condition, that shouldn't prevent you from obtaining affordable insurance. I think it's great that kids can stay on their parents' insurance until they're 26. The rollout of the affordable care act was frustrating and disappointing, but what we cannot do is go backward with repeal and put the insurance companies back in charge. I will work with both sides on fixes that can lower costs and improve access.</p>

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JAMES WEEKS II, *Libertarian*

Campaign Website: www.JamesWeeksII.com
Facebook Page: fb.com/JamesWeeksII
Occupation / Current Position: Vocalist
Education: A.A.S. in Information Technology

1. Declare the debt odious debt. 2. Eliminate all military spending. 3. Eliminate the income tax.

In order to solve the issue of the debt, which would strengthen the economy, we need to declare the debt odious debt. then in order to reduce unemployment and address the wealth gap we would need to abolish all intellectual "property" laws, end all corporate protections and limited liability, and end all barriers to entry for worker owned cooperatives and sole proprietorships to be formed.

JIM CASHA, *Green*

Campaign Website: www.CashaforCongress.us
Occupation / Current Position: Abolitionist/Activist & Candidate for Congress. Construction Inspector.
Education: B.S Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Detroit

Qualifications / Experience: I have been advocating in Lansing and Washington for the abolition of the practice of neglecting mentally disabled children affected by prenatal alcohol exposure for 8 yrs. It has been my political education. I now know it can only be done with the help of someone on the inside who cares. I will do it. I build transportation, water and sewer tunnels. I understand the need for infrastructure repairs.

Health Care/Mental Health Care: We waste too much money and cause too much suffering by not having a Single-Payer Universal Health Care System. **Transportation/Infrastructure Funding:** MI is a prime example of what happens when a state fails to fund and deliver public transportation. The feds should not allow this to happen. Increase federal (and state) gas taxes and build a national transportation system that works. **Improved Federal Oversight:** There has been federal oversight over the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (for 37 years!), the Detroit Police Department and MI's foster care system. Did they do any better?

Reduce business taxes – by decreasing their profits! Raise the federal minimum wage to a 'living wage', with cost of living adjustments, so more people can buy Chryslers, Fords and GM's not Ferraris. Provide Universal Health Care reducing this expense on business and providing truly affordable health care for all. Raise federal gas taxes and invest in transportation infrastructure spending creating jobs. Increase taxes on the wealthy and big business and use the money for infrastructure improvements. Increase alcohol taxes and create jobs caring for the children damaged by alcohol. Eliminate abusive tax inversions.

JEREMY BURGESS, *Natural Law*

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Occupation / Current Position: Research and Development Chemist/Engineer
Education: B.S. Biochemistry, M.S. Chemistry, Oakland University

Qualifications / Experience: My background and career revolves around problem solving which is something Congress has been lacking for years. I work in a collaborative environment to solve research and development problems, and this is the kind of collaborative environment we need in Congress. Worked over 10 years in a restaurant so I can relate to both those that are more financially secure and those who have less.

Overseas spending - We need to reduce the amount of money we are sending to foreign governments. Cutting programs at home and sending money to foreign governments is not the best use of American taxpayer money. **Education -** There is something wrong with a system where I can finance a house for a lower interest rate than financing my education. For K-12 education, we need to provide our educators with the tools that they need to do their jobs and then let them do their jobs. **National debt -** We cannot continue to borrow money at the rate that we are. We cannot expect our future generations to pay off our debts.

The federal government should reward companies that increase jobs in America versus in foreign countries. Removing tax breaks for those who send jobs overseas will motivate companies to keep jobs in America. Also, the government needs to increase programs to help people change careers. Giving people better access to programs will allow them to improve upon their income situation. These programs, along with a moderate increase in minimum wage, will help close the income gap for those who want to improve their income situation.

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GEORGE BRIKHO, *Republican*

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Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner/Operator
Education: Sterling Heights High School
Qualifications / Experience: I am a small business owner who understands budgeting and payroll issues. I also understand the concept of customer service and will treat my constituents as customers.

1. Repeal NDAA 2. Work to remove federal gun control legislation 3. Audit the Federal Reserve I believe that many years of progressive politics has created an environment where Washington politicians think it is okay to ignore the United States Constitution. I want to focus on getting rid of unconstitutional laws and return our federal government to constitutional governance.

Our currency is unsound, and I think that is one of the biggest problems with our nation's economy. A stronger dollar would result in a lower cost of crude oil and hopefully a more reasonable price per gallon for gasoline. I think that many United States citizens are not fiscally literate and that is exacerbating the income gap. Fiscal literacy, understanding our dollar, understanding the Federal Reserve, and other things will help our citizens make better decisions and improve our nation's economic health.

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 recession and financial collapse which resulted in the loss of 8.7 million jobs and weakened key sectors like housing and the automotive industry. A slow recovery is underway, but we still have a long-term unemployment crisis, a middle class that is being squeezed, and a lack of attention to vital domestic infrastructure and investment needs. I am also focused on the implementation of health care reform or the Affordable Care Act. This new law has numerous benefits, and I want to ensure that we seek the right improvements as implementation continues.

The growing income gap is not healthy for the country. Individual success is an intrinsic part of our country, but 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. We must re-start the federal emergency unemployment insurance immediately so that 3 million job-seeking Americans aren't left out in the cold. I also support a long-overdue raise in the minimum wage, last adjusted in 2007.

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End all corporate protections that limit the liability of polluters.	No, because we shouldn't have elections. "If voting could change anything they'd make it illegal" - Emma Goldman	I would propose opening the borders.	The elimination of all federal healthcare polices and programs.
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America needs a national energy policy that focuses on the renewable, clean energy of wind, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal. Ban 'fracking'. This is a dangerous practice sure to come back and bite us. Increase the cost of fossil fuels through taxes to provide for technological advances in alternative energy production and to force energy conservation in home construction, fuel efficiency and public transportation (provide subsidies to low income populations). Produce heat and electricity from sewerage. America needs to be the leader in the global push for sustainable energy. Where are our engineers?	Yes. If we can't have true campaign finance reform, then I support disclosure by outside groups and individuals of large campaign contributions and expenditures. What I really support is, the 'Clean Election' reform that provides for, clean, voluntary public financing for local, state and federal elections. This option should be made available to third party candidates as well. We must have clean elections. We must reduce the amount of time and money wasted on unnecessary campaigning and fundraising. We must have a government that represents the people - not big business or just the wealthy.	I am the son of immigrant parents. We need a secure border and be sympathetic and open to the needs of those who want to live in the United States. I cross the U.S./Canadian border frequently. I do not see flocks of children fleeing Canada to live in the U.S. when I cross the border. Why not? Because Canada is a nice place to live. We should have national policies that increase the standard of living in neighboring countries instead of exploiting them and/or destroying their local economies. U.S. foreign policy has caused widespread immigration problems for other countries. I support the Dream Act. Don't punish kids.	More important than fighting over the Affordable Health Care Act is the immediate need to create a nationwide agenda and programs to deal with providing proper prenatal care to all women. This would include providing proper medical care and nutrition with an emphasis on the elimination of prenatal alcohol exposure - the number one cause of cognitive disabilities in North America. Any money spent on this effort will pay extreme dividends in reducing the costs of future health care, education, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse and crime. We need a Single-payer, Universal Health Care System, much like Canada.
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We need to further develop alternative energy resources. This is a national security issue. How many oil exporting countries can you name that we are friendly with? If we build our own energy resources, we can stop sending money to these governments which are generally not our allies. These alternative resources are also better for our environment.	I support the DISCLOSE Act, but only as the first step on a path of campaign finance reform. Corporations are not people and therefore should not be afforded the same rights as people. Furthermore we need to be aware of where the money supporting candidates is coming from. We need to move towards a system where candidates are limited to receiving money from special interest groups in an effort to control the votes of these candidates when they get elected. This keeps the elected official from truly representing the people they are elected to represent.	We need to increase the focus on keeping illegal immigrants out at the point of entry instead of trying to figure out how we are going to deal with them when they arrive in the country. The federal government should be working with the states, not against them, in controlling the influx of illegal immigrants. States should be able to act in regards to illegal immigrants provided that these actions are consistent with federal laws.	Efforts to repeal Obamacare are a poor use of time in Congress due to the fact that President Obama would veto any laws that change Obamacare. Instead, we should wait two years before making any changes. This will allow us to review the law and make any necessary changes after the law has been in place for a couple of years. This will prevent making assessments of the law before we fully understand the positive and negative points. My biggest concern with Obamacare is the amount of money we are spending on this law, money that we as a country do not have.
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Our water, wildlife, and natural resources must be protected. We can reduce pollution without over regulating our businesses. I will promote legislation that balances our economic needs without compromising the safety of the environment. I will also promote legislation to remove fluoride from tap water.	I have not made a final decision on this issue. Political contributions are a First Amendment issue.	My parents immigrated to this country. I support the immigration laws that we have in place and support keeping the families who immigrate to the United States intact.	The Affordable Care Act should be repealed. We have not addressed the cost problems nor improved the delivery of services. Obamacare has become a cash cow for insurance companies. There is something ethically wrong, and I believe unconstitutional, in requiring citizens to purchase expensive and overpriced health insurance policies with the threat of financial penalties if they do not comply.
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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 an extension of the renewable energy tax credit and funding for programs that research technologies to make renewables cost-competitive with traditional sources of energy. Finally, recent improvements in drilling methods mean we are producing more natural gas than ever before, but we need to ensure the environment is protected by requiring the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing.	I support the Disclose Act. Recent court decisions have removed restrictions on some campaign contributions and political expenditures. However, the one thing we should be able to agree on is the disclosure of contributions and expenditures by all who are involved in political spending. Individual federal candidates disclose who contributes to them and how they spend their money - I believe that all entities seeking to influence elections should do the same. The public should know who is behind what ads and what campaigns. 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 unification. It also alters our employment-based immigration system so that it better meets the needs of the U.S. economy while protecting American workers. I also support the DREAM Act 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.	In the four years since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, health care costs have risen at the slowest rate on record. In Michigan alone, more than 272,000 people signed up for health insurance through the federal insurance marketplace, and 142,100 seniors and persons with disabilities have saved on average \$1,001 on prescription medications. We must look for opportunities to improve the ACA as its implementation continues. The small business tax credit may need to be simplified. The consumer protections may need to be enhanced. And how part-time workers are treated under the law may need to be revised.
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<p>GREGORY CRESWELL, <i>Libertarian</i> Campaign Website: 1) gregcreswell.wordpress.com. 2) democracy.com Facebook Page: facebook.com/gregorycreswell Occupation / Current Position: Medical Records Clerk Education: high school grad. class/1975 Qualifications / Experience: A USA citizen, I meet the age qualification (57), I have never been an elected official.</p>	<p>1) Reduce the power, control and confiscatory abilities of federal politicians. 2) Return the USA to the gold/silver standard. 3) Advance, defend and advocate that the federal gov't adhere to the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. My reasons for these 3 are because ..."a [gov't] that puts freedom before equality will get a high degree of both"...</p>	<p>The federal gov't should repeal the 16th amendment, repeal all federal fees, permits, licenses, regulations etc. Also from the start, close down all federal departments created after 1890. And lastly, defend, support etc the free market.</p>
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<p>JOHN V. McDERMOTT, <i>Green</i> Campaign Website: http://electjohnvmdermott.wix.com/electjohnvmdermott Facebook Page: None Occupation / Current Position: None Education: B.A. Accounting M.S.U. 1986, J. D. University Detroit Mercy Law 1994, passed CPA Exam 1991, passed Michigan Bar Exam 1994 Qualifications / Experience: Besides my accounting background and legal education, I was a commercial real estate broker specializing in urban land acquisition. I learned to abstract property titles in large volume. The incidence of fraud in that Detroit market trained me to recognize real estate fraud. I used those skill sets to compile Federal law enforcement personnel's personal involvement in mortgage fraud.</p>	<p>National legislative priorities are 1) to restore the Constitution and Bill of Rights, 2) to create an economic 'New Deal' and a return to well regulated American capitalism, and 3) to clean up our politicized and corrupted Federal law enforcement and Judiciary. If we wish to regain our lost 1st Amendment and Free Press, we must break up the six giant media conglomerates which appear to control over 90% of broadcast media. The Telecomm. Act of 1996, for example, allowed a substantial increase in the number of outlets owned by one owner.</p>	<p>We must again enforce Sherman and Clayton Anti Trust Acts to protect ourselves from predatory oligarchic economic power. We must re-enact Glass Steagall Act to separate commercial and investment banking thereby breaking up 'Too Big to Fail' Banks. We must audit Federal Reserve, repeal the Fed Res Act of 1913 and develop currency policy more consistent with Exec Order 11110 of June 1963. We must repay \$2.7 Trillion borrowed from Social Security Trust. We must declare those US Treasury obligations incurred since the 9/11 false flag coup as being voidable at our option. We must reopen and reevaluate NAFTA and CAFTA.</p>
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<p>DAVE TROTT, <i>Republican</i> Campaign Website: http://www.trottforscongress.com Occupation / Current Position: Chairman & CEO, Trott & Trott, P.C. Education: Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and Juris Doctor from Duke University. Qualifications / Experience: Dave has created and saved 1,800 jobs in Michigan. He has been named one of the "Best and Brightest Under 40" for his expertise in technology, legal affairs and housing by Crain's. Dave serves on the University of Michigan Advisory Board, The Community House Board, Karmanos Cancer Board, Michigan State Building Authority Board of Trustees, and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>The biggest problem facing our country today is the government's burdensome involvement in the private sector. Onerous regulations are stifling job growth and the entrepreneurial spirit that made our country great. My first priority would be to pass and implement patient-centered health care reform that allows for the most important decisions facing a person to be made between them and their doctor. My second priority would be to cut wasteful spending—our debt and deficit are too high. My final priority is to rewrite and simplify the tax code for our hardworking citizens.</p>	<p>The best way to close the income gap is to reinvigorate our economy and create jobs. We need to eliminate the burdensome regulations and barriers that the federal government has imposed on businesses. We need to cut wasteful spending and taxes. Our corporate tax code has the highest tax rate in the world and this has stifled job growth and discouraged new American innovation. The more our private sector is allowed to grow, the more jobs will be created.</p>
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<p>BOBBY McKENZIE, <i>Democrat</i> Campaign Website: www.BobbyForMichigan.com Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives Education: BA Economics, Michigan State University; MA Security Studies, Georgetown University; Visiting Scholar, University of Oxford Qualifications / Experience: For the past fifteen years, I have worked on national and international security, humanitarian intervention, and forced migration in the public and private sectors and academia. Most recently, I served as a Senior Advisor in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Previously, I worked on refugee related issues and taught at Wayne State. I started my career at the CIA.</p>	<p>My top three priorities are expanding public education; protecting Social Security and Medicare; and securing equal pay for equal work and raising the minimum wage. Education ensures a prosperous middle class, and everyone should have access to a quality pre-k through 12th grade public education, as well as higher education without the spectre of crippling debt. Social Security and Medicare are vital programs for our seniors. I will never privatize or voucherize these programs. Finally, all Americans must be guaranteed the right to equal pay and a decent living wage, the future of the middle-class depends on it.</p>	<p>Strengthening the economy must be achieved through job creation, supporting small businesses, and ensuring that workers earn a living wage. The federal government can play a productive role by investing in infrastructure, job training, and technological innovation that will help create jobs. Tax relief programs for small businesses will incentivize employers to retain employees and hire new ones. Furthermore, raising the federal minimum wage will help to close the widening income gap and help middle-class families put money back into the economy.</p>
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<p>Repeal the EPA, enforce the idea/laws that all polluters pay. And completely prosecute those that violate private property rights.</p>	<p>I do not support the "Disclose Act" (from what I know of it). The US Constitution doesn't give the federal gov't the power to restrict free speech of any kind especially political speech. I only support-at this time-immediate disclosure-365 days after the previous election day. I support repealing all campaign donation limits of USA citizens/companies. No one should fear/suffer the acts of retaliations from politicians/gov't.</p>	<p>First repeal the welfare state, it-the nanny state-is a magnet for illegal aliens. End it and they will stop coming. Secondly, use the military to secure the border with complete control of it. Massive and immediate deportation of all illegal aliens is a another good step.</p>	<p>Completely repeal Obama-care, medicare, medicaid and all other socialist programs pertaining to health care. Because the US Constitution doesn't authorize their existence. And every amount a citizens puts into medicare should be returned to them.</p>
<p>The Apollo Alliance Project and the American Enterprise Institute's S. Hayward have each published separate energy policy papers. AAP favored labor through job creation. AEI favored business through tax incentives, financing and Pentagon contracting. However, I do not believe our Federal Government is competent to develop or implement any meaningful energy policy at this time. The proof is the \$500M Solyndra boondoggle and the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill. The Federal Government neither grants money responsibly nor fulfills its regulatory and enforcement duties. We must first overhaul our Federal Government.</p>	<p>The Disclose Act may not have adequate protections against foreign contributions and adequate disclosure of foreign principals. We already have a lack of enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). AIPAC, for example, ought to be required but is not currently required to register as a Foreign Agent within the meaning of the FARA. AIPAC was formed January 1963 to circumvent the November 1962 Order of A.G. RFK that the American Zionist Council, AIPAC's predecessor, register and comply with FARA. FARA facilitates evaluation of the activities of persons in light of their function as a foreign agent.</p>	<p>I support Rep. Candice Miller's recent call to re-open and re-evaluate NAFTA and CAFTA and their relationship to Mexico's and Central America's economic conditions and emigration policies.</p>	<p>I believe USA could afford universal health care. However, the Affordable Care Act is not well considered and is not affordable. ACA's individual mandate is a patently unconstitutional abuse of the Taxing Power. As the Teamsters and UFCW Presidents have written: ACA creates incentive to reduce workers to part time; ACA treats non-profit plans differently than for profit plans; ACA would tax non-profit plans to subsidize for profit plans. We must harness the bargaining power and thrift of each health care consumer. We must also stop the subsidized over-prescription of addictive opiate drugs.</p>

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<p>As Congressman, I will fight to increase our nation's energy exploration off our coasts, as well as in shale oil deposits across the nation. I also believe that projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline will not only provide jobs, but also further increase our economy's access to cheap, abundant energy sources. America has the natural resources to provide businesses and individuals alike with a wide range of inexpensive energy options, and, as Congressman, I will do everything in my power to encourage the growth of that industry.</p>	<p>I believe if a person wishes for their donations to be kept private, the government should respect that limit. I agree with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that an individual should be allowed to participate in the political process and exercise their 1st Amendment rights by donating money to a political cause or candidate.</p>	<p>Securing our nation's borders is of the utmost importance to our national and economic security and must be the first step taken when discussing any immigration reform. Immigration has helped to make our nation the strongest in the world and should continue to be allowed for those that follow the legal process. We must not allow illegal immigrants to have legal status. All immigration processes should follow the law.</p>	<p>Obamacare is a disaster. We need to repeal Obamacare and replace it with patient-centered reforms. Obamacare has already been dubbed the biggest lie of 2013. Promises to lower costs and allow patients to keep their doctors were never kept. As a business owner, I have seen firsthand how the uncertainty surrounding the uncertainty surrounding Obamacare has, and will continue to, negatively affect families, businesses, and taxpayers. As a member of Congress I will be committed to repealing and replacing Obamacare.</p>
<p>I support investing in renewable energy sources and developing clean energy technology. This will not only protect our environment but will create good-paying jobs. I will focus on generating collaborative partnerships between federal agencies, university-based research centers, and the private sector in order to develop effective clean energy technology (e.g., wind, solar, electric, biofuel), environmental preservation initiatives, and public health programs.</p>	<p>I am a strong advocate for campaign finance reform, and I support the Disclose Act because Americans deserve to know who is influencing the outcome of elections. I aim to work with colleagues across the aisle to propose campaign finance reform initiatives to ensure that our democracy is no longer hijacked by wealthy special interests.</p>	<p>Our current immigration system is broken and attempts to fix it have been obstructed by Congress. I support comprehensive immigration reform that includes strengthening our border security and implementing measures to penalize employers who hire undocumented workers.</p>	<p>I will work to refine and strengthen the Affordable Care Act. Healthcare.gov was not ready when it should have been, but we cannot put the insurance companies back in the driver's seat, when those with preexisting conditions – including pregnancies – could not get covered, seniors were paying thousands more for prescriptions, and people lost their coverage when they got sick. Now, young people can remain covered under their parents' policies until they are 26 and can focus on their education and career. I will work to protect these provisions and refine the law so that small businesses can afford to provide coverage.</p>

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JOHN J. TATAR, *Libertarian*

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Occupation / Current Position: retired/ politically active

Education: Command and General Staff graduate 1985 USAR, Wayne State University MS 1984, Wayne State University BS 1970

Qualifications / Experience: I have been politically active for over 30 years. Held various command positions and staff positions in the military, ran my own construction co. I understand what it means to be "de jure" (constitutional) not a "usurper" as many of those holding office are. I am "de jure"! Will the other candidates running for office be able to make that claim?

1. We must secure the borders of this country to keep from destroying our country economically. The influx of illegal immigrants serves no advantage to America, when this country is already dealing with problems at home. 2. Stop all wars on "terror". The war on terror, is no different then the war of poverty or drugs. These wars are never ending, they are a terrible drain on America. The war of terror, is a creation of the renegade politicians in office, the democrats and republicans to keep the American people living in fear. 3. End the federal reserve and return America to a sound constitutional money policy.

See # 1! End the Federal Reserve, a private banking cartel that creates money out of thin air. Return the monetary policy to Congress, holding them accountable for their actions. Make congress act "de jure" and when they do not, they become "usurpers" and all their actions become" null and void". Secure the borders to keep the influx of illegals from flooding our already weekend economy , End all wars! Especially the war on terror, a creation of Washington. Instruct the IRS to enforce the IRS Code "de jure". Reduce government restrictions on private American Citizens allowing them to once again be creative.

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Occupation / Current Position: Author, Sales Associate
Education: Holly High School, College for Creative Studies

Qualifications / Experience: Minister (preaching since 9), missions (since the age of 15), Life Clubs, Clean Teens, National Honors Society, community outreaches, customer service experience, author, entrepreneur, candidate for State Representative

1) Jobs, because I'm from an urban community, and we feel the recession despite reports of turnarounds. I want to build back up our cities and invest in them by supporting plans like Economic Freedom Zones to encourage business to grow. 2) Education, because when I walk door to door and talk to parents, they are terrified for their children's future. Educators are frustrated by new regulations. Students aren't optimistic about their future like our grandparents were. This needs to change. 3) Limiting the government, because we know how to take care of our families and businesses better than a bureaucrat.

Job creation and education is a large responsibility of the individual with a dream and the communities they live in. Government tends to pile on regulations that hinder. I work in retail, and so do most of my sisters. We know that Obamacare causes employers to cut back on hours. When I see tremendous job growth because of the oil boom in North Dakota and continued resistance from our government, I see a problem. Right now, we have a government that would rather put a cap on success than believe in capitalism. They least we can do is keep taxes low so we don't motivate corporations to leave and take jobs overseas.

BRENDA LAWRENCE, *Democrat*

Campaign Website: www.brendalawrence.com , www.twitter.com/mayorlawrence,

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/brendalawrenceforcongress
Occupation / Current Position: Mayor of Southfield 2002-present, retired human resources professional for the federal government

Education: Graduate of Pershing High School in Detroit (my hometown); Graduate of Central Michigan University with a B.A. in Public Administration, Alumnus of Leadership Detroit and Leadership Oakland

Qualifications / Experience: Prior to being elected the first female and first African-American Mayor in Southfield, I served on the Southfield School Board (including as President) and Southfield City Council (including as President). I'm the only candidate who has led a government, balanced budgets and created jobs. I serve on National Conference of Mayors exec. board, was past Nat'l. Assoc. of Democratic Mayors President.

Priority 1: Secure increased federal funding for education, training. Greater support for expanded early childhood development, urban-focused literacy programs, displaced workers training, career and technical schools, community colleges are sorely needed. To achieve those goals, I'll request a seat on the Education & Workforce Committee. Priority 2: Defend Medicare, Social Security and Obamacare. These successful initiatives are under attack. Priority 3: Demand action to end gun violence. I'm a part of Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Sensible gun legislation overdue. We need a proven, progressive leader fighting for us.

: For our cities to foster more job growth, we need regional mass transit and improved transportation. Detroit needs a strong voice advocating for their piece of the funding pie at the federal level, including support of the M-1 Rail project 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 raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. I'll advocate for equal pay for women, advance the Paycheck Fairness Act in Congress.

LEONARD SCHWARTZ, *Libertarian*

Campaign Website: www.LeonardSchwartz.us

Occupation / Current Position: Retired professor of law & economics

Education: BA, Univ. of Chicago; MA, Johns Hopkins U.; JD, Wayne State U. Law School

Qualifications / Experience: My opponents believe they can spend your money & manage your life better than you can. I'm not a busybody. I don't want to spend your money or manage your life. I don't & won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life. I never waste my vote on the lesser of 2 evils.

(1) End the war on herbal medicines, such as marijuana. (2) Reduce & clarify regulations; stop the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate incomprehensible regulations. (3) Avoid conflict. US should intervene in wars & civil wars only if vital to US national security. The conflict between Russia & Ukraine is not vital to US security. Imposing sanctions on Russia harms our economy.

Government bureaucrats impose fines & forfeitures, cancel licenses, and even imprison people who mistakenly violate regulations. Although regulations are voluminous, complicated & vague, ignorance of the law is not considered an excuse. Compliance with the law is a problem for everyone, especially for small businesses. Only Libertarians truly want to reduce & clarify regulations and oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment.

STEPHEN BOYLE, *Green*

Campaign Website: www.boyleformichigan.us

Occupation / Current Position: Community Activist & Freelance web developer

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

<p><i>ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: What steps would you propose to secure America's energy needs while protecting our water, air and land?</i></p>	<p><i>MONEY IN ELECTIONS: Do you support the Disclose Act, which would require disclosure by outside groups of large campaign contributions and expenditures? Why or why not?</i></p>	<p><i>IMMIGRATION: What specific changes, if any, would you propose to current immigration policy? Please explain.</i></p>	<p><i>HEALTH CARE: What changes, if any, should be made to federal health care policies or programs? Please explain.</i></p>
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<p>Hold big corporations who ravish the lands responsible for their actions, and end exemptions of such corporations to the clean water act, Allow oil drilling in America again, uncapping the wells. Develop alternative energy sources without the excessive governmental regulations that hinder such development, thus making energy more expensive. Allow new energy sources such as Nickola Tesla's discoveries now locked away by government regulations which keep the American people dependent on fossil fuels. Allow energy technology to flourish, exposing technologies that have been kept secret for so many years.</p>	<p>YES!! Most of the political elected public servants do not know who they are in office to serve. Therefore most politicians serve big business as well as those that can lobby with the greatest amount of money. The politicians not knowing their "de jure" duties are all "usurping" their authority and serving big business and the Congressional Industrial War Complex, which is counter productive to American and American peoples' interests.</p>	<p>First we must close the borders, Each and every immigrant must follow the procedure legally to come to America. Return all illegal immigrants back to their country regardless of age, Each immigrant must be dealt with on an individual basis.</p>	<p>END OBAMA sick care. Reduce the cost of health (sick care) by teaching alternative ways of living, and eating. This will help keep the American people healthy so they will not have to rely on the medical, pharmaceutical, and chemical industries to keep them well. People are not sick because of a lack of drugs, they are sick because we live in a toxic environment, we are fed GMO, MSG and other food additives; being bombarded by Chem Trails and smart meter that are poison to humans. We must label all foods to identify GMO, organic, non-organic and other ingredients that are present in the products for consumption.</p>
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<p>I think clean energy should be explored and funded, certainly. We can all drive hybrid cars when the market creates a more financially feasible product for individuals and families. However, we have to be energy independent in the meantime. It doesn't make sense to pay our enemies so much for oil when we have an abundance on our own soil. We make them stronger by hurting our families at the gas pump. There are citizens paid NOT to drill by our government. We have safe means of extracting now, but let's pour some environmental money into making it safer rather than flat out hindering ourselves.</p>	<p>I believe the government should be transparent, but people do have a right to privacy. In this social media age where activists bombard companies with negativity and protesting until they fire someone who donated their personal funds to a cause they believed in, I think we may have to draw back. The Disclose Act, as of right now, seems designed to intimidate a donor and stop them from giving rather than an honest attempt at transparency. I'm uncomfortable with that. Considering the government targeting with the IRS scandal, I would urge to side with caution. With that being said, no. I don't as of right now.</p>	<p>First and foremost, national security has to be a priority. Not only do we need to increase our border security but also thoroughly check who is coming into our country. We need health, criminal, and national security background checks. We have to be more effective in retaining the rule of law by strengthening employment verification and employer penalties for those who allow things like unmatched social security numbers to not be reported. We need to encourage high-skill immigration that will benefit our country with jobs instead of preparing immigrants to jump on welfare. Everyone should come expecting to prosper.</p>	<p>Healthcare should be something determined by the free market. The government shouldn't control what healthcare providers offer and consumers should only pay for what they want. Religious and private institutions shouldn't be forced to pay for things that go against their beliefs. But I believe one of the most troubling things about Obamacare is that it requires everyone to face a penalty if they do not have healthcare. This is immoral, but the government got away with it because it's going to be considered as a "tax".</p>
<p>I support President Obama's initiatives to diversify our national energy production, in order to secure our energy future without being so reliant on foreign producers. In Michigan, our environment is a quality of life issue and an economic engine. Our freshwater is critical to our region's success. We need a fighter to protect our Great Lakes. Any efforts to weaken the Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act will be 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.</p>	<p>Yes, I 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, with recent decisions also undermining common-sense campaign finance reforms. Citizens are being drowned out by a small number of big corporations and billionaires. The DISCLOSE Act represents some of the progressive, fresh ideas and approach I would take as our Congresswoman.</p>	<p>Taking steps to improve our immigration process is the right thing to do – and it can have a positive impact on our nation's economy. I support establishing a pathway to citizenship for those already in our country, as well as passing the DREAM Act in Congress. Detroit and our region prospered due, in large part, to the innovation and labor from first- and second-generation Americans. Our next successful phase as a region can be ignited by the innovation and labor of a new generation of immigrants. The diversity in our 14th Congressional District, from Pontiac and West Bloomfield to Detroit and Hamtramck, is amazing.</p>	<p>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 as 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. Since this is a new program and one side of the aisle in Congress never wanted to see exist, let alone succeed, there are needed adjustments that will understandably arise. The most time-sensitive priority for this topic area: correcting flaws in the Veterans Administration health care system.</p>
<p>(1) Reduce the amount of fossil fuels used by the government by reducing government bureaucracies. (2) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay for rebuilding or repairing buildings that are repeatedly damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. Only Libertarians oppose this subsidy.</p>	<p>Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions should likewise be secret.</p>	<p>Immigration policy should focus on people who are a threat to our safety or who want to sponge off our welfare system. Stop wasting taxpayer money trying to keep out honest people who want contribute to our society.</p>	<p>(1) End the war on herbal medicines, such as marijuana. Many people consider herbal medicines gifts from God or prefer herbal medicines as safer, more effective, or less expensive than synthetic drugs. Democrats & Republicans care more about drug company profits than your health or prosperity. (2) Reduce or simplify other regulations that make health care expensive but not safer.</p>
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Michigan Senate— Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term

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Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i>	<i>Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
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Vincent Gregory, Democrat Campaign Website: www.votevincentgregory.com Occupation / Current Position: Michigan State Senator Education: BS Madonna University, criminal Justice Qualifications / Experience: Current State Senator, Former State Representative, and Former Oakland County Commissioner	My three priority areas are, Jobs, infrastructure and education. The number one problem in Michigan overall is unemployment and underemployment. Without jobs we have a burden on our citizens, our communities and our ability to provide services Michigan's citizens deserve. Infrastructure includes but is not limited to transportation, police and fire, government service, and road repair. By spending money to enhance our roads and bridges we are able both to improve our infrastructure and decrease unemployment with meaningful jobs. Education provides citizens with the skills they need to earn a living.	I would support more funding for k-12 by restricting the school aid money to just k-12. Also testing of our students has to be done with a universal test, so we can compare the results of our children's education with the rest of the States. The MEAP has to go, we need another way of measuring the educational learning of our children. Finally, we must invest in pre-school education. A child that starts the educational learning process at three years old has a better chance of graduation, and a better chance to succeed in life.	The widening income gap is occurring nationally, in Michigan the increase in minimum wage will help. The programs that the state can control that will help would be a long term solution to our road and infrastructure problem, since the jobs created will be good paying jobs. A good education system is also needed to give the skills to residents for jobs and we also need a good look at our tax structure. look to see if the very rich and rich are paying their fair share.
James K. Young, Libertarian Campaign Website: www.democracy.com/Jim-Young Facebook Page: none Occupation / Current Position: Retired Chemical Technician, although still work temporary job assignments. Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering Wayne State Univ. Detroit MI May 2005, A.S. Chemical Technology Lawrence Tech. Univ. Southfield MI June 1987, B.S. Business Management Ferris State U. Big Rapids MI May 1984 Qualifications / Experience: I was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1955. I am a U.S. Army veteran, and except for when I was in the Army, I have lived in Michigan all of my life. I served in Missouri, Germany and Texas. I am currently the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County, and I have served in this office since 2011.	My ultimate goal is to eliminate the state income tax, because it is the most intrusive of all taxes. In Fiscal Year 2012, it cost 27.8 billion dollars to run Michigan, with 25 percent coming from state income tax. If we could run Michigan on 21 billion dollars per year, we could do it. It takes budget cutting, my next agenda item. As your state senator, I will be a watchdog for every opportunity to make reductions, so we can all have a state government that is as small and free from unnecessary regulation as possible. I would also like to make it easier to start small businesses in Michigan, to help the economy.	Things are not necessarily made better just simply by throwing more money at them. The real education problem is not a financial one, but a motivational one. Students learn when they absorb knowledge from lectures or reading material. The current system already provides all of these things, so I don't think that we should spend more money on education. Perhaps we can spend even less. The more motivated a student is to learn, the more readily a student will learn. This should even be a positive thing. Students should always be reminded of what a wonderful future they can have with a good education.	With respect to the widening income gap, adjusting minimum wage is not the answer. In Labor Economics generally, the higher the minimum wage, the fewer jobs there will be. The lower the minimum wage, the more jobs there will be. Minimum wage can't be too low, because people have to live on something. We just need to increase overall prosperity. We need more free market solutions to our economy. We need to deregulate business to create more financial flexibility and make business creation easier. I would favor the creation of a state bank. North Dakota is already doing this. It would keep more of our money in Michigan.

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Jim Marleau, Republican Campaign Website: www.jimmarleau.com Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner (Retired) / State Senator Education: Senator Marleau received his degree in business and finance from the University of Toledo and is a certified municipal financial administrator (CMFA) through Central Michigan University. Qualifications / Experience: Senator Marleau has been a businessperson in Michigan for almost 35 years. His experience as a State Senator, State Representative, Orion Township treasurer and member of the local Planning Commission has also contributed greatly to his leadership abilities in attracting job providers to Michigan.	1) Keep Michigan Working: Michigan is the #1 comeback state from the recession. Senator Jim Marleau worked to remove job-killing regulations and attract high-tech jobs to our community. 2) Cut Spending & Right Size Government: A retired small business owner and former treasurer, Senator Jim Marleau works to stop wasteful spending within local, state, and federal government. 3) Invest in Our Community: We pay more than our fair share for roads and schools as Oakland County residents. Senator Jim Marleau works at every opportunity to be sure our investment in Michigan benefits our community.	Senator Marleau is proud to support education with an additional \$490 Million in k-12 and higher education this year alone and \$65 Million in early childhood education to allow 16,000 four-year olds to attend preschool. Recent reforms to teacher tenure ensure we support the teachers who are working hard to educate our children. Senator Marleau also has supported changes in the law allowing for more local control of high school and community college dual enrollment and increased access to cyber-schools.	Senator Marleau knows that Oakland County is the economic engine driving Michigan's comeback. We pay more than our fair share to state government even though Oakland County has the second highest number of low-income residents. The City of Pontiac is the most recent city in Michigan to come back from emergency financial management. Senator Marleau believes rooting out public fraud and chronic overspending is a necessary process which is properly enforced by the state. The minimum wage was recently increased and state homestead tax decreased with Senator Marleau's support.
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<p><i>Biographical Info</i></p>	<p><i>Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i></p>	<p><i>Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i></p>	<p><i>Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i></p>
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<p>Paul Secrest, Democrat Campaign Website: http://paulsecrestforstatesenate.com Occupation / Current Position: Retired-Chrysler Purchasing-Purchased Chrysler's most complex systems-\$300-400 million annual value. Education: BA-History, Economics minor, Teaching degree, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN MBA-Finance, Indiana University Kelly School of Business, Bloomington, IN Qualifications / Experience: The main difference I can bring to the State Senate is that I spent a full career outside of the political arena. Political insiders are necessary for institutional memory, but 37 of 38 State Senators are former State Representatives. My website lists three main and fourteen issues in detail so voters can see exactly where I stand. My positions are a 2% tax and spend increase-all roads.</p>	<p>The items selected are geared towards securing Michigan's promising job outlook which is one of the best in the country. The auto industry is a great anchor industry. Its product wears out and must be replaced. It attracts technology. Three priorities: (1) Strong local control of schools-Competition does not improve K-12 Education. (2) \$.30/gallon tax increase for roads. Oakland County's 2015 road budget decreases by 7%. (3) Propose strongest E-Verify (employers must verify citizenship) in the country. Great Depression-government built National Parks. Great Recession-gov't dependency and lower wages for Americans</p>	<p>This is a very poorly researched question and feeds into those saying Michigan schools are poor and must be changed beyond recognition. It came from a Bridge Magazine article about NAEP scores. This test is not the MEAP test that all Michigan schoolchildren take. NAEP is a national test primarily used to evaluate the Title One (troubled schools)program. 81% of NAEP test takers come from Title One schools. A much better way to evaluate schools is to look at combined ACT/SAT test scores. A study by Deseret News (6/14/12) combining the scores by state showed Michigan ranked 14th in the nation. Per pupil spending-21</p>	<p>(1) Roads-\$.30/gallon tax hike-\$156 for an average motorist-index for inflation (2) Colleges-cost to 1975 inflation adjusted level (3) Health Care-find actual liability cost. (4) Major Cities-work with Mayors (5) Minimum wage-Three tier approach-two are Federal changes (6) Grade inflation-schools should direct career path (7) Car insurance-Adopt Ohio laws (8) Preserving farmland-reserve 75% permanently South of Clare, MI (9) Crime and punishment-should be fair (10) CEO Pay-100% tax-dropped if nation passes a 1,000% tax (11) Government subsidies-Utilities to show renewable cost premium on each monthly bill.</p>
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<p>Marty Knollenberg, Republican Campaign Website: www.martyknollenberg.com Occupation / Current Position: Allstate Insurance Agency Owner Education: Albion College BA, History 1986 Qualifications / Experience: Owner of an Allstate Insurance Agency for 26 years. Former owner of two Coin Laundromats for nine years Oakland County Commissioner 2003-04. Served on Finance, Planning and Building, and General Government Oakland County Parks and Rec. Commissioner 2005-06 State Representative 2007-12. Chaired Banking and Financial Services Committee and served on Transportation, Education, Commerce, New Economy</p>	<p>1. Fix our roads without raising taxes. Improving Michigan starts with improving roads because everything from our commutes, to commerce and tourism is affected by them. 2. Create opportunities for job providers. We all want prosperity and government has a habit of getting in the way. I am committed to reducing government waste and streamlining regulations. 3. Provide the tools for our kids to succeed. We need to make sure every dollar spent on education is used to educate our children in the most efficient manner possible so they not only know the basics, but are prepared to compete on the world's stage.</p>	<p>There is no silver bullet solution and it will take a multitude of concepts to right the ship. First, the basics of reading, writing and math should be mastered at an early age so our children can exceed standards, not struggle to meet them. We must also have effective and consistent teacher evaluations so that both teachers and students know what their expectations are in the classroom. Once clear goals for both teachers and students are aligned, there should be rewards for teachers that show student achievement and students that have demonstrated proficiency should be encouraged to excel.</p>	<p>Our state government can take the lead by continuing to complete balanced budgets on-time, streamlining regulations, and eliminating the practice of picking winners and losers. An on-time balanced budget provides the certainty cities and job providers need to invest in both people and equipment so wages can increase and jobs can grow. Government serves business, business shouldn't exist to serve government. I will make sure it stays out of the way by streamlining regulations so job providers can focus on creating jobs instead of red tape.</p>
<p>Cyndi Peltonen, Democrat Campaign Website: www.cyndi4senate.com Occupation / Current Position: Small business owner, PC Piano; Staff accompanist/ choir coach at International Academy, Okma; Education: Central Michigan University, Master of Science in Public Administration-student Wayne State University, Bachelor of Music, Vocal Music Education (JX) K-12 Qualifications / Experience: I was elected to the Clawson Board of Education five times, serving over twenty years. I have fifteen years of PK-12 teaching experience in both public and independent schools, and I have done some work for charter schools. I am the parent of four grown children, who each have different learning styles and needs. These experiences give me a unique, three-dimensional view of education in Michigan.</p>	<p>1. Adequately fund our comprehensive, community-governed schools - PK-12, Community Colleges, and Universities. Investing in education is vital to Michigan's successful recovery. 2. Restore revenue sharing to our villages, towns and cities. The money returned to our local units of government is 26% lower now than in 2001, resulting in cutbacks in public services. Tax dollars should go to services that benefit those taxpayers. 3. Investing in our infrastructure (roads, bridges, sewers, water lines, power grids) puts people back to work and grows the economy. As they spend their earnings it creates a middle out effect.</p>	<p>Students living in poverty are more likely to have low academic achievement. In 2000, 14% of Michigan's children were living in poverty; by 2012, 25% were in poverty, an increase of almost 80%! Addressing poverty will help ensure ALL children can achieve. Also, we need consensus on the goal of education. Multiple choice tests in core curricula are just one measure of achievement. Employers are looking for communication, teamwork, leadership, creativity, decision-making, initiative, self-awareness, adaptability and flexibility - skills often developed in co-curricular activities, and part of educating the whole child.</p>	<p>"Trickle-down" economics does not work. The \$1.4 billion taken from education funding in 2011 did not create promised jobs. Corporate welfare needs to be eliminated. What does work is a "middle-out" economy. The middle class and working poor create jobs when they are paid enough to purchase goods and services. As they spend more, companies create more jobs, and the economy grows. We must strengthen workers' rights. The influence of big money is corrupting our political system. The desires of those who live off unearned income, take precedence over the needs of those who work. We need to revamp campaign finance laws.</p>

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<p>David B. Robertson <i>Republican</i></p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>
<p>Bobbie C. Walton, Democrat Campaign Website: www.waltonforsenate.com Occupation / Current Position: Advocate for Good Government. Retired Small Business Owner and Government Administrator Education: BS in Political Science MA in Political Science Post-graduate study in computer systems, Income-tax law, and accounting Qualifications / Experience: 5 years with Federal Agency (IRS); 8 years consulting/contracting in government procurement, scheduling and systems analysis (CMS & B. Clayton Walton); 6 years research, writing, editing in automotive/truck safety (Truck Safety News); 8 years administering a legislative office (Montgomery County, MD).</p>	<p>1. Repeal the so-called Right to Work legislation: MI Workers who stand alone have no bargaining power. We need workers with fair wages, job security, and safe workplaces. "Free-riders" hurt other workers by reaping the benefits of negotiated contracts without supporting the cost of administration. 2. Rewrite the legislation creating school choice and procedures for assisting low-performing schools: Our children deserve the best public schools based in their own communities. Accountability is missing. 3. Repeal the pension tax: Retirees are being hit with the impact of tax cuts for corporations. Unfair.</p>	<p>We cannot "punish" schools struggling to educate children living in economic distress. We cannot continue to use public funds to create profits for corporate school management companies. The bottom line must be education, not profit. I would support the creation of a panel of experts who would be charged with mentoring struggling school districts, and I would revisit the way we determine school funding. I would look for best practices from other states, but I would first return to the model of the community-based school. I would treat educators as professionals, expecting, evaluating and rewarding good teaching.</p>	<p>We must improve public schools and our roads so that companies will want to locate in Michigan. We must repeal the laws that have placed further burdens on seniors (pension tax), low income earners (reduced Earned Income Credit), homeowners (Homestead tax), families (child credit), and we must increase the minimum wage to a living wage. When the 90% of people working to maintain a middle class lifestyle have money to spend, the economy benefits and jobs are created. Dollars must circulate, not remain in overseas investments. We must revisit and revamp our state's tax policy and make it progressive, not regressive.</p>

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<p>Mike Kowall <i>Republican</i></p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>
<p>Michael D. Smith, Democrat Campaign Website: www.smithformisenate.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/smithformisenate twitter.com/MSmith4Senate15 Occupation / Current Position: Deputy City Clerk Education: I received my Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from GVSU and my Masters in Public Administration and a Post-Masters Certificate in Local Government Management from Oakland University. Qualifications / Experience: For the past 10 years I have worked for Oakland County and the City of Clawson. I have been involved in budgeting, planning, forecasting, legislative mandates, negotiations, human resource functions, grant research and other local government duties that has given me a wealth of knowledge and experience. I also served as an elected Walled Lake School Board Member from 2011-2013.</p>	<p>I want to bring new and innovative ideas along with real positive solutions to make our education system successful by preparing our students and professionals for the workforce in the fields that drive our economy by focusing on S.T.E.A.M. programs and vocations. I want to help our state recognize equality for all citizens, improve our roads and crumbling infrastructure, and focus on improving our environment by expanding renewable energy sources. Citizens deserve to be represented by someone who will be a voice in Lansing that will work tirelessly, day in and day out to fight for the issues that matter to residents.</p>	<p>Public education is of an utmost importance in our changing world and a quality public education is paramount to the success of our children and our state economy. Our children will be the future educators, doctors, nurses, engineers, artists, and leaders. We need to work together as teachers, parents, and administrators to evaluate our metrics that are being used and to evaluate new processes to increase test scores, through different educational practices and methods. We have a wealth of information at our disposal and we need to implement policies that provide an opportunity for all students to succeed.</p>	<p>We need to provide assistance to help businesses open, expand and move to Michigan. We need to provide a system for graduates from local colleges and universities to stay in Michigan. We need to fight for equity in pay for women and invest in our manufacturing sector. We need to fund work study programs, vocation programs, internships, and incubators to provide students with the experience businesses are looking for in employees. We need to focus on the emerging sectors and increase funding for job training to get people off unemployment and matched with employers that are in need of well-trained employees.</p>

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Duties: The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan 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..

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<p>Greg Dildilian, Republican Campaign Website: www.gregformichigan.com Occupation / Current Position: Self-employed, design - custom cabinetry and furniture. Education: BA Oakland University, Rochester, MI Qualifications / Experience: I have held executive level management positions and feel that my corporate experience lends itself to being an effective legislator. Our state has many challenges. It's going to take serious people who understands the challenges and are willing to work with others to make Michigan a great and prosperous place to live and do business.</p>	<p>My top three state legislative priorities are: Education, Infrastructure and Public Safety. When our children are educated to their best abilities and our neighborhoods are safe and our roads and bridges are the best they can be, then businesses will want to do business in Michigan by opening corporate locations and creating jobs. Our children are the state's asset. Families make our community strong. Good roads lead to commerce. When we have open and free commerce, prosperity will return at all levels of our community. I want to be known as a state legislator that is accessible and accountable to my constituents.</p>	<p>I believe that our administrators and teachers must be accountable. I think districts must have more freedom to allocate their resources the way they see fit so that best practices can be created by individual district needs. Family must be encouraged to participate and must take on the parental responsibility. We must get out of the practice of just meeting standards. Each child is different and each child needs to be encouraged differently to ensure that their maximum potential is reached.</p>	<p>Our citizens have found themselves in the welfare line and not the job line. Our children move out of the state to other localities across the country and around the world because opportunity exists. Michigan was once the manufacturing capital of furniture, automobiles and agriculture. We find that global competition and competition from other states have made Michigan non competitive. An environment must be created so that business will expand and locate here. Tax reform is one way to improve the climate. New jobs equal new tax payers.</p>
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<p>Jim Townsend, Democrat Campaign Website: http://votejim-townsend.com Occupation / Current Position: State Legislator Education: MBA & Master of Public Policy - University of Michigan, BA History with Highest Honors - University of North Carolina Qualifications / Experience: Spent 22 years in public and private sectors, including serving as legislative director to U.S. Representative. Nita Lowey, brand manager for Ford Motor Company's U.S. minivan business, founder and executive director of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance and executive director of the Tourism Economic Development Council for southeast Michigan. Currently serving 2nd term in MI House or Representatives.</p>	<p>The economy remains the number one challenge facing Michigan, so my legislative priorities are focused on policies that have proven to work in other states. 1) Develop talent by investing in pre-K through college education. 2) Attract and retain talented people and entrepreneurs by providing loan forgiveness to college students who commit to staying in our state and policies that welcome all kinds of people to Michigan regardless of race, national origin, religion or sexual orientation. 3) Invest in mass transit and revenue sharing for communities so our cities can become more dense, walkable and attractive.</p>	<p>Michigan's per-capita investment in K-12 education is a fraction of what Minnesota spends. So it's not surprising that that the percentage of Minnesota students deemed college ready is nearly double that of Michigan. I support a Constitutional amendment to prevent the Legislature from raiding the School Aid Fund. We must also elevate the profession of teaching to attract the best and brightest by getting politicians out of the classroom and empowering the profession to establish the nation's highest standards via a state-chartered Bar of Teaching patterned after the learned professions of law and medicine.</p>	<p>Our decades-long policy of trying to grow the economy by shrinking the government via tax cuts has failed. Michigan continues to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation and our ranking on per-capita income has plummeted to 35th. What matters is not the size of government but how much and how well it invests in the people and places of our state. To grow the economy and reduce inequality we must invest in pre-K to college education, transportation and revenue-sharing for communities. To pay for these investments we must require the wealthy to pay their fair share by means of a graduated income tax.</p>
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★★★★ District 27 ★★★★★

<p>Michael Ryan, Republican Campaign Website: www.michaelryan-forstaterep.com Occupation / Current Position: Self-Employed Dentist Education: Michigan State University 1978-1981 Chemistry Major, no degree, University of Michigan Dental school D.D.S. 1985 Qualifications / Experience: Owned my own dental practice with two employees 1986-present. Grand Knight of Clawson Knights of Columbus 1994-2001 Visited Nursing Homes to do dental treatment 1999-2012. worked in a Detroit dental clinic treating mostly Medicaid covered adults and children</p>	<p>1. I want Michigan to enact its own version of The Affordable Care Act that covers everyone through a combination of payroll taxes on those covered and some general taxes and curbs unneeded medical care through jury-like panels of those covered by the plan. The current Act , leaves too many uncovered. 2. The bus systems in metro Detroit need to be merged and service improved so that the many people in this area who can't afford an automobile can get to work. 3. Roads need proper funding, using increased fuel taxes and some registration fees on electric/hybrid cars.</p>	<p>Test scores are a crude measure of student success, and should be deemphasized, reduced in number, and given closer to the end of the school year. The businesses that complain the high school graduates are lacking in basic writing and math skills should work more closely with the schools to improve shortcomings in student work preparedness.</p>	<p>If Michigan can bring health care costs for employers (my health care plan can help by reducing medical care cost shifting and setting a standard for what procedures people actually feel are essential) , reduce transportation to work barriers in its metro areas, and improve its roads so that they are no longer an embarrassment, these three problems would be reduced to a more manageable level.</p>
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<p>Robert Wittenberg, Democrat Campaign Website: www.WittenbergForRep.org Occupation / Current Position: Licensed Life and Health Insurance Advisor Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Indiana University Qualifications / Experience: I was born and raised in the district and have deep ties to the community. I am a board member on the JCC JPM Committee, a board member for the Tri-Community Coalition of Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Berkley. I also serve on the Berkley Holiday Lights Parade committee. I have helped on the campaigns of both Oak Park and Ferndale's Mayors, and I managed my brother's successful judicial campaign.</p>	<p>My top three legislative priorities are ensuring our cities are properly funded; investing necessary resources in our public schools, so that all students have an environment in which they can thrive; repealing the senior pension tax and making Michigan a "no-wait state" for in-home health care services so that everyone can retire with dignity and financial security. Cities, schools, and seniors are my top three priorities because our current legislative leaders have prioritized corporate tax cuts at the expense of Michigan residents. I want to reverse this trend and guarantee a high quality of life in our state.</p>	<p>I believe that Michigan's decline in test performance is indicative of a failed metric, i.e., the standardized test, as opposed to signaling that Michigan students are somehow less-than-average. That said, we do need to strengthen our public schools. I would support legislation that lowers the number of students in a classroom, so as to promote a low teacher-to-student ratio. The cost of educating our elementary school students is different than that of middle and high school students. I support increased per-pupil funding, while at the same time re-examining the structure through which our schools are funded.</p>	<p>The state government can strengthen the state's economy by embracing fair tax policies. We need to cut down on corporate welfare for Big Business. With the money this policy would save, we can eliminate the tax on seniors' pensions, and restore progressive, middle-class oriented tax credits, such as the homestead tax credit, and the earned income tax credit. Additionally, raising the minimum wage is a moral and economic imperative. Finally, we can keep students from Michigan colleges and universities in the state, and reduce unemployment, by offering tax credits to businesses that hire recent graduates.</p>
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★★★ District 29 ★★★

<p>David Lonier, Republican Campaign Website: www.davidlonier.com Occupation / Current Position: Retired Architectural Restoration Contractor Education: BFA, Industrial Design, Wayne State University Qualifications / Experience: Third Term Precinct Delegate; Ran for County Commissioner, 2008; Assistant County Coordinator, Ron Paul Presidential Campaign; Drafted and Proposed Resolutions opposing the Patriot and Homeland Security Acts; Passed by Auburn Hills and Pontiac; Supported an Auburn Hills ordinance requiring campaign finance disclosure on applications for tax abatements and contracting for work with the city.</p>	<p>1. Restoration of individual liberty, because the federal government has legislated almost all of it away. 2. Reduction in the size and power of government to its constitutional limitations, because government engages in activities that are not delegated to it. 3. Total separation of government from all commercial interests other than enforcement of anti-trust laws, because a hands-off approach and strict prohibition of corporate monopolies will generate free and open markets, innovation and competition in all areas of industry, thus restoring our State to a level of prosperity it once had under such a system.</p>	<p>Not only was the quality of education in Michigan among the highest in the country, the quality of education in America was once among the highest in the world! Rapid decline began with the creation of the federal Department of Education. As the federal government takes more and more control over the lives of our families, we will continue to see greater decline. We need to return control of education to the local level, as close as possible to the family. Government drugging of our children contributes nothing toward higher educational standards either. Common Core will dig the hole deeper & it must be repealed.</p>	<p>Get out of the way! Government has no business interfering with the right of everyone to freely compete in the marketplace. The only responsibility that government has is to ensure that the markets are open to anyone, and that there is no collusion between itself and industry to form monopolies. Although there has never been a 100% free market system in America, the times when we were closest to it were the times when we had the greatest economic prosperity. Deregulation can be offset by enforcing everyone's right to take action against any commercial enterprise that violates an individual's rights.</p>
<p>Tim Greimel, Democrat Campaign Website: www.timgreimel.com Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, House Democratic Leader Education: Bachelor's degree in economics and political science, a master's in public policy and a law degree from the University of Michigan. Qualifications / Experience: Served on the Oakland County Commission from 2007 through 2012, school board member for seven years and former board president of the Rochester School District. Additionally, I have served as a board member for Transform Pontiac Now, Pontiac Youth Assistance and the Pontiac Veterans Memorial Committee and other local groups in Auburn Hills and Pontiac.</p>	<p>As the leader of the Michigan House Democrats, I am focused on improving life for Michigan's middle-class families, seniors and students. I am working with our members to do this by bringing tax relief to hardworking families, restoring funding to our schools and bringing more jobs with better wages to our state. We need to restore balance to our Legislature and make sure that the voices of Michigan's families and seniors are heard in our Capitol, and that their needs come before the wants of big corporations.</p>	<p>I've served on a local board of education, so I understand the challenges our schools face in preparing our kids for a promising future. That challenge is made even harder when schools no longer get adequate funding from Lansing. Classroom funding is down \$3 billion over the past three years, and that is not sustainable. We need to determine what the actual cost of an education is, and then base our school funding on that figure. It's unconscionable that we are underfunding our schools while giving out nearly \$2 billion in annual tax breaks to major corporations.</p>	<p>I'm proud of the recent role I played in bringing a 25 percent pay raise to Michigan's minimum-wage workers, which will help thousands of Michigan families make ends meet. I am also working to advance efforts to eradicate pay discrimination against women and make pay equity the law of the land. Bringing tax relief to hardworking families will also enable families to put food on the table and support local businesses, which will in turn create more jobs. That's why I support efforts to restore the Homestead Property Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit and get rid of the new tax on seniors' retirement income.</p>

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<p>Robert Brim, Republican Campaign Website: www.friendsofrobbrim.com Facebook Page: Bob Brim Occupation / Current Position: Retired Engineer Education: Degrees in Engineering, General Studies, and Project Management from Oakland Community College, Siena Heights and Lawrence Technical University respectively. Qualifications / Experience: Concerned Citizen who is tired of an unresponsive and out of control government.</p>	<p>1. Eliminate excessive regulation: It is stopping people from starting small businesses and driving existing businesses to other states. 2. Reduce the size of government: Taxes are too high in Michigan. 3. Eliminate unconstitutional laws: Many new laws have asset forfeiture clauses, which violate the Michigan and U.S. Constitutions. You have the Right to a trial by a jury of your peers before you forfeit your Life, Liberty or Property.</p>	<p>Return to the basics. Private schools are educating children for one half the cost per student with a higher degree of success. These students are not smarter than average, they just focus on reading writing and arithmetic. last year, in my grand daughters Christian School each student in the graduating class received large amounts of grants and scholarships for college. They also teach the children respect for adults and each other through Biblical principles, something public schools are lacking in, but maybe that is their problem.</p>	<p>Make it easier to start a business by reducing regulations. It takes time to get a business going, at least 3 years before you start to make money, if you make money. But, the paper work requirements are too excessive for someone who is self employed or only has a few employees. Many years ago I tried to start a small shop in my garage. I filed with the state for the proper licensing, and they sent me a bill for \$35,000. I hadn't even made a dime and they were running me out of business. I sent them back their forms and told them to forget it.</p>
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<p>Jeremy Moss, Democrat Campaign Website: www.votejeremymoss.com Occupation / Current Position: Southfield City Councilman, Freelance Graphic Designer Education: BA in Journalism with an additional major in Political Science from MSU; Studied race relations abroad in South Africa; Graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program Qualifications / Experience: Lifelong district resident; Current Southfield City Councilman; Former district director to State Rep. Rudy Hobbs; Former political aide to Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence; Former legislative aide to State Rep. Paul Condino</p>	<p>I've been canvassing door to door throughout this campaign, and my priorities are shaped by the issues and concerns residents tell me as their City Councilman and as a candidate for this office. Fix our roads - Our crumbling infrastructure is holding back economic development and impairing the quality of life of Michigan residents. Protect public school funding - Every Michigan child deserves access to quality public education. Attract job creators and new talent - Michigan was the only state in the country to lose population in the last census. I will work to reverse this "brain drain."</p>	<p>Healthy, strong communities thrive with healthy, strong public schools. All children should have access to quality public education, regardless of their zip code. Protecting public school funding must be a priority. The curriculum in Michigan should require students to have the appropriate years in math, science and language arts. There also needs to be a balance to provide opportunity for students to pursue the jobs of tomorrow and students who show an interest in skilled trades need to have their talent fostered before high school graduation. School curriculum should have standards that work for all students.</p>	<p>As a Southfield City Councilman, I made sure public/private partnerships were initiated to move our local economy forward. Southfield put in public monies to create a walkable/downtown corridor in our central business district and private investors put in dollars to build office space to match the city's vision. This is leading to a local economic rebound that will create new jobs. That's the standard the state needs to embrace. The state needs to be investing in local infrastructure to create economic corridors that will allow business to grow and put Michiganders back to work.</p>
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★★★★ District 37 ★★★★★

<p>Richard Lerner, Republican Campaign Website: www.richardlerner.net Occupation / Current Position: Owner of Performance Source Company LLC and Aresel Marketing LLC, IT & Project/Process Management Education: Syracuse University - Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Syracuse University - Martin J. Whitman Graduate School of Management Qualifications / Experience: Farmington Hills Councilmember (former Mayor Pro-Tem). Parks & Recreation Commission. Committee to Increase Voter Participation. Michigan Municipal League (MML) Finance Steering Committee. MML Legislative Governance Committee. Farmington Memorial Day Parade, Project Manager. F2H Fit Challenge, Creator & President. Xemplar Club Board of Directors. Optimist Board of Directors. www.richardlerner.net for more</p>	<p>Fix K-12 Education and Road Funding Formulas, Make College & Healthcare Costs More Affordable, Bring Businesses and Jobs to Michigan. I chose these as my top 3 legislative priorities because they are actionable. The manner in which we determine the level of funding for our schools, per pupil, is failing us. We need a hybrid system that takes into account more than just the number of students. Our gas taxes, the 5th highest in the nation, are being siphoned off for other uses. We can make tuition and health insurance costs partially tax deductible, helping make them more affordable. #1 is getting Michigan back to work.</p>	<p>Michigan ranked 46th in quality of education, but 21st in per pupil spending. Clearly we are not getting the bang for our buck. Start by getting rid of common core standards, they are lowering the bar. Place a greater focus on early childhood development, discussion-based teaching methods, community-based learning, increased opportunities for mentors, and more vocational training. The elephant in the room is the school pension system which has \$23 billion in unfunded liabilities. It is the single largest drain on public education funding. Fill that pothole first and let local districts fix curriculum and delivery.</p>	<p>We incarcerate a higher percentage of the population, for longer sentences, at a higher cost per inmate, than any of the surrounding Great Lakes states. Let's invest instead in rehabilitating non-violent offenders, and allow judges to determine the appropriate sentence instead of using mandatory minimums. Cap government and school employee benefits at private-sector averages. Trim the health care benefits of current and future government retirees. Offer tax incentives to companies willing to move new jobs to Michigan, target manufacturing, biotech and IT where we have a large inventory of trained and skilled workers.</p>
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<p>Christine Greig, Democrat Campaign Website: www.ChristineGreig4Rep.com Occupation / Current Position: Community Advocate Education: B.A., American Studies & Computer Applications, University of Notre Dame Qualifications / Experience: Technology Consulting Professional; small business owner; Executive Director, F/FH Education Foundation; Farmington PTA Council President; Secretary, Jobs & Education Farmington Hills 20/20 Initiative; National board of directors, Pentathlon Institute, former board member, Michigan PTA, Founding member of F/FH Pledge for Success</p>	<p>My top legislative priorities are to develop comprehensive policies for public education, infrastructure and reducing poverty. I selected these areas because they invest in the future of Michigan by developing programs and services for long-term prosperity, not short-term fixes. My priorities will boost economic growth by creating jobs, improving public services, developing our workforce, and reducing reliance on government subsidies. I will work in a bipartisan fashion with public input and discussion. My top three committee choices are Education, Transportation & Infrastructure, and Families, Children & Seniors.</p>	<p>I support the development, implementation and measurement of quality instruction programs. Our state should support programs that provide educators tools to collaborate on instruction strategies, support professional development and improve student learning. Mi2 (Michigan's Integrated Mathematics Initiative) is an example of professional learning opportunities designed to improve student outcomes. I also support high quality Universal Pre-K. Early childhood education benefits all children. However, at-risk children benefit the most, setting the stage for greater student success in K-12.</p>	<p>Several measures will address all three concerns. We must improve workforce readiness and opportunities through job training programs, public/private partnership for apprenticeships, address college affordability, and improve K-12 education. We must modernize our infrastructure, including regional transportation. This will create jobs, boost tourism, and attract businesses to our state. We need to restore the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) designed to keep families working and children out of poverty. Finally, we should improve support to small businesses to promote job growth, diversification and innovation.</p>
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<p>Kathy Crawford, Republican Campaign Website: www.kcrawford.org Occupation / Current Position: Oakland County Commissioner – District #9 Education: some college /no degree Qualifications / Experience: Professional in the field of aging for 30+ yrs. City of Novi founder of the Novi Senior Center as well as comprehensive services and programs for older adults, including transportation, recreation and housing. Owner of small business: Kathy Crawford Communications, frequent workshop provider, motivational speaker, author of "Programs with Pizzazz", "Stir Up Some Fun" & "Two Broads Abroad"</p>	<p>JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A thriving, diverse Michigan economy creates prosperous communities, quality education, high-tech jobs/skills, leading medical facilities and a premier quality of life for these who live, work, play and stay here. Eliminate onerous regulations-MBT/PPT are job killers. ROADS/INFRASTRUCTURE Creative, long-term, fiscally responsible solutions are critical to fix and maintain our roads and bridges along with guarantees from contractors for quality. The new Detroit River bridge will increase trade opportunities. EDUCATION Improve college affordability, enhance vocational education.</p>	<p>We need to know how well our students are learning, compared to others across the country and throughout the world. We must improve K-12 performance and provide students with relevant education and skills that prepare them for college and/or the trades. I would utilize the voluntary educational guidelines and goals developed by the National Governors Association which allows local control and in-put. A key component of the common goals initiative, is the way we measure achievement. I support nationwide consistent educational goals and testing.</p>	<p>Continue moving forward with prudent fiscal management, timely balanced budgets and more efficient state government. Invest in long-range improvements and maintenance of roads, bridges and infrastructure. Continue support of Pure Michigan and positive environment for job creation, small business entrepreneurship and global attraction. Eliminate burdensome business regulations, Personal Property Tax, Michigan Business Tax, restore funding to Michigan counties and communities, intensify education and job training,</p>
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<p>Jasper Catanzaro, Democrat Occupation / Current Position: Retiree Education: 6 years grade school public, 6 years of Catholic Schooling. Graduated Wayne State University 1990 B.G.S. Various Industrial classes. Qualifications / Experience: Combat Wounded Veteran, Worked at Ford Motor, UAW, Lifetime member of the VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, Officer and member of the American Legion. Worked to restore Post 147 American Legion in Northville. WSU Graduate with honors. Was involved in saving jobs for Ford and UAW while doing cost savings for Ford.</p>	<p>Fix the infrastructure/create jobs - our roads are a disgrace - fix the roads, the electrical grid wastes energy just in transmission. Fixing it would lower energy costs, lower toxic emissions and create jobs. Water pipes, in some cases are a hundred years old, they need replacing. We have the resources to provide a top notch education for all our children. A top notch education has a direct impact on the future of our children and our nation. Veterans should have the very best health care we have to offer. In Michigan, vets need a place to get their lives back together, get an education and job placement.</p>	<p>Reinstate the per pupil funding that the Snyder administration and the Legislature took away in 2011. In Novi, Northville, Lyon, South Lyon and Walled Lake over \$50 million was taken out of the school system, without lowering our property taxes one cent. Provide classroom teachers with the materials they need to deliver the program/s instituted by the state. Provide strong pre-K programs for all children. Provide high-quality professional development for teachers and support staff. Make sure children have adequate food, health care and after school supervision to cover the two family working society we live in.</p>	<p>Start by fixing the infrastructure. In most cases, like roads, the US Government supplies most of the money, not the state. However the state cannot get that money unless it decides to invest in itself. Good paying jobs helps create a myriad of support jobs. Instead of leaving Michigan, grads would stay here. We could have an influx of professional people. Eliminate tax breaks for companies that don't invest in Michigan. Raise the minimum wage to above poverty levels and do it quickly. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing low wage paying companies.</p>
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★★★ District 39 ★★★

<p>Klint Kesto, Republican Campaign Website: www.klintkesto.com Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 39th District, Attorney Education: University of Michigan Ann Arbor BA Political Science. Wayne State University Law School JD Qualifications / Experience: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for 6 years. Incumbent State Representative in my first term</p>	<p>1) Reducing regulations and licensure that inhibit individuals from coming into Michigan and seeking employment 2) Reduction of the tremendous MDOC budget and introduce educational and rehabilitative programs to employ individuals leaving the MDOC 3) Reduce the rising health care costs on individuals and businesses</p>	<p>I would support higher standards and I would support initiatives that have oversight over failing school districts.</p>	<p>Current initiatives have been working as we have seen economic growth in Michigan, a rise in property values, a rise in per capita income, and close to 300,000 new jobs. The pace needs to continue to move in that direction by keeping government and regulations out of the way of entrepreneurs and business owners. We also need to capture the highly skilled individuals before they leave our state and create initiatives to keep them here. Training programs in high schools and community colleges can create a needed and desired skilled labor work force.</p>
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<p>Sandy Colvin, Democrat Campaign Website: www.sandycolvin.com Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, Thav Gross PC Education: Juris Doctor, Wayne State University Law School; Bachelor of Business Administration, Wayne State University. Qualifications / Experience: As a corporate attorney and CPA, I have helped many business owners navigate through the challenges they face. Prior to working at Thav Gross PC, I practiced law at Raymond & Prokop, P.C.; Dykema Gossett, PLLC; and Plunkett Cooney, P.C.. Additionally, I was an auditor at Deloitte & Touche LLP and a lecturer at Wayne State University.</p>	<p>My top priority is to fund our public schools better. For kids to be prepared for the jobs of tomorrow, they need a world-class education from the beginning. I also want to eliminate the wage gap that exists in Michigan. Nationally, women make far less than men doing the same job. In our state, this gap is even bigger. Finally, it is important that we reverse the changes to the tax code made in 2011 that burdened seniors with a tax on retirement income and stripped vital deductions middle-class families counted on, such as the Homestead Property Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit and \$600 per-child deduction.</p>	<p>I was a leader on a number of committees for my school district including budget prioritization, strategic visioning, school enrollment, facilities planning, and graduation requirements. I saw firsthand that increased funding from the state is needed for our schools to function properly and improve test scores. All educational institutions, whether non-profit or for-profit, need to be on the same level playing field and required to operate under the same standards. We need to work together to ensure that our teachers have the resources they need to teach a challenging curriculum.</p>	<p>The Legislature recently passed an increase in minimum wage, and I believe this will help minimum wage workers and their families thrive. However, more needs to be done. Employment needs a boost, as Michigan lags behind the national average. More innovation needs to be directed at small business owners to encourage hiring, such as House Bill 4996, which helps businesses raise money from those who invest capital. As a legislator, I will fight to eliminate the gap between men and women who do the same job. No one should be paid less because of their gender, skin color or other identifying traits.</p>
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★★★ District 40 ★★★

<p>Michael D McCready, Republican Campaign Website: www.McCreadyforStateRep.com Occupation / Current Position: State Representative and small business owner Education: Western Michigan University and Seaholm High School Qualifications / Experience: Small Business Owner, Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner and Mayor, and lifelong resident of Oakland County</p>	<p>My priorities are responsible use of state tax dollars, funding for education, and fixing our roads and bridges. Every dollar that comes into the government's hands came out of someone's pocket. We have to make tough decisions on what our budget priorities are. On education, the 40th District has some of the best schools in the state. I support adequate funding to continue educational excellence. Finally on roads, I've been a proponent of additional road funding since taking office last year. The years of neglect are obvious and we must act now to make our roads safe.</p>	<p>We have to start at the beginning. I support increasing our investment in early childhood and Pre-K. Early intervention is key. Getting our dollars into the classroom is a must, and accountability is also part of the solution. Testing and evaluation are important in measuring overall performance, but not to the extent that it becomes more important than what students are learning. Finally, we need measures to identify early on if a district is headed for financial distress. Students and parents can't wait until entire districts are at risk of closing their doors before changes are made.</p>	<p>Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. We need to do a better job at targeting innovative entrepreneurs who can help Michigan's economy grow more diverse. Taxes need to be low and fair to everyone across the board. Government needs to stop picking winners and losers in the tax code. Doing business in Michigan has to be made easy. We need a dynamic one-stop business startup center. As a small business owner, I know the difficulty navigating through government regulation. If we streamline the process and clear the way for new business, we put more Michigan residents on a path to success.</p>
<p>Mary Belden, Democrat Campaign Website: www.MaryBelden.com Occupation / Current Position: Full-time Candidate. Former Fortune500 senior manager, info tech professional, medical lab supervisor Education: B.S. with Distinction, Medical Technology, University of Minnesota Qualifications / Experience: Following a career in the medical, information technology and management fields, I have been an active volunteer leader in our community, serving as President of two PTOs, and of the high school music boosters for 3 years. I am a collaborative leader with a reputation for integrity and fairness.</p>	<p>My top three priorities are to restore adequate funding and local control to our public schools, to shift Michigan's legislative priorities back to providing the best possible quality of life for our citizens in order to attract business and investment, and to ensure that women receive the equity they deserve in our public policies. For Michigan to thrive as a great place to live and work, we must provide top-quality public education, treat all of our citizens fairly, protect our natural resources and provide appropriate infrastructure to support our economy.</p>	<p>Michigan needs a comprehensive state-wide plan for education, beginning with the determination of what it actually costs to provide each student with a quality K-12 education. Once we know what we need to spend to accomplish our objective, we must proceed with a systematic, consistent effort to achieve it. Public education has been proven to be the most cost-effective investment we can make. Instead, we have allowed the radical expansion of for-profit charters and "cyber-schools". We have sunk to treating our schoolchildren as a profit center with disastrous results.</p>	<p>Retraining unemployed workers for today's jobs is crucial. The dramatic drop in the demand for manufacturing labor has stranded many Michigan workers. In order to diversify our economy, we must prioritize those things that will make us an attractive place for businesses to locate their operations, like high quality public education and safe, well-maintained roads and bridges. To make those investments, we will need the financial participation of all parties, commensurate with their ability to pay. We are suffering the consequences of public disinvestment, and our course is unsustainable.</p>

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

<p><i>Biographical Info</i></p>	<p><i>Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i></p>	<p><i>Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i></p>	<p><i>Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i></p>
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★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★

<p>Martin Howrylak, Republican Campaign Website: www.howrylak.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/HowrylakForStateHouse Occupation / Current Position: State Representative; 2013-present, CPA in private practice with an office in Troy. Education: Master of Accounting - University of Michigan, Bachelor of Science (Geological Sciences) -University of Michigan Qualifications / Experience: State Representative (2013-present), Troy City Council (2000-2011), Trustee - City of Troy Employee Retirement system (2006-2009), Trustee - City of Troy Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust (2006-2009), Trustee - Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (2002-2004), Experienced auditor of local governments as a CPA, small business owner since 1990.</p>	<p>1. Transportation funding & maintenance. 2. Education. 3. Economic growth and stability. There is no question that transportation is a major issue in our state and there need to be solutions and action and a lot less political posturing. Education is about investing in people in general and youth in particular. As for the economy, we suffered greatly economically in the last decade and no one wants to return to that painful period. We can best avoid such a situation by tending to economic growth and sustainability, including diversifying our economy.</p>	<p>Accountability and transparency are critical. Communities and parents need to be included in policy decisions and discussions. Local control is a must. All students need access to at least one and preferably multiple public education choices. Solutions must be student-centered, consultative with parents and teachers and not a one size fits all approach. Students want to learn and have a voracious appetite for knowledge. They need to be challenged early, their interests tapped into and there needs to be early intervention. Teachers also need to be empowered and not constrained by top-down rules and laws.</p>	<p>All of these issues are intertwined. Education equity is a must. Students should not suffer from a poor quality education anywhere, regardless of their ethnicity or socioeconomic status. It is a moral imperative that our State correct these existing inequities. It is a major reason for this income gap and is critical to economic growth. Overall fairness in governance, maintaining a competitive tax environment and continuous improvement in the regulatory environment will help to ensure that Michigan is a great place to start and grow a business.</p>
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<p>Mary Kerwin, Democrat Campaign Website: www.winwithkerwin.com Occupation / Current Position: Teaches governance skills to elected officials through MASB and U/M-Dearborn IFLG. Education: BA in English from Immaculate Heart College and Lifetime Teacher Certificate from Cal State LA, MSUE Master Citizen Planner and Alumna of MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program. Qualifications / Experience: Served two-terms on the Troy Board of Ed, holding all offices, and served a term on City Council. While Mayor Pro Tem, became President of the Michigan Municipal League's Elected Officials Academy. Served on Planning Commission as Vice Chair, developing the Master Plan and reviewing ordinances. Named Troy's Distinguished Citizen in recognition of decades of volunteer service to the community.</p>	<p>Return state revenue sharing to communities so that we can guarantee public safety, good roads and quality services. Ensure quality education for all, so we can stay competitive in the global marketplace. Repeal the pension tax so that seniors have confidence that they have enough resources in their retirement years.</p>	<p>Early literacy is a key component of life-long success which is why quality pre-school and all-day kindergarten are so important in developing vocabulary and conceptual skills for students. Schools should provide early intervention strategies for struggling students and insist that all personnel assume responsibility to ensure that students achieve grade level standards. Students who are not at grade level in reading and math by sixth grade, often drop-out. Collaborative community schools—where staff and families commit to educational excellence for all—show remarkable gains in achievement and should be the norm.</p>	<p>Focus on jobs, attract businesses and entrepreneurs to Michigan and invest in our local economy. I've worked diligently to build communities and support economic development. I'm alarmed that recent legislation has hurt communities making it difficult to attract and retain business.</p>
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★★★★ District 43 ★★★★★

<p>Jim Tedder, Republican Campaign Website: www.electjimtetter.com Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner/Jim Tedder Productions; School Administrator/ Clarkston Community Schools Education: Education Specialist in Education Leadership, Oakland University-2011; Master of Business Administration, Oakland University-2000; Bachelor of Applied Arts, Central Michigan University-1992. Qualifications / Experience: 27 year small business owner; 10 year educator (School Administrator and former Social Studies teacher); 24 year grassroots political experience ranging from local to national candidates; 4 year Precinct Delegate; Business and labor policy experience with the National Association of Home Builders and Associated Builders and Contractors, Washington, DC; 40-plus year personal ties to 43rd district.</p>	<p>1) Improve Economy: Create jobs, end over-regulation, and keep taxes low. I will support an economic climate that encourages growth and prosperity for all businesses, not just those who are politically connected or in a politically favored industry. 2) Fix Roads: Lack of investment and diverting of gas tax over the years have created hazardous conditions. 3) Improve Education: Quality education leads to success. I support local control and offering more educational options for Michigan students. I selected these three priorities because each one is foundational to building a stronger Michigan economy.</p>	<p>I support more emphasis on math and reading at an early age; I also support ending social promotion of students who are not proficient in reading by third grade. I propose expansion of educational offerings such as vocational and skilled trades and I also support promotion of Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) education, all areas where demand is increasing. I support more local control and less state and federal bureaucracy, less teaching to the test and more emphasis on learning. Ironically, the more schools teach to the test, the worse students do on standardized tests.</p>	<p>The state government should foster a neutral, pro-business environment that does not pick winners and losers but, instead, implements policy to attract business investment from all areas and industries. The state should be flexible in allowing students to pursue vocational skilled trade jobs while satisfying graduation requirements established under the Michigan Merit Curriculum. This would be a good step toward closing the income gap by preparing an emerging workforce for these traditionally good paying jobs; labor demand currently exceeds labor supply in these areas, providing a great opportunity for new graduates.</p>
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<p>Dennis M Ritter, Democrat</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>
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Michigan Representative – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Two Year Term

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i>	<i>Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i>	<i>Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i>
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★★★ District 44 ★★★

<p>Jim Runestad, Republican Campaign Website: www.runwithrunestad.com Facebook Page: runwithrunestad.com Occupation / Current Position: Owner, Runestad Financial Associates and Oakland County Commissioner. Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, Central Michigan University, 1984 Qualifications / Experience: I am owner of Runestad Financial Associates, self-owned since 2004 and Member of the Oakland County Business Round Table. Also, I have five years experience working on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, where I served on every single committee and chaired the Planning & Building, as well as the Public Services committees.</p>	<p>1) Roads, because our industrial base and economy, as well as tax rates are all dependent upon having a strong infrastructure. We also incur an average of \$500 per year in vehicle repair costs here in southeastern Michigan due to the poor conditions. 2) We must have an excellent educational system in the state or we will have a difficult time competing with the other states and other countries to retain the most competitive industries and emerging sectors.. 3) We must have adequate growth in the economic base to ensure our state residents can find good paying employment and afford top services.</p>	<p>We need to develop more effective teacher evaluation systems and maintain rigorous expectations in the Michigan Merit Curriculum, including a strong vocational education component. The state needs to opt out of the federalization of our educational system via the Common Core standards and implement strong state and local standards and control. We should end social promotion for those not reading at a 3rd Grade level and allow more choice in the types of educational options for our children.</p>	<p>We need to focus on high paying jobs to expand the middle class and continuing to reinvigorate Michigan's economy by fixing the infrastructure. Next we have to utilize our strengths here in the automotive industry as a technology hub, coupled with our world class university system to become an IT magnet. Michigan employers are struggling to find talent. Our universities and community colleges need to ensure we stay on the cusp of training. Our energy costs, which are the highest costs in the Midwest must be curbed and we must reduce the burden of taxes and regulation in Michigan.</p>
<p>Mark Venie, Democrat Occupation / Current Position: technical writer Education: Oakland Community College</p>	<p>My priorities are raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour, restoring and rebuilding our infrastructure and restoring funding and support to our public schools.</p>	<p>We must restore the funding to public education and aggressively enforce the truancy laws. Children can't learn if they are not in the classroom.</p>	<p>We must raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour, repeal the pension tax and restore the earned income tax credit.</p>

★★★ District 45 ★★★

<p>Michael Webber, Republican Campaign Website: www.webberforstaterep.com Facebook Page: facebook.com/webberforrep Occupation / Current Position: In addition to Insurance Agent, I serve as Vice President of the Rochester Hills City Council. Education: BA in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University. Graduated from Rochester Adams High School Class of 1996. Qualifications / Experience: 24 year resident; Experience to hit the ground running from Day One with nine years experience as a Legislative Staff person and nearly seven years experience serving on the City Council. Involved in my community as Vice President of the OPC Governing Board, Chair of the Rochester Chamber Legislative Committee and a past president of the Rochester Area Jaycees. 2013 "Elite 40 Under 40" in OC.</p>	<p>Jobs & The Economy: Focus on job retention/creation, economic growth & getting government out of the way - allowing Michigan to continue moving forward. Budget for Our Priorities: Education & Our Children; Improve Roads and Infrastructure; Strengthen Public Safety. Tax Policy: Fight for families to keep more of what they earn; Lower the cost to live and work in Michigan. I selected these issues because of my experience on city council. As a city we have budgeted for our priorities - suring up funding for roads and public safety. We have focused on jobs with the second lowest unemployment rate. Maintained low tax.</p>	<p>Proud to be endorsed by the Great Lakes Education Project, which focuses on student achievement and results. I am proud to be a product of our Rochester Community School district as a graduate of Rochester Adams High School. My wife Julia is a graduate of Rochester High School. I am involved with the school district currently as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors, helping to raise money for technology and other special projects within the district. I believe that we must strive for better results, but not by teaching to the test. We must have rigorous standards, but must work towards individual student need</p>	<p>Like I stated above, I would focus my efforts in the legislature on the following issues which I think would address the question: Jobs & The Economy: Focus on job retention/creation, economic growth & getting government out of the way - allowing Michigan to continue moving forward. Budget for Our Priorities: Education & Our Children; Improve Roads and Infrastructure; Strengthen Public Safety. Tax Policy: Fight for families to keep more of what they earn; Lower the cost to live and work in Michigan. Support rolling back Income Tax hike passed during the 'lost decade.</p>
<p>Joanna VanRaaphorst, Democrat Campaign Website: www.electjoanna.com Occupation / Current Position: Marketing Mgr for Paul VanRaaphorst DDS MS PC Education: BA Central Michigan University Community Recreation and Business Qualifications / Experience: Senior management positions at Holiday Inn and Sheraton. Have non-profit experience working at Ann Arbor Convention Bureau and Crittenton Hospital. Co-own small business with 20 employees for 23 years. Experience working with on several local boards advocating for schools, library, church, women and children in need, and other philanthropic programs</p>	<p>1. Stable funding and support for Public Education We need to provide stability in funding and long-term reforms that have been proven to work, such as smaller class sizes, early intervention in K-2 and Pre-school education. We've had over 20 years of short-term experiments and these "Reforms of the Day" have left our schools with moving targets that are impossible to hit. 2. Permanent fixes for our roads - Many resident say they will pay more to permanently fix our roads. 3. Stricter regulation for Oil and Gas in high density residential areas including how close drilling can be done near schools and homes.</p>	<p>I've consulted with the Dir. of Assessment for RCS as well as other education professionals about this. First, the MEAP administered each year in the fall, varied each year it. That is a problem. With the adoption of the Common Core Standards, the Smarter Balance test, given in the spring, will compare Michigan students with other states. Schools have been preparing for this test by doing test runs at all grade levels. Our Legislators waste time and money by changing when and what kind of test we will use. To help address lower achieving students, we should increase funding to 31A tailored for at risk kids.</p>	<p>I researched this topic by meeting with the head of Oakland Cty Econ Dev., the ED contacts at the City of RH and Rochester and many business consultants. The good news is Michigan companies are hiring. However, job-training monies have dried up at the state and federal level and that needs to be addressed. The MEDC Talent Initiative is working and needs to continue. Keeping our area public schools strong will attract businesses. To have businesses invest in Michigan, we need to first invest in our own roads and bridges. I agree with the major MI corps. who urge our legislators to update our civil rights laws.</p>

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<p><i>Biographical Info</i></p>	<p><i>Priorities: What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i></p>	<p><i>Education: The test scores of Michigan students, once among the highest in the country, have dropped, making Michigan one of the lowest achieving states. What measures would you support to improve educational results?</i></p>	<p><i>Economy: What should the state government do to strengthen the state's economy, reduce unemployment, and address the widening income gap?</i></p>
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★★★ District 46 ★★★

<p>Bradford C Jacobsen, Republican Campaign Website: www.bradfordjacobsen.com Occupation / Current Position: State Representative - District 46. Vice President of Jacobsen's Flowers, Inc. Education: BA from the James Madison College at Michigan State Univ. Qualifications / Experience: Served 16 years as an Oxford Township Trustee and 4 years on the Oakland County Commission. Past Lake Orion DDA President. Member of the Oxford Rotary and Oxford United Methodist Church.</p>	<p>1. Fixing roads - Legislators have been structurally underfunding roads for decades. A long term solution that allows Michigan to invest in roads, while holding contractors and MDOT accountable. 2. Balancing the state budget every year without increasing taxes - I am committed to never seeing a middle of the night tax hike ever again. The budget needs to be done on time and structurally balanced. I have voted for a balanced budget 4 years in a row as your State Representative. 3. Sound energy policy - Keeping rates low for residents, encouraging manufacturing growth, and keeping us competitive with nearby states</p>	<p>As a member of the House Education Committee and having several family members that are educators, I am committed to making Michigan a top ten state for education. I have supported measures to reform teacher tenure laws, give greater flexibility to the state in helping poor districts, providing increasing funding to cover the loss in federal funds, and have reformed the teacher pension system saving billions. It is my hope that as we continue reforming our education system, we continue to focus on making sure dollars get to and stay in the classroom.</p>	<p>Over the last four years my focus has been getting the state growing again. Attracting new business and making current business grow in Michigan will help the job market. As a legislator and a small business owner voting to eliminate the "worst in the nation" MI Business Tax was a great achievement for our economy. Business taxes went from a complex nightmare to a flat 6% tax that can be figured on the back of a napkin. When doing business gets easier, jobs are created, and unemployment goes down.</p>
<p>David Jay Lillis, Democrat</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>

★★★ District 51 ★★★

<p>Joseph Graves, Republican Campaign Website: http://www.voteforgraves.com/ Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, District 51 Education: I have a Engineering Degree from Siena Heights University and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Leadership - Baker College Qualifications / Experience: I worked as a General Motors Engineer for 32 years. I also served in the U.S. Army and my wife and I own a real estate, property management and engineering consulting business called J&D Select.</p>	<p>1. Jobs for Michigan: I will work to create a businesses friendly environment that promotes job creation. That starts will a appropriate tax structure and eliminating burdensome and unnecessary regulations. 2. Public Safety: The 51st district is between Flint and Pontiac, 2 of Michigan's most violent cities. While our state has made great strides (violent crime has dropped 30% in Flint), we must continue ensuring that we provide law enforcement professionals with the tools and resources to keep our communities safe. 3. Fixing Michigan Roads: I will work toward finding a solution to fix our roads without raising taxes.</p>	<p>I have children that are teachers and believe strongly in providing the tools necessary to educate students. My focus is on giving students every opportunity to be successful in their education. I have supported legislation that provides students more flexibility to take vocational classes that can help prepare them for the workforce. I supported putting into place effective teacher evaluations so that our students are receiving the best possible education. I have also supported increasing education funding and closing the funding discrepancy between school districts so that schools have the resources to be successful</p>	<p>One of the biggest things I hear about from small business owners is that government regulation and out of control government bureaucrats are stifling economic growth. As your state representative I have fought to eliminate burdensome regulations and make state government more efficient. Far too often I hear that it takes 3 months to get a permit approved through the state. That is simply unacceptable. I will continuing my efforts to keep state government accountable and ensure government finds ways to streamline permitting times, cut unnecessary regulation so that our small business owners can be successful.</p>
<p>Ken Thomas, Democrat Campaign Website: www.votekentomas.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/votekentomas Occupation / Current Position: Co-owner of Thomas Appliance Education: Bachelors in psychology from Eastern Michigan University, 1989. Masters in clinical behavioral psychology from Eastern Michigan University, 1991. Qualifications / Experience: I am co-owner of Thomas Appliance – which has been in the family since 1911, making it the oldest family-owned appliance store in the nation. I serve as chairman of the Back to the Bricks Pinewood Derby event sponsored by General Motors and a former president of the Flint Elks. I am also chairman of the Cuffs & Community project that is designed to purchase and supply K-9 officer units.</p>	<p>My top three priorities when I get to Lansing are to support small businesses in the state and give local businesses the first shot at state contracts, so we can get Michigan working again. I also want to put more funding into K-12 schools and find a way to make college more affordable, so our kids can have a world-class education to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. Finally, I will focus on equal pay for equal work legislation, because a woman should not be paid less for doing the same job as a man.</p>	<p>Accountability is key in our schools, and should be measured on a teacher, administrator, building and district level. We can't just use test scores for this. Teachers and administrators should be given constructive feedback to focus on improvements, while school districts themselves should be required to post information regarding the school's academic record. If a school is struggling, steps should be taken to assess the root problem so it can be fixed with a comprehensive, corrective plan. We also need to find out how much it costs to educate our students, so per-pupil funding can be at the appropriate levels. Last</p>	<p>We need to continue to embrace innovative ways of encouraging small businesses, such as the new ability to invest through local crowdfunding, which was made possible through House Bill 4996 this year. This law makes crowdfunding – raising money from a large number of people who invest small amounts of capital into a business – easier by exempting this type of fundraising from the more egregious portions of the state's security laws. I also support the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act amendment put forth in HB 4518, which prohibits employers from failing or refusing to provide equal pay for equal work.J</p>

State Board of Education – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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>	Describe your qualifications and experience for the State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running.	<i>What are your views on implementation of nationally developed standards for curriculum and student assessment in Michigan?</i>	<i>What would you propose to improve achievement scores of Michigan students?</i>
<p>MARIA CARL, Republican Campaign Website: http://www.mariacarlformichigan.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/MariaCarlforMichiganBoardofEducation Occupation / Current Position: Owner, Educational Business 23 yrs President/ Board Member, Walton Charter Academy, Pontiac 11yrs Education: Eastern Michigan University; Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education, Bachelor of Arts in Social Science Masters of Arts in Secondary Education from Pensacola Christian College</p>	<p>BS/BA Eastern MI MA Pensacola Christian College Educational Business Owner 23yrs Pres, Walton Charter School 11yrs Classroom Teacher 12yrs I oppose state or national control of education, Common Core. It lacks parental involvement, student individuality and local control of education. While in subject matter, it lacks the fundamental qualities of the teaching; Character Education, American History, Free Enterprise, American exceptionalism, Classical literature, as well as art and music, that stimulate learning, as required by the MI Constitution. We need to strengthen the subjects in all grades K-12 not eradicate them.</p>	<p>I will fight Common Core's assessments & it's plans to eradicate classic education. As a teacher at elementary, middle & high school levels, I taught students the beauty of our American history & culture, our founding principles, greatness of our Constitution as well as our Bill of Rights. I understand the problem first hand.</p>	<p>Carl Action Plan (CAP) for Michigan Public Education 1. Fight Common Core's assessments & plans to eradicate classic education 2. Encourage local districts to teach more of the following subjects, beginning in grades 1-12...restore Art, Music, great classics, Economics & American History/Government in the classroom 3. Promote greater transparency in how tax dollars are spent in public education 4. Promote character education focused on moral based choices 5. Fight for a parents' advisory board on curriculum & assessment tests</p>
<p>JONATHAN TADE WILLIAMS, Republican Campaign Website: www.ParentDrivenEducation.com Facebook Page: Williams 4 SBE Occupation / Current Position: Prof. Political Science KCC, Vice-Chair JPEC Charter Academy Board, Partner Copper Orchid Design Education: Master's Degree Public Administration (WMU '97), Bachelor's Degree of Social Science/Major in Political Science (MSU '94), Associate of Arts Degree (JCC '90), MPLP Fellow (MSU '01)</p>	<p>With 17 years of experience teaching political science courses at Kellogg Community College, I have had the benefit of seeing, firsthand, the preparedness of our K-12 graduates. Supporting the narrative we know to be true, there has been a decline in the readiness of graduates to move to the college setting or to a career. I am running to aid in reversing this trend. I am running to ensure parents continue to have a wide array of choices in educating their children. And, I am running to ensure there is accountability in our education system and that teachers have the support needed to do the job we expect of them.</p>	<p>I don't care where the standards come from as long as 1. The standards are acceptable to the local districts responsible for implementing those standards, and, 2. Michigan maintains complete control over those standards, the measurement tools, and the information generated from the process. To be clear, I am opposed to any process that erodes our state and local control and moves us in a direction that leads to a federal system of education. When elected to the Board, I will fight tirelessly to ensure that our education system does not follow in the footsteps of the debacle that has become our healthcare system.</p>	<p>Based on the studies, the best thing we can do is encourage and promote the two-parent household where an active interest is taken in the education of the children. As we have witnessed, the more government tries to compensate, replace, or accommodate for anything but, the worse our children do in terms of school achievement and communities do as a whole. Beyond promoting a culture of active parental involvement, I will advocate for stable school funding, local control and educational choice, a calendar that shortens the time between periods of formal learning, and, seamless integration into college or the trades.</p>
<p>PAMELA PUGH SMITH, Democrat Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pampughsmith4sbe?ref=stream Occupation / Current Position: Regeneration LLC, Owner Education: I received a Doctorate of Public Health from the University of Michigan in May 2014 and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Florida A&M University in 1996. I am a graduate of Saginaw High School.</p>	<p>Throughout my life I've stood up for what I believe is right and worked to improve the lives of children and families in my community. Whether it was leading the fight to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as an employee of the health department or as a community member, calling into question the unjust impact proposed school closures would have on minority and low-income residents. As a small business owner, I am working on a project aimed at fostering the wellness of young children. I am seeking the position to see that all children have equal access to educators that are respected and healthy learning environments.</p>	<p>Nationally developed standards such as Common Core can serve as a road map for teachers, increase expectation of students, and provide a foundation for high quality education. If well implemented such standards establish learning goals that prepare students for college, career and life. Effective employment of national standards requires educators to be well-trained and that their input is included in the implementation process. Student assessments should also include educator and local input as well as provide useful information, such as strengths and weaknesses of each individual child, to teachers and parents.</p>	<p>Ensuring that foundational elements of a good education are present—adequate public education funding, small classes, equitable teaching practices, and focused academic standards and curriculum—are key to improving achievement among Michigan students.</p>
<p>CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, Democrat Campaign Website: www.casandraulbrich.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/casandraulbrichSBE Occupation / Current Position: Vice President, Macomb Community College. Vice President, State Board of Education Education: Ph.D. - Wayne State University, MA - Wayne State University, BA - University of Michigan, AA - St. Clair County Community College</p>	<p>Elected in 2006, I have served on the State Board of Education for the past eight years. I currently serve as the Vice President of the Board and Chair the Legislative Committee. As a first generation college graduate and higher education administrator, I know first hand the value of a quality education. I am running for re-election because Michigan needs strong voices in Lansing who believe in the value of public education and will fight Legislative efforts to dismantle our local schools. I have advocated for policies that improve quality, such as expanded early childhood education and adequate funding models.</p>	<p>The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were developed by the National Governor's Association. The standards are not a curriculum, but rather provide educators with a clear guide for developing learning goals in math and English Language Arts. An example of a 2nd grade math standard is: "Estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, ...". MI educators have spent the past three years working to develop these standards at the local level. The next step is to develop an appropriate assessment, used for educational purposes only, not to label/punish students or teachers. To read the standards, visit corestandards.org.</p>	<p>Michigan's public education system is in chaos. Our school funding model and structure are completely incongruent. In the last ten years, our state has seen a decline in enrollment of nearly 200,000 students. At the same time, we've seen a net gain of 160 new charter schools. This is a terribly inefficient way to run a school system and completely unsustainable. In order to improve our local schools, we need to stabilize the platform in which they operate. Then, we can invest in those things we know work...such as lower class sizes, expanded early childhood education and supporting effective teachers.</p>
<p>KIMBERLY MOORE, Libertarian Withdrew too late for name to be omitted from ballot</p>			

State Board of Education – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>What are your views on implementation of nationally developed standards for curriculum and student assessment in Michigan?</i>	<i>What would you propose to improve achievement scores of Michigan students?</i>
<p>GREGORY SCOTT STEMPFLE, Libertatian Facebook Page: http://democracy.com/Greg-Stempfle Education: BS Biological Sciences, Wayne State, 2000 BS Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Wayne State, 2008 MS Basic Medical Sciences, Wayne State 2014 (expected)</p>	<p>I have worked in both the medical and scientific fields. This gives me a unique perspective of the challenges that await those students who recently graduate from Michigan Public Schools and what role science and technology may play in their future careers. Additionally, being a member of a third party, I will bring fresh ideas to the Board. Democrats and Republicans have been in power for 150 years and turned education into a much politicized issue. There are more than two solutions to every problem and bringing in views from more than two parties will promote better dialogue and the fostering of new ideas.</p>	<p>I do not support any federal curriculum standards. Such standards create a situation where a handful of people control what is taught in public schools nationwide. Such standards stifle teacher creativity and force students and teachers into a mold chosen by a few politicians, who despite their best intentions will have their own political agenda. I feel that there is too much cultural and geographic diversity in this county to set uniform national standards. Rural, urban, and suburban school districts each have their own unique needs and goals that should be addressed locally, not from Washington.</p>	<p>Public education should stress what individual children need to succeed after graduation, not simply how students perform on standardized tests. This is especially true for students who do not plan to attend college. While I do not support federal testing, there should be standards, using multiple criteria, to evaluate teachers and school districts. School districts that perform poorly should not have funding cut as they pay taxes into the system just like every other district. I would like to give local districts and teachers more autonomy and flexibility to foster innovative methods of teaching and curricula.</p>
JOHN ADAMS, U.S. Taxpayers	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion
KAREN ADAMS, U.S. Taxpayers	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion
<p>SHERRY A. WELLS, Green Campaign Website: www.sherryawells.net Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/sherry.a.wells.9 Occupation / Current Position: Attorney. Lawells Publishing, Owner Education: Grand Rapids Jr. College, Assoc. Arts; Michigan State University, B.A. Education (Elem., Jr. High) minors: Spanish, Political Science; Wayne State University, Law Degree</p>	<p>Life-long Michigander, schooling in Detroit, rural Kent County. Due to alleged "teacher surplus," could not use teaching certificate. Instructed paralegal law at O. U. and Comm. College; wrote a text and guide. Taught Esperanto to varied ages; presented at foreign language teacher conferences in Midwest. Involved parent; volunteer in Detroit and Metro. Region. Did "homework" beyond most when I ran for local school board. Elected to and chaired a city commission. Education is crucial to the general economy and to the personal economic status of each resident; Michigan's systems are failing both in too many ways.</p>	<p>With at least 10% of U.S. residents moving each year, and most of them in their 20s, it would be advantageous to have a consistent minimum depth and breadth of knowledge within our population and would remove the disadvantage of students finding themselves significantly behind at their new schools, with teachers confronted with a wider range of needs. However, a curriculum must not be limited to the "3 Rs" or have a too heavy emphasis on STEM courses such that it conflicts with the values of encouraging individual differences and "diversity."</p>	<p>We cannot expect an instant "fix." "Teaching to the tests" only assesses a limited "achievement" and might even limit teaching to not much more than dictated by the tests. We do not want a cookie-cutter population. I've read laments about a loss of inventiveness. That said, "achievement" can be limited by factors beyond a school's "control," such as poverty, family illiteracy, and more. These factors can be found in both urban and rural regions in Michigan and need to be remedied before teachers' teaching and students' knowledge can be fairly tested.</p>

University of Michigan Regents – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the university board and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance affordable?</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
<p>ROB STEELE, Republican Campaign Website: www.DrRobSteeleforRegent.com Facebook Page: Dr. Rob Steele Occupation / Current Position: Cardiologist, Michigan Heart, St Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor Education: Univ of Mich Regent Scholar AB1978, MD1981, Univ of Cincinnati Int Med, Wash Univ Cardiovascular Diseases, ABIM Cert Int Med, CV Diseases, Added Qualifications Interventional Cardiology, Echo</p>	<p>My family has a long history of service to UM including my Grandfather '25 (played for Yost, worked closely with UM throughout his career in Education) and Grandmother '24 (Chair, Committee for the Continuing Ed of Women in the 50's, National Co-Chair during the first UM Endowment Campaign 1964). My parents also graduated from UM and were engaged in education. I served as a Clinical Asst Prof of Medicine for over 20yrs at UM and have continuously engaged in Clinical Research. 50% of the UM budget is healthcare/research. A Regent with my institutional memory and experience in medical education/research would be unique.</p>	<p>UM is deluged with quality applicants-luxury accommodations and sushi are not a good investment for student/family/taxpayer debt. The non-restricted portions of the endowment should fund student loans rather than federal/taxpayer money. This will align the incentives between the donors, University, education product and the borrower, and will put downward pressure on tuition. Give tuition discounts for students who use the empty buildings in the summer-get them out sooner and with less debt. Give tuition refunds to STEM grads that stay and work in Michigan. Fix the price for a bachelor's degree on entry as freshman.</p>	<p>The potential disruption in higher education fostered by technology, cost/funding pressures, and changing demands of those who validate the requirement of the "degree" as the ticket to many areas of the society/economy creates significant risk for the large fixed capital costs in higher ed. Disruptions in education could equal those in communication. Transparency and accountability to the public is another pressing issue. The Regents should end the Open Meetings lawsuits by a voluntary change in Board policy. Put entire UM checkbook and line item budget online. I will have open office hours around the state monthly.</p>

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<p>RONALD WEISER, Republican Campaign Website: http://www.ronforregent.com/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/RonWeiserForRegent Occupation / Current Position: Retired Businessman Education: Graduated with honors in 1966 from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. I also did post-graduate work at the University's Business and Law Schools.</p>	<p>I started McKinley in 1968 and it has become a national real estate investment company. It owns and/or manages billions of dollars in real estate and has over 1600 employees. I am also involved in many other types of investments. In 2001, shortly after 9/11, I was appointed by President Bush to serve as the Ambassador to Slovakia. My 35 years of business experience as a successful entrepreneur and my experience working in one of the largest bureaucracies in the world gives me a unique perspective that will help the University reduce costs and maintain the educational quality of the University.</p>	<p>The University needs to reduce bureaucratic overhead and cut administrative costs. I believe that any bureaucracy can cut costs by at least 5%. We can then pass those savings onto Michigan families. We must also utilize UofM Dearborn and UofM Flint better. Students at those campuses should have the same access to professors and classes as their counterparts at Ann Arbor. This will allow them to realize substantial saving by living in areas that are more affordable than Ann Arbor. Regardless of which campus they graduate from, their degree should simply read "University of Michigan".</p>	<p>Affordability – The University must take a serious look at the budget and find areas that can be cut or reformed without reducing the quality of the education the students are receiving. Any large business, especially a bureaucracy, has fat that can be trimmed and the University is no different. Accountability - The University must be accountable to the voters of Michigan. The Board of Regents should post the budget online for easy public viewing, improve communication with the public and strictly adhere to the Michigan Open Meetings Act.</p>
<p>MIKE BEHM, Democrat Campaign Website: mgobehm.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/mikejbehm Occupation / Current Position: For the last 22 years, I have raised a family and practiced law right here in Michigan. Education: I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1989, and earned my law degree from Wayne State University in 1992.</p>	<p>I believe my background as a parent, in business, in my community, and as an alumnus of the University of Michigan will provide a needed voice on the Board of Regents. I am running for the U of M Board of Regents because our institutions of higher learning represent our state. If our universities are strong, then our state is strong. If our universities are healthy, then our state is healthy. In addition to my legal and community experience, I have worked on several economic projects focused on job creation in Michigan. I think we need to focus on how our universities can be an economic driver for our state.</p>	<p>I believe we need to re-invest in education as a state. We need to invest more in higher education to help stabilize the cost of tuition, and also invest in K-12 education to better prepare our kids for college and their careers. We also need to decrease the burden of student loans, by improving access to low interest rate student loans and providing more grants to students from low-income families. As a member of the U of M Board of Regents, I will advocate for these policies to help students succeed.</p>	<p>While the University of Michigan has done so much for its students, its graduates, and our state, the U of M and our state's university system face some very real and pressing problems. Most students are struggling to afford tuition, and budget cuts from the State of Michigan have only made obtaining a college degree more difficult by further increasing the cost of tuition. Massive student loans follow many students around for decades, and cause financial ruin for some.</p>
<p>KATHY WHITE, Democrat Campaign Website: www.friendsofkathywhite.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/friendsofkathywhite Occupation / Current Position: Professor of Law, Wayne State University. Registered Patent Attorney. Education: Princeton University, B.S.E. Electrical Engineering & Computer Sci., University of Washington School of Law, J.D., George Washington Law School, LL.M., U.S. Army War College, Masters, Strategic Studies.</p>	<p>I am the current Chair of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. I have expertise and vast experience on the Board and in other areas. I am a Professor of Law at Wayne State University specializing in patent law and contracts. I am a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army reserve. In the summers, I teach constitutional and military law to First Class Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. I am a registered patent attorney, electrical engineer, Fulbright Senior Scholar, and a White House Fellow. In July, I graduated with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.</p>	<p>As the relative amount of state funding declines, policies to keep the University of Michigan (UM) affordable must be in place. During my tenure on the Board, UM has increased financial aid commensurate with any tuition increases for in-state residents. In the capital campaign, UM has committed to raise \$1Billion for financial aid. As more students become eligible for Veterans Benefits, it is important UM has policies in place to maximize them. This is why I spearheaded the move to give all Veterans in-state tuition so that they can take full advantage of their Veterans Benefits and maximize their funding level.</p>	<p>Quality education is central to America's ability to remain globally competitive. UM must engage in public/private partnerships to continue building bridges between education, science, industry and government and create synergies needed to improve higher education quality. UM is well positioned to continue to translate knowledge to solve problems of general public interest to meet societal needs. Keeping UM affordable enables students from all backgrounds, with different perspectives, to enrich the academic environment through their engagement with each other—thereby developing empathy—which leads to moral courage.</p>
<p>JAMES LEWIS HUDLER, Libertarian Occupation / Current Position: Retired</p>	<p>I am a University of Michigan alumnus, and a member of alumni and alumnae organizations. I want to promote libertarian principles at the University of Michigan.</p>	<p>We should lobby the Ann Arbor City Council to promote more affordable housing, such as high-rise apartment buildings. The University of Michigan is the best-endowed public university in the nation; it should reduce tuition by one-half.</p>	<p>We need to prepare students to compete in the world market and keep America great. I would like to see better faculty and student representation on the Board of Regents.</p>
<p>JOHN JASCOB, Libertarian Campaign Website: http://www.democracy.com/johnjascoforregent Occupation / Current Position: Legal Editor. Writer Analyst at Wolters Kluwer Law & Business. Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Michigan (1987); Master of Arts in Teaching Latin, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1990); Juris Doctor, Concord University School of Law (2002)</p>	<p>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 of Regents 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 the financial services industry, and have 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 am currently pursuing a Master of Laws at the University of Alabama School of Law.</p>	<p>The cost of university attendance has skyrocketed over the past generation, forcing 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 enterprise 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 will also advocate decentralizing the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses to reduce overhead and increase student and faculty autonomy.</p>	<p>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, the University must not aid and abet federal government agencies or programs that undermine civil liberties. The University should not serve as an enforcement agent against the private use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. I advocate ending university-contracted military research, ROTC programs, and university investments tied to the occupation of Palestine.</p>

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JOE SANGER, U.S. Taxpayers Campaign Website: www.joesanger.com Facebook Page: None Occupation / Current Position: Certified Public Accountant Retired Education: BA, University of Michigan, June 1958. MBA University of Michigan, December 1966. Volunteer Treasurer of Pro-Life Michigan and many other public service organizations.	<p>In the Autumn of 1955 full time in state undergraduate tuition at the College of LSA was \$100 per semester. For the first semester this year the comparable charge is \$6,900, an increase of 6800%. The Consumer Price Index as measured by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has increased from 26.8 to 236.2, an increase of 781%. Over the past 58 years, the University of Michigan tuition rate has increased by 8.74 times the rate of inflation—an astounding and totally unconscionable price increase. Had tuition increased at only the inflation rate today's tuition would be \$881 per semester—a reasonable fee</p>	<p>(1). All courses should be offered over the internet permitting students to live at home! A mid-term and a final exam could be given at testing centers in major cities throughout the country. Living on campus is a massive waste of students' money. (2) State mandated price controls should reduce tuition rates to inflation adjusted 1955 levels. (3) Universities should be prohibited from requesting or using Financial Aid Forms, the purpose of which is to extract from every student and from his parents all that they have and all that they can borrow. (3) See "Ripping Off the Kids ..." @ www.joesanger.com.</p>	<p>1. MASSIVE WASTE: With today's technology there is no need for most classroom buildings and dormitories and for oversized and overpaid faculty. Today's technology permits the University to use instructional videos of the most talented instructors in the nation for every course and permits students to learn at home at a reasonable cost. 2. QUALITY OF EDUCATION: Most graduates today have never read either the "Declaration of Independence" or "The Constitution of the United States" and are economic illiterates, but they have been heavily indoctrinated in collectivist ideology.</p>
CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ, U.S. Taxpayers	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion
IAN SWANSON, Green	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

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

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MELANIE FOSTER, Republican Campaign Website: www.fosterformsu.com Facebook Page: Melanie Foster for MSU Trustee Twitter: FosterforMSU Occupation / Current Position: Owned and operated a multi-state commercial landscape contracting firm for 20 years. Business sold Education: Michigan State University, B.S. Ornamental Horticulture	<p>It was an honor and privilege to serve one term on the MSU Board of Trustees, including six years as Vice Chair. My business leadership background, involvement in the greater Lansing community, and the experience I gained as a Trustee afford me the opportunity to provide sound advice and oversight from day one. I will be an active and visible leader at MSU with regular participation at student, faculty, alumni and donor events, and intend to again serve with near perfect meeting attendance. As an alum of the MSU College of Agriculture, I understand the importance of our heritage as the first land grant institution.</p>	<p>I believe the University must look at all current general fund expenditures in order to help keep tuition costs down. I am supportive of having independent audits done to get an unbiased look at all spending and travel practices. I also support examining the feasibility of privatizing certain services. The University must also pay attention to the cost of employee benefits and pursue savings. Lastly, we must make sure the programs of study that are offered are viable, and eliminate those with continual low enrollment numbers and poor career placement.</p>	<p>One, the University must ensure that it continues to serve the people of Michigan. There is a troublesome trend to accept an increased number of out-of-state and international students for increased revenue. I believe our Michigan tax dollars should be focused on our Michigan students. Two, technology is challenging higher education's business model across the nation. Online courses challenge the age old delivery standards of educational institutions. MSU must be prepared to adapt to changing technologies as they challenge the traditional model of higher education.</p>
JEFF SAKWA, Republican Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/SakwaforMSU Occupation / Current Position: Builder and real estate developer; President, Noble Realty Inc. for 26 years Education: Michigan State University, BA	<p>With tuition soaring and graduates leaving Michigan, education is at a crossroads. I have the experience to make sure MSU heads in the right direction. I have a degree in accounting from MSU and have worked in the real estate business for over 25 years. I've seen my company through recessions, and I know that fiscal responsibility is needed now more than ever. As a father, I've always taken an active interest in my children's education and have been an active volunteer in their public schools. Now that my children are approaching college age, I've turned my attention to how I can have a positive impact on higher ed.</p>	<p>Tuition keeps going up, increasing faster than even health care costs, and it's happening at a time we can least afford it. Let's make degrees more affordable by ensuring that students graduate in four years or less, saving on the overall cost. We can eliminate so-called "blow-off classes" that don't go toward a degree, making it easier for students to graduate in a shorter amount of time. We can also save money by moving toward more on-line education and allowing for more credit-by-exam programs. Finally, we should implement line-item budgeting and take a hard look at MSU's contracts to ensure dollars aren't wasted.</p>	<p>1) Cost of tuition: MSU has an obligation to offer affordable education as a taxpayer-funded institution. But tuition continues to rise, forcing students to take on high debt or forgo higher education altogether. We must find ways to bring the cost of tuition down. 2) Preparing students for the work force: We have tens of thousands of open jobs in our state, including in agriculture, science, technology and engineering, and we're not producing graduates with the skills to fill them. That means our students must have the higher education majors and experience to succeed for 21st century jobs.</p>
FAYLENE OWEN, Democrat	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion
GEORGE J. PERLES, Democrat	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion	Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term (Cont.)

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<p>MICHAEL MILLER, Libertarian Campaign Website: to be announced Occupation / Current Position: Retired Inspector, General Motors Service Parts Operations Education: Bachelor of Arts, Chinese, Michigan State University, June 1983, coursework in Quality Assurance, Lansing Community College, 1998, second year German, Michigan State, 2010-2011</p>	<p>I attended Michigan State University, on and off, from September 1968 to June 1983, when I received my Bachelor's degree. By this time, I was pretty well-educated in modern history. I had studied the Chinese and Russian Revolutions in some depth, as well as Nazi Germany and had developed a strong antipathy to tyranny and undemocratic societies. I am very aware of the tendency to abuse power and understand that any kind of power should be seen as an opportunity to contribute more and not as an opportunity for personal aggrandizement. I was active in student co-ops and served as chair of the UAW 1753 Election Committee</p>	<p>The public pays for the university facilities 24 hours a day, so we should get as much use out of them as possible. Currently, there are numerous other institutions offering evening classes in the Lansing area. Some of these offerings are for classes that MSU offers during the day, but does not make available at night, so the other institutions are filling the gap. MSU should attempt to meet the educational needs of the community, no matter what time of day. Spreading the fixed costs of the university over more students will lower everyone's costs. With more people on campus in the evening, the campus will be safer.</p>	<p>MSU has an excellent English Language Center, but most students I have talked to have had an instructor whom they had difficulty understanding, due to the instructor's inadequate English or know someone who has. This is also not fair to the instructors, because it makes their job less satisfying and more emotionally draining. It will take some expense to improve this situation, but it can and must be done. The university administration is keeping some valuable faculty members on an adjunct basis, but this is not the best way to economize. I know of good faculty we have lost because they were offered tenure elsewhere.</p>
<p>RAYMOND MOSES, Libertarian Occupation / Current Position: Owner of a certified organic farm operation in Eastern Livingston County. Education: Bachelor of science, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University. 1990.</p>	<p>Registered voter, business owner of 23 years, Michigan State University alumni. Board member of Michigan Forage Council 4 years. Board of directors Livingston County, Farm Bureau 3 years.</p>	<p>Consolidate degree programs and departments within a respective college. Eliminate tenure of professors, increase teaching appointments while reducing research appointments.</p>	<p>High under graduate tuition cost, low quality of teaching particularly at the pre-college acceptance curriculum such as elimination by design course - i.e. weeder.</p>
<p>CRYSTAL VAN SICKLE, U.S. Taxpayers Occupation / Current Position: Accounting/Customer Service Education: Siena Heights University Adrian, MI Bachelor of Business Minor in Accounting</p>	<p>Thirty four years working experience in the business/accounting field. Michigan State University is supported by Michigan taxpayers and should provide Michigan residents with an affordable opportunity for higher education first.</p>	<p>I believe the focus needs to be on education and not special interest.</p>	<p>Cost of education and enrollment will always be pressing issues. Determining the best way to maintain cost while continuing to offer affordable education to Michigan Residents.</p>
<p>STEPHEN YOUNG, U.S. Taxpayers Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/stephen.young.77985 Occupation / Current Position: Facilities Maintenance Manager Education: Nuclear Engineering Technician, US Navy and Commercial . Biblical studies, ordained preacher.</p>	<p>Military and commercial instructor in nuclear technology, refrigeration and electrical fields. Teacher of scripture to the "who-so-ever" will hear. "how shall they hear without a preacher"? Establish budgets and planned projects in various areas of industry and energy projects. There is a decisive lack of leadership in the over site of state run colleges.</p>	<p>Most college degrees are over priced and those that graduate are under educated. Cut salaries of collage staff. Cut sports programs and stick to education.</p>	<p>1) Wasted tax payers monies on things not beneficial to education. Cut funds on worthless programs. 2) Socialism / humanism are being taught as the base foundation of society and seems to be included in every college program. Return to the system of education that once made this country great.</p>
<p>ADAM ADRIANSON, Green Campaign Website: http://adrianson2014.spmichigan.org/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/AdamAdriansonforMSUBoardofTrustees Occupation / Current Position: IT professional at Western Michigan University. Education: Bachelors of Business Administration from Western Michigan University</p>	<p>I am running for a seat on the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to provide a voice to all Michigan workers and students who stand opposed to the increasingly entrenched corporatization of our educational system. My entry into this race comes with firsthand knowledge and experience of the immense struggles facing workers and students throughout our state from skyrocketing tuition costs, mountainous student loan debt, and the increasingly standard hiring model of cyclical 'temporary track' employment.</p>	<p>End the Pentagon system and use that funding to provide free, quality and universal public education, from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate studies, including open admissions with the abolition of tuition and fees at all public universities. Flatten the management structure and pay scale of senior administration. Restore the state funding that has been lost over the last 25 years.</p>	<p>MSU should be a leader in demanding an end to the war industry, including the Selective Service Administration, military research at public universities and ROTC. MSU should use it's standing as a top agriculture university to stand against the agribusiness model embodied by Monsanto. MSU should be leading the way in developing technologies and techniques that enable family and collective farms to prosper while producing affordable, poison free, non-transgenic foods.</p>
<p>TERRY LINK, Green Campaign Website: www.gogreengolink.org Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/terrylink4msuboard Occupation / Current Position: retired, former MSU Director of Campus Sustainability/librarian/food bank director Education: Wayne State U, B.A. Geography; M.S. Library Science; MSU, graduate courses in Political Science and Resource Development; trained as a mediator and in Dynamic Facilitation</p>	<p>I served the MSU for 30 years as a librarian, founding director of Campus Sustainability, and in numerous academic governance roles. I have been a leader nationally in higher education sustainability and library fields. I have been active in the larger community serving on many boards, as Executive Director of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, and as an elected county commissioner. I am a bridge builder trained and practiced in bringing people together to find common ground. I have a proven record as a leader on campus and in the community and the skills and perspective to help MSU work towards a sustainable future.</p>	<p>We need to rein in the highest salaries which are inappropriate for a public university. This should include looking to reduce the administrative layers that have been added in recent years. We should tie any expansion of the built environment to decreasing utility costs and shrinking our carbon footprint. We should also push to restore the state funding that has been eroded over the past few decades while we increase assistance to those who need it, without leaving them with unreasonable debt. Additionally, we should decrease the frequency of replacing working equipment including vehicles, computers and furniture.</p>	<p>While numerous issues of importance must be addressed, among them tuition costs, campus rape, and transparent governance, we confront two critical issues facing the human family on a finite planet: growing inequality and ecological destabilization. Our graduates must understand the basic science behind our environment and the negative impacts of growing inequality. To accomplish this, we should endeavor, in the words of John Hannah, "to prepare good citizens" who can wrestle effectively with complex issues in ways that increase civility, not diminish it. MSU must be a model learning laboratory for all of these issues.</p>
<p>BRIDGETTE GUZMAN, Natural Law</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>

Wayne State University Board of Governors Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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<p>MICHAEL BUSUITO, Republican Occupation / Current Position: Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University Education: B.S. - University of Michigan 1976, M.D. - Wayne State University 1981</p>	<p>I have 6 children. I have held leadership positions at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and in the medical community in southeast Michigan for the past 25 years. I have successfully operated my private practice for over 25 years. I have both public university and private sector experience to bring to the table. I have been in the trenches teaching Wayne State University students for over 25 years so I understand their challenges from the ground level.</p>	<p>Institute more online opportunities for learning to cut direct expenses to our students. Many of our students commute and work. They would be well served from the standpoint of cost reductions and time management if there were more options for didactic learning via online courses. In addition, I would seek more partnerships with local industries to provide financial support in return for a commitment on behalf of the student to remain in Michigan and with the industry providing aid. This would also reduce the serious problem of Michigan losing its brightest and best students to other states.</p>	<p>The most pressing problem is rising cost of education with diminishing return on investment. The second most pressing problem is failure to recruit and retain the brightest and best students that we have here in the State of Michigan.</p>
<p>SATISH JASTI, Republican Campaign Website: www.satishjastiforwsu.com Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/satish.jasti Occupation / Current Position: Leader, Banker, Businessman, Entrepreneur Education: B.S., Major: Accounting; Wayne State University Business School, 1984 MBA, University of Chicago, 2002</p>	<p>Graduated from two city universities (Wayne State University & University of Chicago) and understand the unique challenges and opportunities faced by such schools and students. Currently on the Board of Lawrence Technological University's College of Management Board and understand all aspects of governing a large City University. Will be the only elected Board member with experience in Business, Banking, Finance and creating jobs. I want to Balance the current Board that is 6-2 democratic party controlled, union focused and filled with former union officials, educators, political strategists and attorneys.</p>	<p>Control the administrative costs of running a University. We need Board members that have the background and experience to question University management and start challenging them on their assumptions in budgets. Increase the revenue of the University by increasing enrollment (not tuition). Wayne's enrollment dropped from 34,000 in 1984 to about 27,000 now. Recruit more out-of-state and international students that pay two times more than In-State students without preventing the admission of qualified In-State students. Board members should personally solicit Well-To-Do Alumni and increase the endowment funds.</p>	<p>There are multiple stakeholders in a University: students, parents, taxpayers, staff, management, unions, federal & state governments. The 6-2 Democratic party controlled Board acts as if there is only one stakeholder, the Union. They gave an unheard of eight year contract to the Union to get around the Right to Work law with built in raises each year. They increased tuition by 10% in one year to pay for such unwise decisions. Improve the worst graduation & retention rates in Michigan by admitting students that belong at a University level. Wayne should not compete with community colleges for students.</p>
<p>MARILYN KELLY, Democrat Campaign Website: http://www.marilyn-kellyforwsu.com/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100007615156334 Occupation / Current Position: Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Wayne State Law School - teaching and lecturing. Retired Justice Education: B.A. Eastern Michigan University, Michigan; M.A. Middlebury College, Vermont with studies at La Sorbonne, Paris, France; J.D. with honors, Wayne State University Law School</p>	<p>Twelve years - State Board of Education (past President); eight years - Court of Appeals judge; sixteen years - Michigan Supreme Court Justice (past Chief Justice); past board member State Bar of Michigan Foundation, WTVS-Channel 56 Public Television, and National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts (past President). I have a deep commitment to Wayne State University and an ardent desire to strengthen its academic and research programs, provide affordable classes, expand educational opportunities, promote diversity, maintain excellent administration and broaden the school's service to the community.</p>	<p>Wayne is among the least expensive of our public universities - \$21,454 per year for an undergraduate and \$28,520 for a graduate student. Even so, the University must lower tuition and costs by resisting increases in spending, identifying additional economies within the 13 schools and colleges and at the administrative level, and obtaining more generous state funding. I have established an endowed scholarship to pay the tuition of law students planning to do public service work after graduation. I propose the University explore additional sources to augment the many existing grants and scholarships now available.</p>	<p>(1) Wayne students struggle with climbing student loans, a problem nationwide today when student debt exceeds credit-card debt. As President Wilson stated recently, "One of the major barriers to students being able to persist and complete their degree is the financial distress many of them experience." My proposals for making college affordable are at #2 above. (2) A high drop-out rate persists at Wayne. In 2012 approximately 23% of freshman students did not return the second year. The University can reduce this attrition through outstanding teaching, an innovative curriculum, and a safe, attractive, vibrant campus.</p>
<p>DANA ALICIA THOMPSON, Democrat Campaign Website: danathompson.ruck.us Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Votedanathompson Occupation / Current Position: Law Professor/Clinical Professor of Law, Director, Entrepreneurship Clinic Education: AB, Bryn Mawr College JD, University of Michigan Law School</p>	<p>I have been a university professor for nearly 10 years. I am currently a University of Michigan Law School professor where I am also the director of the Law School's Entrepreneurship Clinic. I received my AB in Political Science and French from Bryn Mawr College and my JD from the University of Michigan Law School. I am running because I want to ensure that Wayne remains accessible and affordable to Michigan's working families and a diverse group of young people.</p>	<p>I will advocate for developing innovative tuition policies which will include tuition incentives in the form of credits or discounts for students who meet certain goals such as completing their degrees in six years or less. Another tuition policy would include capping tuition increases for in state students at lower amounts than out of state students.</p>	<p>The two most pressing issues facing Wayne are keeping the University affordable for all of Michigan's families and improving the graduation rate at Wayne. If elected, I would explore all options to ensure that tuition is affordable including the specific tuition policies mentioned above. Wayne has some of the lowest graduation rates in Michigan. The University needs to hire more academic advisors to ensure that there is a safety net for students to graduate in addition to involving faculty in the success of students and a holistic strategy that addresses low graduation rates as an academic crisis.</p>
<p>DAN GOEBEL, Libertarian Occupation / Current Position: Teacher/ Builder/ Mechanic Self-employed Repair Specialist Education: UM- Dearborn engineering alumni, Madonna University original teaching certificate, Eastern Michigan Graduate school alumni and additional teaching certificates</p>	<p>I have a broad background in a number of areas. I have worked as a teacher and in the private sector both as an employee and as an employer, I am running for the Board of Governors to bring a Libertarian prospective to the Board.</p>	<p>I would propose additional co-op programs where by prospective employers help with students tuition</p>	<p>I would say that the cost of tuition and the lack of job prospectives for graduates are two of the most pressing issues for Wayne State. I feel that with more employer input and work/study programs both issues can be addressed. I would encourage employers to work with the University to farther the education of current employees and to co-op for new employees.</p>

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the university board and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance affordable</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
<p>BRIAN RICHARD WRIGHT, <i>Libertarian</i></p> <p>Campaign Website: http://democracy.com/Brian-Wright/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brian-R-Wright-for-Wayne-State-Board-of-Governors/1485750421673375 Occupation / Current Position: Author, editor, publisher Education: BSME, Wayne State University, 1975</p>	<p>As an engineering graduate of Wayne State and a generally productive human being who turned 65 in July, I've become an active, conscientious citizen of the world. I believe more strongly than ever in America's First Principles—life, liberty, property, and government (confined solely to protecting those rights) by consent of the people. The framers had a very limited vision for government authority. Government does not belong in education any more than it belongs in religion... or sports, or tiddlywinks. I'm running to present ideas for how we might transition the state out of education and, truly, out of our lives.</p>	<p>As moral and intellectual leaders in society show us how to move toward fully voluntary relationships in society, those in positions of authority in the institutions of this mixed economy (half free and half forced) need to stay on their toes looking for efficient and humane transition tools. I like the idea of cooperatives or enterprises that work for those who have shares in them. Who does the university belong to? Corporations who take advantage of the university's educating their employees? The military-industrial complex? An army of entrenched or tenured union members? WSU is stuck in a system needing rethinking.</p>	<p>Affordability and excellence in teaching and learning. Because of the nature of the system in which modern universities, in general, and higher learning, in particular, are stuck, Bureaucracy with a capital B is what you get. Self-serving, self-perpetuating, divorced from satisfying real requirements fairly. It doesn't mean that anyone in the system is a bad person, it simply means that Wayne like others—including the so-called public schools, where I'm told well more than 50% of its employees have (usually high-paying) jobs wholly unrelated to teaching—is 'not conducive to student emendation.' Need New Paradigm.</p>
<p>SHARI A. MATKIN, <i>U.S. Taxpayers</i></p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>
<p>MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI, <i>U.S. Taxpayers</i></p> <p>Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/marc.sosnowski.committee Occupation / Current Position: Property Management. Sales Rep at Volunteer Energy Education: MBA-Cornerstone Univ.-Summa cum Laude, Baccalaureate-UM Dearborn-Environmental Studies, Diploma-Catholic Central High School</p>	<p>As a taxpayer, I have a vested interest in where and how our tax dollars are spent. As a member of the WSU Board of Governors, I will have a vote to pick the president of the university and approve the budget, which is vital to the interests of the students, as well as to the community at large. I have twenty years experience in the field of property management, and thirty years of contribution in the field of bio-ethics.</p>	<p>I say follow the laws of supply and demand to keep tuition at the lowest feasible rate. We tend to increase the price of education by limiting its supply. In other words, do not limit the number of admissions. To limit the number of students is to artificially limit the supply of the final product, the diplomas. Allow any qualified student to attend the University. Let the free market forces set the price point of the tuition rate.</p>	<p>First, is to end the inhumane treatment of dogs in the WSU research labs, where we have ongoing protests of tortuous treatment of animals, who could be somebody's lost pet, undergoing experimental procedures to gather scientific research, which has been shown to have questionable value in medical care of humans. Second, is to prevent implementation of common core standards in the WSU curriculum, in particular with regard to the International Baccalaureate degree, which is a tool of the United Nations Agenda 21 to diminish USA sovereignty, taking our country one step closer to the dictatorship of the new world order.</p>
<p>MARGARET GUTTSHALL, <i>Green</i></p> <p>Campaign Website: WWW.margaret-guttshall.org Occupation / Current Position: Retired Law Librarian Education: University of Chicago, Roosevelt University, BA, American History, Wayne State University, Masters in Library Science</p>	<p>I have been a worker and a student at Wayne State: a clerk in the law library in the 1970s, including working to convince fellow workers to affiliate with the UAW; a student working on a Masters in Library Science from 2000 to 2003, including working as a reference assistant in the law library. It seems to me that the Board of Governors should represent the interests of the students and workers. I am very good at listening to both workers and students; I can do a good job speaking out for them.</p>	<p>We should reduce tuition. We should reduce the salaries of the highest paid administrators. We should work for programs that provide grants, not loans, to the neediest students.</p>	<p>I think the two most pressing issues are high tuition and the lack of students of color. As a board member, I can press for reducing tuition and develop programs to get more students of color. I can push for dealing with unions in a more pro-union way; for taking a position against spending U.S. tax money on financing the Israeli assault on Gaza and other parts of Palestine. We need to spend more of our resources on education.</p>
<p>LATHAM REDDING, <i>Green</i></p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>
<p>YOLANDA ROBSON, <i>Natural Law</i></p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>	<p>Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion</p>

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.

Vote For Not More Than One – Two Year Term

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 Lane, Clarkston, MI 48348

I have been involved in local government directly for the past 16 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, 21 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 Vice President at HIS 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.

Fiscal responsibility, economic viability and increasing housing values.

I will continue to be fiscally responsible. I will spend our tax dollars responsibly, provide critical services seek opportunities to reduce the size of government. I will prepare Oakland County for the future by taking the necessary actions today. I will help lead Oakland County out of the past recession.

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 so that our homes will once again be important assets.

TORRI MATHES, Democrat

201 N.Squirrel Rd., Apt. 1811, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am a senior at Oakland University, studying journalism. I am member of a non-profit organization called GO Effect, a mentor for a young girls group called Girls for Global Growth (G3) and a member of Oakland County Women's Advisory Board. I am running for Oakland County Commissioner because in today's technology driven world, I would bring a fresh perspective about the world as seen through a young person's eyes. The skills I would bring to the position are my compassion, ambition and motivation because I want to make an impact for the better. With the strengths I have attained and my ability to connect with people, I am confident that I will do everything in my power to successfully complete any task that is bestowed upon me and face any challenges to fight for what is best for the people of Oakland County.

The voice of the younger generation, education and employment.

We are a booming county of young people. I feel it is important our voice is heard because the world is very different than in times past, and I would have the ability to give insight on how we see the world.

Every child and adult deserves an education; if individuals thrive, then the community thrives. I would attend as many school board meetings and discussions dealing with academics and enrollment concerns to ensure that every student is not lost within the school system.

Oakland County once was one of the top 10 richest counties and had the highest employment rates before the recession hit in 2007. We've had a slow upward growth in employment but it is not enough. I would ensure we focus on how we can bring business back to our area and help small businesses grow.

County Commissioner - District 2

BOB HOFFMAN, Republican

2521 Rose Center Road, Highland, MI 48356

Born and raised Waterford Twp., attended OCC and Oakland University. Started 3 businesses. I am running because I am qualified. I bring a common sense approach to government to solve problems. I am a strong defender of property rights and less intrusive government.

1. Balanced budget, living within our means and continue to maintain a triple A bond rating.
2. Detroit water and sewer dept. I support a regional authority with strong representation from the suburbs who pay the bills. I am opposed to shifting Detroit's legacy costs to the non residents of Detroit.
3. Make sure that properties are fairly assessed so property owners are not paying an unfair burden.

MARK DANOWSKI, Independent

3720 Maureen Lane, Davisburg, MI 48350

I am the parent of two college students and have been a resident of Oakland County for over 30 years.

I am running for County Commissioner because I believe we must move forward and create a future for our children and their children that meets the challenges of the next one hundred years. I have specific ideas for jobs and economic growth for our county and for District 2, along with a passion for protecting our natural resources.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Earth Science and have worked for Federal, State and County government along with serving as an Operations Manager for a highly successful computer peripherals company. These experiences have made me very familiar with and adept at streamlining departments and processes so that they are running at peak efficiency. I run as an Independent because my ears and eyes are open to all ideas and solutions.

Most importantly Oakland County must develop their own water source. Detroit's Water system infrastructure is long outdated and with their declining population water rates will continue to rise with no end in sight. Studies are underway and I will be a driving force in working with all levels of government to secure funding for this project. This project will provide an economic shot in the arm for the region. Secondly, I will knock on doors from here to Lansing to work towards a moratorium on fracking in the county, the benefits are not worth the risk to our water. District 2 is the rural portion of the County and I will work towards a world class bike path from the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area along White Lake road, Rose center road and Davisburg road leading to Diehl's Cider Mill, the Village of Holly and along scenic miles of Springfield Township.

County Commissioner - District 3

MICHAEL SPISZ, Republican

3600 Estate Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

I have been married for 14 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 successfully ran for County Commissioner in 2012 and I am currently working towards being elected to my 2nd 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. **DWSD.** The City of 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. Currently there does not look to be an equitable solution, so we must look into our options and protect the users in Oakland County.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 3 (Cont.)

RICK KELLEY, Democrat

4057 Poli Road, Ortonville, MI 48462

Vote Rick Kelley. Born and Educated in Oakland County with a variety of professional accomplishments in international companies. Lived abroad for extended periods where universal access to comprehensive Healthcare is customary and I agree with that position. Dedicated to work for you in introducing, enhancing and implementation of new County programs and assist in efficient and effective use of existing County, State and National programs. I have a strong participative personality embracing a hands-on approach to issue resolution while building on bipartisan consensus and accountability. Achievement will be defined by the security and protection of Oakland County assets consisting of people, resources, and capital.

Jobs and Infrastructure Investment – Roads, Bridges, Utilities, Buildings with transparent public private infrastructure investment. Our county officials must step-up and embrace accountability in the poor and ever eroding condition of County infrastructure.

People and Education: Flexibility in public education to develop different and innovative formats within your district. Children must have the opportunity to start and increase educational and social talent early in development. The war on poverty a war worth fighting and victory is only sustained on a thorough platform of inclusive Public Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

Energy, Environment: Oakland County should be frontrunner in Energy Conservation. Not all energy sources are feasible in all regions; – We are Pure Michigan not Polluted Michigan! - Our water resources are too precious to risk. Pro: Geo-Thermal research jobs, development jobs, manufacturing jobs and installation jobs.

County Commissioner - District 4

TOM MIDDLETON, Republican

6928 Tappan Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

Life-long Oakland County resident, married to Kathy for 46 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 President Elect 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 46 years with a Bachelors 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 JOB - 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) DETROIT BANKRUPTCY - The continued problems holding back the City of Detroit have an enormous impact on the economic and cultural vitality of the region. Oakland County should be a positive voice whenever possible to assist in moving the whole region forward but must insist on protections for the taxpayers

PHILLIP REID, Democrat

6050 Shappie Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348

Lifelong Michigan resident, Oakland County resident for 30 years. Employed at Chrysler Group LLC for 36 years, currently retired. BA, MBA Wayne State University, Detroit. Certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Married for 33 years, two adult children.

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 diversify our economy by bring new, high-tech industries and high-wage jobs to Oakland County. Expand the county's Micro-lending Program to provide loans to qualified local entrepreneurs when large lenders won't. Support a "Buy Oakland First" policy to give Oakland County contracts to Oakland County businesses, and keep our tax dollars working in our communities.

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

JOHN A. SCOTT, Republican

3896 Lakefront St., Waterford, MI 48328

Married to Jane; 30 year resident Waterford Twp. Oakland County Commissioner and Sales Engineer, McMasters Koss Company; PFN, K of C 4th Degree Assembly 043392; Veteran, U.S. Navy, Naval Security Group, CTR-2, 9 years, 2 tours duty Vietnam; Life Member Waterford VFW Post 1008; American Legion Post 258; Executive Committee, Oakland County Republican Party; Past President, North Oakland Republican Club; Past President Republican Lincoln Club; President, Keego Harbor Optimist Club, Scholarship Chairman, West Bloomfield Optimist Club, Scholarship Chairman, Elks Lodge 810, Chairman Emeritus St. Perpetua Parish Festival; Junior Achievement Consultant, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; U of M Alumni Association; U of M Club of Greater Detroit; Life Member NRA.

Oakland County Commissioner last 11 ½ years; Chairman, Human Resources Committee, Chairman, Personnel Appeal Board, Sanitary Code Appeal Board and Food Service Appeal Board, Secretary, Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Past Chairman SEMCOG

No New Taxes, No New Fees!

JAIL OVERCROWDING: I will continue to develop and expand our "Jail Diversion" and alternative sentencing programs. Currently our jail is near or over capacity on a regular basis. Many of the prisoners in the county jail should be in the State Prison System. It is time the State of Michigan took responsibility for their prisoners.

BALANCING OUR BUDGET: Currently our county enjoys a triple "A" bond rating because of the efforts of the Board of Commissioners. I will continue to balance our budget while maintaining our low 4.19 mil property tax rate that is second lowest of all the counties in the state. We need to continue to do this without reducing the current level of services provided by the county. **NO NEW TAXES, NO NEW FEES!**

JOBS: We need to continue to pursue jobs in the new "Emerging Sectors" for the new economy.

MARKUS TINCHER, Democrat

1141 Otter Ave., Waterford, MI 48328

I am 28 years old. I've lived in Oakland County my entire life and grew up with very little. I studied Social Problems at Schoolcraft College. During the financial crisis of '08 my mother lost her home. Soon after, my stepfather died as a result of not having adequate health coverage. At 53 my mother works grueling hours for just over minimum wage. My mother raised 5 boys and deserves a fair wage and decent standard of living and so do all working parents. The decisions I make as commissioner will draw upon these experiences and always be based on the question "Is this good for working families?".

Oakland County faces many issues now and will face more in the future. As Commissioner, the 1st of my top 3 priorities will be to ensure that Oakland County negotiates the best possible terms with regard to a possible regional water authority deal. Oakland County residents cannot afford to be burdened with Detroit's debts. My 2nd priority is to lobby the State for infrastructure dollars. Our residents pay a great deal of taxes and should have strong infrastructure to show for it. Finally, Oakland County has an aging population. It is critical that we ensure the highest possible quality of life for these residents. That is why I support programs such as "age in place" which allow our residents to age in the comfort of their home instead of an assisted-living facility.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 6

EILEEN KOWALL, Republican

2333 Cumberland Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

Husband Mike of 40 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-current). Oakland County resident for 40 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 will bring 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 to support Oakland County's efforts in retention of existing job providers and recruitment of cutting edge business sectors. More emphasis on skilled trades and certificate programs like Math Squared and collaboration between businesses and 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 and quality of life efforts to keep Oakland County attractive to job providers and residents.
3. Roads/Infrastructure: The state legislature is freeing up as much money as possible within existing resources, and considering bills to restructure the current gas tax, while demanding better quality, accountability and competitive bidding to maximize taxpayers' money. DWSD infrastructure is deteriorating and needs to be rebuilt, while protecting Oakland County ratepayers from shouldering costs they didn't create.

ETHYL RIVERA, Democrat

70 Pine Tree Ridge Drive, Unit 2, Waterford, MI 48327

Oakland County communities have been my primary home for many decades. The eldest of four children, I immediately entered the work force following graduation from Troy High and enjoyed a long career centered primarily in the health care arena within a broad spectrum of settings and diverse responsibilities. I earned a Bachelor and Master of Science in Administration degrees from Central Michigan University.

Interest in my community's wellbeing evolved from living and working here and abroad, being a single parent, volunteering with local and national organizations, and serving on boards of nonprofit and political groups. Bringing diverse interests to reach common goals, planning and creating new ventures (including a family-owned business), recruiting volunteers and developing professional networks have all enhanced the skills and value qualities which I would utilize in serving the communities of Waterford and White Lake if elected County Commissioner.

1. Small business loss and growing blight. Locally owned businesses are an integral part of healthy, thriving communities. I will work to foster innovations that will establish small business anchors to sustain their viability, create local jobs and ensure greater economic resilience thereby replacing blight.
2. Transportation. Mobility for many segments of our population without automobile conveyance is an important need. I will work toward a regional transportation authority to enable seniors, youth, adults, and workers who cannot afford or otherwise do not drive automobiles the ability to be mobile.
3. Natural resources extraction. Such activities may not be as disruptive in large rural vacant land areas outside Oakland County. The land and infrastructure, air and drinking water, and the lakes, rivers, streams and numerous wetlands in this area are dangerously threatened by their contamination and destruction. I will continue to work in protecting the health and property values of our communities

County Commissioner - District 7

CHRISTINE A. LONG, Republican

1342 E. Commerce Rd., Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Receiving a baccalaureate degree from Michigan State University, College of Nursing, I formerly worked as a Registered Nurse at University of Michigan Hospital. Married, with five children. Elected County Commissioner in 2002. Owner/Operator, 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: Huron Valley and Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce since 1996.

- 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, it's 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.

CHRISTOPHER DUBOIS, Democrat

5736 Lancaster Lane, Commerce Twp., MI 48382

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County Commissioner - District 8

PHIL WEIPERT, Republican

135 N. Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178

Married to Pam, residing South Lyon 25+ years; J.D. Cooley Law School 1988; B.A. University Michigan-Dearborn, 1983; Catholic Central HS 1978. Commissioner Planning & Building, Human Resources, CZC, Personnel Appeal & Claims Review Committees. SEMCOG-Budget Committee. Attorney-Michigan & Oakland County Bar Associations. South Lyon ZBA and Historical Commission. South Lyon, Milford & Wixom Historical Societies. South Lyon, Lakes Area and Huron Valley Chambers. President-Kiwanis. Deputy Grand Knight Council 7586. Officer-Knights Assembly 3099-Milford. 2014 Best Lawyer; Parish Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, Member NRA/MCRGO, Lyon Twp. Events Organization, Wixom LDFA and War Dog Memorial. I am running because I have the experience, knowledge and commitment to work with all Departments of the County, particularly the Executive, to continue the programs that are bringing back property values and stimulating jobs throughout the County.

Economy, Job Growth and Roads. As Commissioner, I have worked on and passed a balanced, 3 year, rolling budget which maintains the County's AAA bond rating, restores property values and sustains our ability to deliver services. My goals are to insure that tax dollars are spent wisely, costs are contained, services are maintained and the Commission works with the Executive on the Detroit Bankruptcy & DWSD issues to insure that these goals are achieved. I'll continue the Medical Main Street, Automation Alley, Main Street Oakland, G2G Cloud Solutions and Emerging Sectors programs that attract and stimulate jobs resulting in increased property values-all without raising taxes. I'll continue my work with all Commissioners on these pressing economic issues in a fiscally conservative manner. I'll continue the Tri-Party Road Improvement program, require increased road construction quality/warranty standards, and work with Lansing to obtain additional funding for our roads.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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.)

JANET SMITH, Democrat

1079 Deep Valley Court, Milford, MI 48381

I was born and raised in the small town of Lake Leelanau, Michigan, where I grew up working in my father's grocery store. After high school, I moved to southeast Michigan where I earned a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I have lived and worked in this area ever since. I have over 30 years of experience in computer information systems specializing in business applications. Work experience includes projects with Ford, Chrysler, and GM. I am married with two adult children, and currently reside in Milford. I felt compelled to run for County Commissioner because I am frustrated with politicians who are unwilling to compromise and, as a result, do not provide the best solutions. I will bring my small business experience and an open mind to the table, as well as strong analytical skills that will ensure solutions are inclusive, feasible and streamlined.

The commission should focus on the roads, the fate of the water system and strong services for seniors.

The road commission is responsible for the repair of the roads in Oakland County. If the road commission is not responsive to Oakland County's needs, we should change the way the commission's members are selected to give voters more direct input.

We must ensure the entity that provides water and sewer services to Oakland County is transparent regarding revenue and expenditures. If a regional authority is not feasible, we should investigate an alternative water/sewer source for Oakland County so we know our options in this area.

Oakland County should provide services that help seniors remain in their homes as long as possible. This focus will improve the health of seniors and lower long term care costs. With the population of seniors increasing, this is becoming increasingly important.

County Commissioner - District 9

HUGH D. CRAWFORD, Republican

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

COLLEEN CROSSEY, Democrat

22279 Brockshire St., Novi, MI 48375

I am a licensed mental health clinician. As a social worker, I've connected our seniors to community resources that have greatly improved their quality of life. I've served the needs of adults with developmental disabilities and secured shelter for homeless families and children. I've helped incarcerated adults transition back to the community upon their release from Washtenaw County's Jail. I was team leader of an Eastern Michigan University/ Livingston County research project which examined barriers to mental health treatment for women.

As an AFSCME union steward, I did contract negotiation for the staff of Monroe County's Mental Health Authority. As an employee of many non-profit agencies, I understand there are real limits to resources in any sector, public or private. I bring to the position of County Commission my unique combination of business, clinical and collaborative skills in order to do the most with limited funding.

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To support our local economy, I will give our small, local businesses more visibility. Local small businesses in our area contribute more to our communities than powerful businesses that lobby for unfair tax cuts. Entrepreneurs sell clean energy products. Use of wind and solar will make us energy independent and keep our environment clean for our children. Buying locally is a win-win solution.

I will pass an ordinance to protect our lakes and drinking water from dangerous fuel extraction practices. Funding for road repair from the gas tax has drastically decreased. People drive more fuel efficient cars. In August 2012, Novi citizens passed a road millage for more than \$5 million to investment in annual road and pathway. This solution may be necessary for other communities. I will ensure that our county employees receive a living wage. Our citizens need security and stability in their lives. All people matter.

County Commissioner - District 10

KATRINA BARR, Republican

26 Brierwood Lane, Pontiac, MI 48340

DAVID BOWMAN, Democrat

19 S. Perry St., 1A, Pontiac, MI 48342

David Bowman age 31.

I'm running as a new voice for the New Pontiac. We've turned a corner. The dark days of an Emergency Manager are behind us and we have a bright future ahead, a future where our children receive a world-class education and our people 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've served on an international trade mission to promote Automation Alley. I've worked in the Michigan Legislature as District Director for State Rep. Tim Greimel. I've also worked for a Downtown Development Authority, where I helped devise strategies to encourage economic growth and job creation.

I know what needs to be done and I'm ready to go to work for the people of my community.

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(1) Create Good Jobs – Put in place pro-growth economic policies to give city residents greater access to tools, training and capital so that they can create their own opportunity. AS the old saying goes, no one will pay you what you're worth but yourself.

(2) Provide Quality Services – When I see county investments in other parts of Oakland County, I'm going to be aggressively asking if those investments are being made in Pontiac; if not, why not – and I'll be fighting to bring them to Pontiac. You paid for it. You earned it. You deserve it. And I'm going to get it.

(3) Protect At-Risk Groups – I will protect the vulnerable, in particular our children and seniors on fixed incomes – and I will fight against any attempt to reduce or take away retirees' hard-earned pensions.

County Commissioner - District 11

ROBERT GOSSELIN, Republican

5773 Sussex St., Troy, MI 48098

First elected to County Commission: November 2006

Current term: Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2014

Phone: 248-858-0100 (County); **Cell:** 248-250-3822.

E-mail: gosselin@mich.com, gosselinr@oakgov.com

Committees: Planning and Building, General Government

Elected experience: Troy City Council 1993-97–Member, State Representative 1999 - 2002 and 2005 - 2006, Troy City Charter Revision Committee 1990-1993, Oakland County Board of Commissioners 2007-Present–Member, Chairman– Employment Relations, Training and Safety–Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Tax Policy–Education–Government Operations –Transportation and Health Policy.

People know and trust me to keep fighting to make government smaller and more efficient. Good leadership matters; "Strengthening Our Community with Less Government" has always been my goal. I bring to the Commission 31 years of an abundant amount of experience and knowledge. Working with all levels of government is important during these times.

DWSD will drastically impact our water rate payers. The State of Michigan needs to totally take it over, audit it, reorganize it and give it back to the three counties to operate and run it.

Reduced taxation and regulatory laws that cripple the families and businesses in our State.

Reduce the size of government on all levels. Government is out of control, taxes are too high and government regulations are too excessive. Government is tying up families and businesses. Our liberties are being diminished.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 11 (Cont.)

MARTHA BLACK, Democrat

2408 Jackson Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Martha Black, 53, married to Bill. We have four children. Chad 16; Alaina 14; Sophia 12 and Lauren, 10. Ten year resident of Rochester Hills.

Birmingham Groves graduate. Attended Oakland Community College.

I currently work part time in Public Relations and am a Eucharistic Minister and Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteer at St Marys of the Hills.

As a representative of Oakland County, I will bring forth a fresh, clear voice to the issues that matter most to our District. A voice that carries the solutions of community, not the business of politics.

My experience as an advocate for preserving our history, improving our schools, and protecting our environment has, in part, brought me to the decision to run for office. Too many residents believe our voice is not being heard; or worse, that it doesn't matter.

I am running to return that voice back to our residents.

Improving the condition of our roads continues to be an important issue facing Oakland County.

We need a long term solution that rewards our residents and tourists with clean, safe roads. I would support polling our community with options, such as sustainable alternatives to help fund these solutions.

Michigan's Education System continues to struggle. With over 1.5 billion dollars of taxpayer dollars cut from our K-12 Budget, our children are not receiving the education they deserve to be globally competitive.

As Oakland County Commissioner, I will always strive to improve our public schools and continue to be a voice for our children and teachers.

Finally, I believe the overall issue is Frustration. The frustration in Lansing mirrors the frustration in the homes and businesses of Oakland County.

Voters are frustrated with the business of politics. As Commissioner, I will speak up as a resident, for our residents.

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: 5 Chairs currently, 2 Vice-Chairs, Caucus Chair; Board of Directors, Michigan Association of Counties, Community Corrections, Substance Abuse, Business Roundtable.

Integrity: As an elected official, I serve the public. *The public does not serve me!* I understand the meaning of "holding the public trust". I listen to all sides, bringing honesty and experience to decisions.

Innovation: Chair: First Children's Summit in Michigan, First RX Program, Award winning "Senior Show" and Brain Booklet, First Senior Transportation Guide, Free Hats and Gloves for needy Children, Human Trafficking Seminar.

Work Ethic: I get things done by "cutting red-tape". Paving roads, keeping lakes clean and safe, saving families from foreclosure, supporting downtown development. I work hard for my constituents solving problems.

Roads: I am fighting to ensure that every new penny paid in gasoline tax goes to roads! Now, nearly every department in the state takes a penny here, dollar there. I want the 1950's era state formula for gas tax distribution rewritten. (Oakland had more cows than cars). We must combine some County and Road Commission services and have smart phone pictures of pot-holes sent directly to the Road Commission for speedier repair!

DWSD: Detroit's Bankruptcy has put Oakland County ratepayers at enormous risk. We need a fair Regional Authority. We should not pay for Detroit's debts in our water and sewer fees.

Economic Growth: Through fiscal constraints, conservative budgeting and innovation, Oakland County weathered the Great Recession without raising taxes or cutting vital services. I am proud to be part of this AAA County and will continue to work hard to attract new businesses to our vibrant community.

MIKE LEWIS, Democrat

944 Kennesaw Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

I was born, raised and educated in Detroit. I am a graduate of Wayne State University (1994) and the University of Detroit Law School (1998). My family and I moved to Birmingham in 2008. I have been married for 10 glorious years and have two great kids, ages 8 and 5. I am running in the 12th District because I believe in service and admire those willing to step up and contribute something for the greater good. Everyone needs to find a cause; this is mine. I am good at figuring out difficult problems and know I can work with just about anyone to find common ground because that is what I've been done for my entire career. I look forward to serving the people of Oakland County.

Regional thinking, community outreach and inspiring tomorrow's leaders. We need better, more dynamic people to get involved at every level of government from city and county commissions all the way up to the national races. This is the greatest challenge of our day: overcoming the apathy and lack of trust pervasive throughout the electorate. In order to do this, we need to find inspirational people. I think I'm one of those. This idea is woven through the three issues identified above. Dynamic thinking on long term regional issues leads to a stronger county, region and state; and, the multiplier effect from positive community involvement and better leadership is obvious and far reaching. Oakland County can and should be an example in this regard.

County Commissioner - District 13

GENE YEE, Republican

5871 Raven Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Retired mechanical engineer with over 30 years of professional experience and two SAE publications. Received Masters degree from the University of Michigan. Work for the automotive industry, oil refining and have my own consulting service. Started a 501.c.3 that still exists today helping people. In my career I have interacted with Federal and State Agencies such as the EPA, NHTSA, DOE and CARB. Sensitive to environmental issues. Native Detroit and a product of DPS system.

1) Maintain Oakland County high bond rating by exercising good and wise financial management. The high bond ratings allows the county to borrow at lower rates when the need arise.

2) Road Conditions - the horrible winter has damaged our aged roads. Apportioning funds within our budget and seeking additional funds from state and federal sources will be a top priority. Oversee the technical and financial aspects of the Road Commission to get the best results for the monies spent.

3) Attract foreign investment into depressed areas of Oakland County. Make use of Gov. Snyder's EB-5 program to attract foreign investment.

MARCIA GERSHENSON, Democrat

5964 Wing Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I am a native Michigander and a University of Michigan graduate. I am running for re-election to continue some of the great projects I have been working on. I started a Women's Advisory Board for Oakland County and just held our first event for Women Veterans. We have much more work to do to support women in our county.

I also co-chaired a gun safety panel to understand safety issues in our schools and communities. We have promoted gun safety locks and responsible gun ownership through public service announcements. I am also working to promote mental health first aid to educate the nonprofessional on how to recognize mental health warning signs.

I am married and have one son.

My top 3 issues in Oakland County are roads, water and seniors.

Because our state legislature has not provided money for roads to local communities, we need to start thinking out of the box for ways to generate more funds. Our County government is poised to have greater oversight of our road commission and increase accountability. If every district had their own road commissioner, it would increase communication between citizens and the Road Commission.

We need to protect our drinking water and lakes, rivers and streams. Any efforts to divert our water, commercialize or extract it, must be studied carefully.

Seniors are a growing demographic in our community. We need to secure funding for access to resources that will allow seniors to live independent lives. Seniors need choices to age in place comfortably and affordably.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 14

BILL DWYER, Republican

35862 Lone Pine Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

As a 48 year veteran of the law enforcement profession, and current member of the Board of Commissioners, my priority is to get beyond politics and find solutions to common problems. It was my honor to serve 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. As a Commissioner, I have a deep understanding and appreciation for the communities I serve. I strongly believe in pulling together talented individuals in a team environment to achieve solutions. I have a strong track record of bipartisan work on many issues including the reduction of the threat of gun violence and improvement of public safety. My experience in public service gives me the insight to move past politics, work on what matters most, and get results.

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. I support continued efforts to attract emerging markets such as life sciences.

Roads: Our roads are falling apart. I will continue to be a strong voice to get our fair share of funds, spending the dollars we do have wisely and making smart investments in existing infrastructure before building new roads and bridges.

Safe Communities: We can and should do more to prevent crime in our neighborhoods. I am proud to be part of a team committed to reducing the threat of gun violence to our children and families. Bipartisan effort include: promotion of gun safety locks, educating parents about violent video game ratings and mental health programs.

GERALD SKINNER, Democrat

24846 Lakeland Street, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I, Gerald Skinner, am seeing County Commissioner District 14 as a Democrat. I have resided in the district since 1995. I am a retired union electrician and hold a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University. My 30 years of construction experience makes it easy to see the need for a modern and well-maintained transportation infrastructure. The current members of the Board have failed to take meaningful action to address this issue. Given our AAA credit rating and strong economic base, we have the means and ability to raise necessary funds to improve our transportation infrastructure.

1. Road repair. We don't have the luxury of waiting for relief from Washington or Lansing. Oakland County has a AAA credit rating.

2. We should utilize this credit rating to issue bonds to self-finance necessary funds for this repair. The figure proposed by Lansing of 450 million dollars (as of the date this is written) falls very short of the amount needed statewide.

3. The Board must act more aggressively to attract business investment. Finance and doing an aggressive infrastructure program will allow us to better use our assets of location, skilled workforce, and quality of life to grow more and better paying jobs to the County.

County Commissioner - District 15

JEFF MATIS, Republican

539 Wyngate Dr., Rochester, MI 48307

I'm currently Oakland County Commissioner for Rochester and Rochester Hills, and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, after having been twice elected Vice Chairperson in a unanimous bipartisan vote of all of my fellow Commissioners. I'm running for re-election because I have the experience, education, and strong work ethic to benefit the citizens of Rochester and Rochester Hills. I graduated from Oakland University with a business degree, and the University of Detroit School of Law, while working full time and paying for my own education. For 10 years, I ran a small business, became a commercially licensed pilot, and for 20 years, I have been an attorney defending people and companies sued in civil lawsuits. While a Commissioner, I introduced the resolution that created greater government transparency and I serve on the Finance Committee which has been instrumental in helping Oakland County maintain its coveted "AAA" bond rating.

1) Job Growth & Economic Strength – We must continue to make smart fiscal decisions to maintain Oakland County's "AAA" bond rating and to send a signal to businesses that Oakland County is a place for innovation and to invest and create jobs. For example, we recently refinanced county debt and saved Oakland County taxpayers \$130,000,000.

2) Successful Regional Issue Resolution – The Detroit bankruptcy has created many challenges for Oakland County, such as the Detroit Water System. We must explore all reasonable options, and enter partnerships, when appropriate, so that we continue to provide Oakland County taxpayers with the highest quality services at a fair price.

3) Road Improvement & Safe Communities – Our roads are in bad shape. I will continue to be a strong voice for our fair share of funds, and to spend them wisely on infrastructure. I was also part of a bipartisan effort to promote safer communities.

NADINE HARVEY, Democrat

435 S. Livernois Rd., Apt. 131, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

I have an Associates degree from Oakland Community College and a B.S. from Oakland University. I have been a resident of Avon Township/Rochester Hills for over 40 years. I am involved with the League of Women Voters and served on the Library Board of Trustees for 12 years.

I have been a community activist and worked on many boards to help make the future bright for our wonderful Rochester area.

I have always sought common ground to move projects forward. I achieved my accomplishments through cooperation and coordination-something sorely lacking government today.

My motto has always been "problem solving takes teamwork".

My top priorities are:

Repairing our horribly damaged roads. We can accomplish this by lowering our per-axle weight requirements for heavy hauling trucks. We should look at the existing gas tax on the state, federal and wholesale levels to see where we can get a better return for our communities.

Protecting our ground water and environment are essential. Fracking in our area brings the potential of great damage. We need to be aware of chemicals used and demand total transparency from companies set on drilling in our areas. Chemical fertilizers and pesticides on our lawns and farms pollute our streams and wells. We need to find alternatives to these harmful chemicals.

It is important to help home owners stay in their homes and help residents facing foreclosure. We need to continue our communication with our community and county organizations to help our residents find solutions to homeownership problems.

County Commissioner - District 16

WADE FLEMING, Republican

3820 Victoria Drive, Troy, MI 48083

My wife Paula, and I raised our family in Troy for 32 years. We believe strongly in public service. I am currently in my 9th year as a member of the Troy City Council 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 service on the City Council, 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.

Road Improvements: I will get 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 will 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 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.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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 16 (Cont.)

PHYLLIS A. NODA, Democrat

1805 Woodgate Drive, Troy, MI 48083

I am a 38-year resident of Troy with the breadth of experience, depth of knowledge, and life-long commitment to sustain and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of our community. As an entrepreneur, teacher, university professor/Director (Eastern Michigan University since 1986), administrator, and consultant to business and industry, I will continue to advocate for and deliver services to empower women and special populations. Executive leadership roles of multimillion dollar projects sharpened my skills in community outreach, needs-based decision making, optimization of resources and fiscal responsibility.

Multilingual capabilities combined with numerous international consultancies in Europe and Latin America, support Oakland County's vision to "grow" its presence in the global economic community. Educational credentials include: BA (U of D Mercy), an M. Ed. (Marygrove College), and Ed.D. (Wayne State), post-doctoral studies at Trinity College Cork, Ireland. I am the mother of two adult professionals in Business and Technology.

The following response identifies and discusses the **Top 3 Priority issues:**

1. Safety and "Quality" of County Roads:
 - Bring the Road Commission into alignment with the county's organizational structure, making it directly accountable to the county and communities we serve.
 - Monitor and review types of materials, standards used in patching, repair and re-paving of county roads, insisting on assurances to the degree possible of longevity, quality materials, and best practices in roads maintenance and construction will
2. Access, Affordability and Purity of Water Supply:
 - Support Oakland County's proposed study of alternatives to current state water resources, methods of purification, transport and costs
 - Review proposals for Regional Authority insisting on assurances of fair rates, quality control, equitable representation, fiscal accountability and EPA
 - Advocate for support of Clean Water Act to protect our wetlands
3. Enhanced Service for Seniors and Challenged Citizens
 - Support efforts of county commissions and agencies in identifying, developing and securing external supplemental funding for expanded services and programs.

County Commissioner - District 17

REGINA BRIM, Republican

18131 Santa Ann Ave., Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Retired schoolteacher and Librarian

Wife of 40 years, Mother of two children and grandmother, Bachelors Degree in Music and Education from Marygrove College, Masters Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University, Musician, Writer and Political Activist

Honest, Ethical, Decisive, Persevering, Accessible and Accountable, Strong Organizational, Leadership and Budgeting skills

Tri-County Regional Authority Agreement with Detroit Water and Sewer - Oakland County should strongly consider the ramifications of entering into a Tri-County Regional Agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewer Department. We shouldn't commit Oakland County taxpayers to accept the legacy liabilities of DWSD pensions, and the cost of repairing a long neglected water and sewer system, in need of extensive and expensive upgrades.

Civil Liberties-I will strongly oppose the use of Federal grant money for the purchase of sophisticated military equipment to be used by local and county police enforcement agencies. The lines between police and military actions should be distinctly drawn.

Fiscal Responsibility- Oakland County should continue to maintain a strong sense of fiscal responsibility towards its citizens, limiting its budget to essentials that maintain the quality of life we enjoy. I would oppose any involvement in unwise commitments that will indenture our residents to years of higher taxes.

NANCY L. QUARLES, Democrat

18131 Magnolia Ave. Southfield, MI 48075

I am the Oakland County Commissioner for District 17. The standing committees I serve on are General Government and Finance. My political experience includes serving as a State Representative. I bring experience from the public sector and private sector. Prior to my elected positions I worked for IBM. Currently, I am a small business owner and an Adjunct Professor at Central Michigan University where I teach courses in political science.

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Commission to represent progressive values. I will continue to move forward the issues of importance to the district. These issues include but not limited to quality of life, fair distribution of county resources and open communication with the citizens. I will continue to bring and share information about the county with the citizens.

The issues are 1) roads, 2) public transportation, and 3) regionalism.

The disrepair of the roads in Oakland County is atrocious. Currently, the roads are the responsibility of the Oakland County Road Commission. I believe accountability to the citizens is required from the Road Commission. This commission needs to report directly to the Board of Commissioners or the County Executive. This change will allow citizens direct communication with those they elect. I will work toward putting forth a resolution to change this situation.

Public transportation is essential to the quality of life for residents of Oakland County and its municipalities. Public transportation provides mobility and freedom for the citizens. I will continue to work with the various community organizations to advocate for better public transportation in Oakland County.

There are many benefits to be gained from regionalism. Oakland County can maximize its resources by sharing across local governments and counties.

County Commissioner - District 18

MICHAEL BATES, Republican

1446 Albany, Ferndale, MI 48220

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HELAINÉ M. 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 alternate 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 a seventh term, because I have more important work to do on issues such as regional transportation, increasing services for seniors and vulnerable citizens, keeping our communities economically vibrant and developing programs to increase jobs.

Clean, affordable water is a huge issue for everyone! Answers to this critical issue is part of the City of Detroit's bankruptcy mediation process. However, Commissioners are the legislative authority voting on whether to accept the mediated deal.

Second, we still need to expand our efforts to diversify our local economy, attract new business and create more jobs. We need to invest in training and educational opportunities to insure that workers have the right skills for today's jobs. We also need to support entrepreneurs and small businesses so that they can flourish in Michigan.

Third, regional transportation and road funding are a priority. This is a State-wide problem that requires a Legislative fix. I feel that we need to disband the separate Road Commission for Oakland County. Roads could become a department of Oakland County government. We would save tax dollars by absorbing human resources, financial and other operational departments.

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

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

CHRIS MEISTER, *Republican*

1066 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48067

I am a Michigan native who has lived in Royal Oak for nearly 20 years. My working career has provided experience as an employee and employer in a broad range of areas, which allows me to bring insight and a unique perspective to the position of county commissioner. My travels around the country have given me a deep respect for the creative vitality of individual initiative, and I have seen that the most prosperous communities are those with the least burdensome governments.

Oakland County is renown for it's responsible fiscal management under the leadership of L. Brooks Patterson. My goal is to see those sound policies continue into the future while the county government respects individual liberty and free-market enterprise.

One of the most pressing issues facing the Metropolitan Detroit area is the future of the water system. Responsible and cool heads are needed to make sure decisions regarding this vital utility are made that are in the best interests of all the residents and employers of Oakland County—not a few select cronies.

A related issue is managing the crisis running throughout the area as chickens hatched by years of irresponsible local governance come home to roost. Rather than bailing out the culprits, county government needs to foster a business environment where citizens can work their way to a prosperous future.

DAVE WOODWARD, *Democrat*

1718 W.Farnum, Royal Oak, MI 48067

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 20

DOUGLAS K. MAC LEAN, *Republican*

27432 Park Ct., Madison Heights, MI 48071

Married, 42 years, wife Elaine, two children, Doug Jr. and Tennille Ann, 6 Grandchildren. Elected, to the Madison District School Board 1979-1995 and appointed to fill 6 month Vacancy, 1999-2000. Elected to Madison Heights City Council from 1995-1999.

I have served in many elected positions in the City of Madison Heights and owning the Fiduciary responsibilities, from local School Districts to City Government. Experienced as a policy maker overseeing Budgets, and Hiring Staff, This would be part of my duties as your County Commissioner.

Dodge Truck 1964-1966 line Worker Union Steward Local 140

Madison Heights Police Department 1966-1995

Past Master of Laurel Acacia, East gate 477 F& AM now member of Royal Oak 464

Past Gateway Counseling Center, Board of Directors

Madison Heights Crime Commission 1977-Present

To serve, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Troy and Represent them to the best of my abilities.

1. Maintaining a AAA Bond Rating. This rating is currently threatened by the Detroit bankruptcy and the possible Flint bankruptcy.

2. As a Commissioner I would vote for balanced budgets and to make sure the County does not spend Money it does not have. The County has "best County practice" of doing a three year rolling budgets and I will be a voice on the County Commission to continue doing this. The Bond Rating agencies want to be assured that Oakland County's elected Officials are going to make sound fiscal decisions.

3. Invest in New Technology to maintain our Roads in good repair. The State of Maine found by using Cold Patch to fill Pot Holes then using a power Roller to flatten the material then using a Infrared Machine to seal the material it made the road like new.

I AM READY TO GO TO WORK FOR YOU.

GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY, *Democrat*

926 Tanglewood Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071

Currently I serve as your Oakland County Commissioner for District # 20. Previously I served as Madison Heights City Councilman 1983 - 1998 and 2000 - 2008. I also was Mayor of Madison Heights from 1998 - 1999. Over my many years being involved with my community, I've served on many committees and boards including 24 years on the Parks & Rec Board, Madison Heights Little Baseball Board of Directors, Chairman of the Planning Commission and many more. I also served as a volunteer baseball and softball coach, Madison Heights Police Reserve Officer, Assistant Boy Scout Leader, 43rd District Court Probation Officer. I have been married to Diane for 39 years with two adult children Andy (35) and Amy (31). My experience serving my community both as an elected official and as a concerned citizen makes me the best qualified person to be your County Commissioner.

#1 - The county roads are in bad shape due to the hard winter we have had. Now we must try to get them back in shape in a timely matter. This will include ways to fund the road projects as well as making sure we get quality roads that will last.

#2 - We must work even closer with our local cities, who have had to cut critical services, including public safety and other important programs and services. We need to look at ways to consolidate services with the county and other cities to provide equal or better services at a reduced cost.

#3 - As a member of the ad hoc committee on the regional water authority, we need to look at equitable solutions that are fair for all parties (Detroit, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne). It's important that Oakland County residents and businesses are not paying for a poorly run water system.

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*

29315 Lancaster, #207, Southfield, MI 48034

Mother of Courtney and Anthony, Oakland County resident 25 years, graduate of Spring Arbor University, BA Management and Organizational Development, Worked at a major accounting firm, banking in commercial and residential lending, DTE and AT&T in customer service, finance and administration. Held real estate license and taught school in Oakland County. Sponsored many child and internet safety events in the schools and community, a health care fair, home retention seminars, resource fairs for those facing financial need and neighborhood bonding events. Currently one the founding members of the Oakland County Human trafficking study group, furthering community awareness about this crime and working in a multi agency collaboration to establish safe haven and support legislation to aid those victimized. As a member of the human resource, planning and public services committees on the commission; made decisions critical to efficient county operation and maintained a balanced budget.

The Roads - are in a state of emergency disrepair, will support funding for collaborative efforts to fix the most needed in repair first. Will promote road customer service efforts for our drivers and advocate for increased claim assistance for repair.

Job Creation/Workforce Development - further efforts ensuring small business finance through micro loan lending initiatives. Support partnering with initiatives to help start business or careers. Work to increase regional workforce development funding, for those requiring training to work here in Oakland County and elsewhere in our region.

Quality of Life - Continue to support regional transportation plan. Work toward a safer community, starting with resources for our children to help them, their parents and educators navigate their world and the internet more safely. Join and work with our realtors and neighborhood groups we they begin to remarket our viable communities.

Charter Township of Lyon Township Trustee

One partial term ending 11/20/2016 - Vote for no more than one

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

SEAN O'NEIL, Republican

26181 Great Plains Dr., South Lyon, MI 48178

Lyon Township is at a crossroads, as the demand for new development intersects with the goals and responsibilities set forth in our Master Plan. I seek to continue as a Township Trustee because I have the educational, professional, and civic experience that uniquely qualifies me to help guide the Township during the vital years ahead. I have a degree in Urban Planning from MSU and have spent the past 15 years focused professionally on the development of growing communities and municipal planning. As the Planning Director in White Lake Township (11 years) and as a member of the Lyon Township Planning Commission (7 years), I have guided commercial and residential development, while administering budgets annually. My wife Stephanie, a South Lyon teacher, and I are proud to raise our family here and I commit myself to draw on my extensive experiences and skills to continue to enhance our wonderful community.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?

First, we must ensure that our community grows responsibly, in a manner consistent with our Master Plan, while being mindful of our utility and road infrastructure. Our motto of "honoring yesterday and building tomorrow" means we must balance our rural roots with the push for further development. With meticulous planning and measured action, we can responsibly remain true to our Township mission.

Second, it is imperative that we maintain a superior level of public safety as the demand for services increases. A community without high-quality emergency services is not a desirable place to live, work, or raise a family. Sustaining our commitment in these areas is vital and non-negotiable.

Third, we must govern efficiently and operate in a fiscally responsible manner. Lyon Township has survived difficult economic times while avoiding financial pitfalls. Difficult decisions and economic perils still lurk, however, and we must remain ever vigilant in this regard.

STEVEN GREENE, Democrat

63 Petoskey St., New Hudson, MI 48165

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Charter Township of Oakland Township Trustee

Two partial terms ending 11/20/2016 - Vote for no more than two

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

ROBIN BUXAR, Republican

1540 W. Gunn Road, Rochester, MI 48306

JOHN GIANNANGELI, Republican

5846 Murfield Drive, Rochester, MI 48306

During my professional career, I held positions of Vice President of Finance, Administration, Treasurer, Director of Finance and Rewards Director. I also served as a Director on numerous Boards and was Chairman of the Pension Committee and the Compensation Committee. I have extensive knowledge in Budgeting and Planning.

I have a B.A. in Economics, MBA in Finance from Wayne State University and graduated from the International Senior Management Program at Harvard Business School.

My wife Sharon and I raised our three children in the township and now that I recently retired I want to give back to the community in which I have resided in for the past 22 years.

I am currently on the Board of Trustees, the Planning Commission, and a Precinct Delegate and served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review.

I value the opinions of others and feel that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.

QUINTON MACK, Independent

3580 Inverness Drive, Rochester, MI 48306

I am a young mind with lots of ideas and even more energy. Not too long ago I made the decision that I was going to start my career in civil services. The past four years I have been studying important subjects such as Economics, Finance, Accounting, and Government to uniquely qualify me to represent the people of my township in the decision making process. Not only have I studied the subjects consumer and welfare economics as well as economic development, I have also spent hours every day envisioning all of ways I could help my township. I am a very proud American that looks forward to bettering my already great country every day!

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Due to growth in Oakland Township we need to address infrastructure issues especially roads, water and sewers. Many of our roads are congested, and in some cases unsafe. I am proposing meeting with the Road Commission to identify the needs, possible solutions and costs. We need to ensure that there is adequate quality drinking water for our residents. I will be attending a meeting with the Water Resource Commission to discuss their plans to address these issues.

Given current and future growth many of our residents feel that it is important to retain the rural character which defines Oakland Township. As the BOT representative on the planning commission, it will be my priority to ensure that the rural character be defined in the Master Plan which is in the process of being updated.

At the Administrative level I will work to institutionalize "Best Practice" policies.

I am not running for office for my own personal agenda but rather to accurately represent my fellow residents. That is why I have conducted a brief informal survey of other residents in Oakland Township. During my visit to 150 homes I asked each resident what issues they would like to see addressed. The top three issue were; the quality of the township water, the network of sidewalks (specifically north of Gunn Road) and responsible residential development. As a trustee I will advocate for changes to each of those issues.

★★★ NON-PARTISAN CONTESTS ★★★

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running.</i>	<i>Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.</i>	<i>What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?</i>
<p>RICHARD BERNSTEIN Campaign Website: www.bernsteinforjustice.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/BernsteinForJustice Occupation / Current Position: Attorney/ Partner at the Sam Bernstein Law Firm Education: B.G.S. University of Michigan '96; J.D. Northwestern University School of Law '99</p>	<p>As an attorney handling complex civil litigation for 15 years, I've fought and won landmark, precedent-setting cases through the public service practice I founded. As the former chair of the WSU Board of Governors, I acquired the administrative experience necessary to best serve on the Court. My work has been recognized with several community and legal awards, including Michigan Lawyers Weekly's Leader in the Law award, Detroit News Michiganiaan of the Year, the State Bar's John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award, Crain's Detroit Business "40 Under 40" Award, and the State Bar's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.</p>	<p>To have a fair judiciary is to have Blind Justice. As a Justice, I will know I have done my job when a reading of my opinions gives no indication of whether I am a liberal or conservative, or a man or woman. I will be guided by the rule of law, precedent, and the belief that justice is for all. While I've been very careful not to state opinions in this campaign that would require recusal in the future on any issue – I will say it is important to me that campaign finance laws should foster transparency and enable voters to make informed decisions. Citizens need to know that elected officials are working only for them.</p>	<p>As a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, my top priority is to promote justice and fairness for all the people of this State. I will achieve this goal by coming into every case with an open mind, listening to all sides, and applying the facts of each case to the law of the land.</p>
<p>DOUG DERN Campaign Website: https://m.facebook.com/votedern Facebook Page: https://m.facebook.com/votedern Occupation / Current Position: Self employed attorney Education: Cooley law school</p>	<p>My qualifications are field experience. I'm a lawyer in the trenches. I'm not a big firm back ground I'm a solo practitioner. I'm in touch with the people. I'm in touch with real world justice.</p>	<p>Fair and impartial has to be for the greater good. The people in power at local or national levels are there because someone had a financial interest. Its been that way since time began. There is so many reforms I can't begin to discuss them.</p>	<p>To bring a balance back to the halls of justice. And if you want to know what I mean take s good look at how out of sack the system is and ask yourself is this fair.</p>
<p>BILL MURPHY Campaign Website: www.electjudgemurphy.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/judge-billmurphy Occupation / Current Position: Chief Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals Education: Michigan State University, 1967, Bachelor of Arts Wayne State University Law School, 1970, Juris Doctor</p>	<p>As a Michigan Court of Appeals judge for almost thirty years, I am the most experienced candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court. My track record as a fair and impartial jurist and administrator has led me to be appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals three times. Under my leadership the Court has been recognized as a national leader in efficiency in business practices. As a member of the Supreme Court, I hope to continue my service, providing an impartial ear and just voice from the bench.</p>	<p>I believe that a fair legal system grants all citizens access to the courts and affords all equal protection under the law. It requires a judge to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office.</p>	<p>As a member of the Court, I will walk into every case with an open mind and I will use my extensive experience to provide insight and knowledge in order to reach a just outcome.</p>
<p>JAMES ROBERT REDFORD Campaign Website: http://judgeredford.com/candidate-bio/ Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/JamesRobertRedford Occupation / Current Position: Kent County Circuit Court Judge, Chief Judge Pro Tem 17th Circuit Court Education: University of Detroit School of Law JD 1985 John Carroll University BSBA 1982 U S Navy JAGC Lawyer's Course 1985 U S Army JAGC Military Judge's Course 2006 Detroit Catholic Central HS 1978 I am running for the Supreme Court</p>	<p>because I have a passion for justice under the law and a lifelong commitment to public service. My 11 years as a State Circuit Court Judge in Grand Rapids overseeing in excess of 8,000 cases, 28 years in the U. S. Navy JAGC including 5 years as a military judge and my years as a Federal Prosecutor and in private practice give me a unique depth and breadth of legal experience to bring to the Court. The values learned from growing up in a large family in Detroit, from being a husband and father, an Eagle Scout and lifelong Boy Scout also prepare me for this important office.</p>	<p>A fair, impartial and independent judiciary applies the law as it is plainly written; giving the ordinary and everyday understanding to the statutes and Constitutional provisions they are applying or interpreting. It respects the separation of powers and understands it is the duty of the judiciary to apply the law fairly and equally, regardless of claim, party or the personal feeling of any judicial officer themselves; not to create the law. It must be completely independent of influences separate from the facts of a case or the applicable law which applies to the matter under consideration</p>	<p>As a Justice of the Court to be faithful to the Constitutions of the United States and Michigan. To evenly and fairly apply the law as it is plainly written. To issue clear and logical opinions based solely on the requirements of the law as applied to the facts of each case. I will also strive to help the Judiciary improve our system of justice to make it more efficient and fair with greater access and transparency throughout the State so as to assist citizens' ability to utilize the Courts when they find it necessary to do so in their personal and business responsibilities.</p>
<p>BRIAN ZAHRA Campaign Website: www.Zahraforjustice.com Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/JusticeBrianZahra Occupation / Current Position: Justice, Michigan Supreme Court Education: JD, University of Detroit School of Law, 1987; BGS, Wayne State University, 1984</p>	<p>I have been privileged to serve the people of Michigan for 20 years; 4 years as a circuit court judge; 12 years as a Judge of the Court of Appeals; and 4 years as a Justice of the Supreme Court. I am running because of my passion for the rule of law. When the rule of law is followed, a person's case will be decided exclusively on the legal merits of the claim and not on a judge's subjective view of which party is more sympathetic or deserving. This is the best way to ensure an objective and balanced approach to the interpretation of law. More importantly, this is the only way to ensure equal justice under law. A fair, impartial and independent judi-</p>	<p>ciary is one that interprets the law as it is written without rewriting it to state what a judge believes the law should be. Lower courts should follow the precedent established by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court should follow its own precedent unless prior cases were wrongly decided and correction of those cases serves the best interest of Michigan. Judges must always be mindful of their constitutional duties and insure that they fulfill those duties without exceeding them. When the system works in this way equal justice under law is achieved and</p>	<p>My continuing priority will be to ensure that the law is interpreted as it is written. This approach promotes the rule of law so that all who come to court receive equal justice under law. From an administrative point of view, I will continue to address upgrading the technological capabilities of Michigan courts. A party should be able to e-file pleadings and have electronic access to public records across Michigan. Local funding of our courts makes implementation of such a statewide system complex. Nonetheless, next year my Court expects to propose to the Legislature a comprehensive statewide e-filing plan.</p>

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Partial term to 1/1/17

Vote For Not More Than One – Two Year Term

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and explain your reasons for running..</i>	<i>Please comment on your understanding of what it means to have a fair, impartial, and independent judiciary and any related reforms you would suggest.</i>	<i>What are your top priorities if elected to the Michigan Supreme Court?</i>
<p>KERRY L. MORGAN Campaign Website: http://democracy.com/MorganForJustice Occupation / Current Position: Attorney. http://pview.findlaw.com/view/2750666_1 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, 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 judges are 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>A judiciary cannot be fair unless it is governed by the law itself. It cannot be impartial unless it is no respecter of those who stand before it—either rich or poor, citizen or alien. It cannot be independent unless it first accepts the idea that the law is its sole master and not the other branches of the government. A judiciary cannot do justice even in basic human terms, unless it embraces the idea that the civil government has no compelling interest whatsoever, other than the preservation and protection of our rights.</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 compelling lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. Securing our rights is the states only compelling interest.</p>
<p>DEBORAH A. THOMAS Campaign Website: www.JudgeDeborahThomasForJustice.com Facebook Page: Deborah Thomas Occupation / Current Position: Judge, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court Education: J.D. Valparaiso Univ. School of Law, Master of Arts, Criminal Justice, Univ. of Detroit, Bachelor of Arts, Education, Western Mich.Univ., Diploma, Cass Technical High School, Certificate, US Air Univ</p>	<p>Currently serving 19th year as a Judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court. Prior to taking the bench, practice law as a private attorney, staff attorney with Oakland County Legal Aid Society and the UAW legal Services Plan. I also acted as house council with Michigan Department of Labor, and SEMTA, now known as SMART transportation. The Michigan Supreme Court is the administrator for all Michigan courts. I would like to increase the number of speciality courts in Michigan including Veterans Courts, Drug Court, Mental Health Courts and Restorative Justice Programs.</p>	<p>The role of a judge is to follow the law as set by our founding father's. Every citizen has the right to impartial and expeditious justice, without worry of personal, social, or political views clouding the landscape. The courts must protect the Bill of Rights and the rights of Michigan Citizens conferred by the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.</p>	<p>Work toward increasing the number of speciality courts in Michigan. Also work to expand the use of restorative justice projects utilized by the courts. Enhance accessibility of the courts for all of its citizens. Explore alternative dispute resolution programs which will provide more efficient means of reaching resolutions of disputed matters while protecting the constitutional guarantees of citizens.</p>
<p>DAVID VIVIANO Campaign Website: http://vivianoforjustice.com/ Facebook Page: https://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</p>	<p>In addition to my service on the Michigan Supreme Court, I served as a trial judge and later as the Chief Judge of the Macomb County Circuit and Probate Courts. Along with my administrative duties, as a trial judge 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 to retain my seat because I believe that I have the moral foundation, legal training, and life experience to serve as a thoughtful, passionate and principled justice.</p>	<p>I believe that equal justice under law means that the party with the better argument on how the law applies to a given set of facts must prevail, without consideration of status, wealth, or influence and without reference to popular sentiment or political expedience. A judiciary that adheres to the rule of law, interpreting and applying the law according to the law-maker's intent and not the judge's own policy preferences, is the fairest legal system because it provides a principled and predictable basis for settling disputes.</p>	<p>If retained, I will continue to decide each case according to my rule of law judicial philosophy. This approach has brought clarity and consistency to the law, and I will work with my colleagues to continue that trend. I will continue to press for administrative reforms and technological innovation within the court system. We need to expand e-filing and improve our capability to manage electronic content by, among other things, making court filings available on the internet. We need to make sure we are doing more with less and not using scarce resources as an excuse for poor performance.</p>

Appeals Court, District 2 - Vote For Not More Than TWO - 6-year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Mark J. Cavanagh, Henry Saad

Judge Of Probate Court

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than One - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Daniel A. O'Brien

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

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than SEVEN - Six Year Terms

Unopposed on the Ballot - James M. Alexander, Martha D. Anderson, Mary Ellen Brennan, Lisa Gorcyca, Nanci Grant, Shalina Deborah Kumar, and Rudy J. Nichols

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 8-year Term

The 6th Circuit Court includes all of Oakland County.

KAREN GEIBEL

Karen Geibel is a candidate for the open seat in the Oakland County Circuit Court. She is a proud resident of Oakland County and employee having served in the Court for almost 14 years. Karen graduated from Michigan State University and Thomas Cooley Law School.

Karen began working at the Court in 1999 as a Deputy Law Clerk, practiced a short time at a private law firm, and since November 2004 returned to the Court as the Judicial Research Attorney for Judge Rudy J. Nichols where she handles the day-to-day substantive and procedural matters of the Circuit Court.

Karen is active in the Rochester Area Jaycees, teaches catechism at St. Kieran Church and volunteers as a Judge in the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament.

On a daily basis, I research and apply the law on legal issues brought before the Court, studying and utilizing the Michigan Court Rules and Rules of Evidence. I prepare both written and oral rulings on pre- and post-trial, dispositive, appellate and injunctive issues. I work with attorneys on pre-trial matters and participate in settlement conferences with a focus on conflict resolution. At times, I participate in evidentiary hearings and trials assisting in decisions and rulings by the Judge. I partake in docket management including scheduling and making recommendations for alternative dispute resolution. I work in a General Jurisdiction court in the Oakland County Circuit Court.

I am running for Circuit Court Judge because I am the most qualified and best prepared for the position. I possess the required analytical skills and legal ability of a Judge. I am a hard-worker and good listener. As a wife, mother of four, volunteer and full-time employee, I am forced to be prepared, organized and a step ahead at all times. I am compassionate, open-minded, and fair yet know when to be assertive if needed. I enjoy every aspect of my job, have a passion for public service, and am ready to apply my every day knowledge and courtroom experience as the next Circuit Judge. If elected, I will continue service to the public above all and be assessable to both attorneys and litigants.

LISA LANGTON

I am the Oakland County Deputy Court Administrator and former Probate/Juvenile Register and Family Division Administrator. I am a member or officer of several legal and professional organizations including the Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators, the National Association of Court Management and Michigan Association for Family Court Administration and Oakland County's Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence. I am a member of the Oakland County Bar Family Law and Juvenile Law committees and numerous State Court Administrative Office committees and workgroups. I am a past president of the Michigan Probate and Juvenile Registers Association and have authored numerous articles in legal publications. Married to Charlie Langton, Attorney and Fox2/WWJ Legal Analyst, I graduated with honors from Ball State University and Detroit College of Law.

While in private practice, I represented clients from all walks of life. Although I specialized in Family Law, I've handled numerous general civil matters. I represented people involved in domestic relations such as divorce, child custody, child support, paternity and adoption. Because I worked in a firm of diverse specialties, I practiced criminal law and advised homeowners in zoning disputes. I also handled juvenile delinquency matters. I've represented clients in employment cases involving wrongful termination and advised business leaders embroiled in corporate disputes. I've practiced in Oakland County Circuit, Probate and District courts as well as courts in Wayne and Macomb Counties. I am admitted to practice in Federal Courts including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

I am uniquely qualified because, as an expert in family law and having practiced in that area for 25 years, I have exactly the kind of experience an informed voter is looking for. A Family Law judge needs to offer adults a chance to be better parents after a marriage has ended and allow children an opportunity to grow in a safe and loving environment. I also understand the importance of managing a docket because in my current position I train new judges on that critical component of judicial management. I have been the only person in Oakland County to run the family division since its inception and have set up practices and protocols for all aspects of the court and family division.

District Court Judge – District 35

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -Jim Plakas

District Court Judge – District 43

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -Charles Goedert

District Court Judge – District 44

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -Terrence H. Brennan

District Court Judge – District 45 - Incumbent Position

Vote For Not More Than TWO - Highest Vote 8 Year Term - Next highest Vote 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -Michelle Friedman Appel and David M. Gubow

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 Court Judge – District 45A - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 8-year Term

District 45A includes the city of Berkley.

DALE SCHNEIDER

I graduated from MSU in 1987 and Cooley Law School in 1991. I was City of Berkley prosecutor for over 17 years and Berkley City Attorney for 11 years. I also prosecuted for the cities of Ferndale, Southfield, Clawson and Lathrup Village. My criminal defense practice represents hundreds of defendants throughout Michigan. I have been the lead attorney in more than 100 trials. I am active with the Berkley school district.

I was raised in Oakland County with three older sisters. My father is an ex-marine who became a registered engineer. I know how to treat women, as an equal, with dignity and respect. Married to Victoria, the funniest woman I ever met. Our children, Lilly and Lucas, both attend the Berkley Schools.

My practice is concentrated in criminal law, both prosecution and defense, as well as municipal law, representing and advising cities on all legal matters. I also practice labor law, representing wrongfully terminated employees, family law, landlord-tenant, business law, personal injury, workers compensation, real estate and estate planning.

Typically when I handle criminal defense, my clients are first time offenders, many under the age of 25. When I handle employment cases, the majority of my clients are women or older individuals that have been treated unfairly at work.

My practice is primarily in Oakland County Courts at all levels, but I have on occasion practiced in several District and County Courts throughout the State of Michigan.

Preparing to be a good judge requires the accumulated wisdom of many years. I have more than 23 years experience in numerous District and County Courts throughout Oakland County and the State. I have seen and experienced programs that will benefit the City of Berkley and its School District.

One such program, Court in Schools programs show youngsters that actions have real, life-altering consequences. This is not a role-play program. Students observe real court sessions conducted at the school, with real individuals being taken away in handcuffs by real officers for real crimes they committed. It makes an impact.

For thoughts on how an inspired judge can deliver public services that give benefits that last for generations, please visit schneider4judge.com.

JAMIE WITTENBERG

I am married to Staci and the father of four beautiful daughters. I am a proud second generation Berkley High School graduate. I have a law degree from Wayne State and an undergraduate degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Prior to being elected as the Judge of the 45-A District, I served as an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County from 2005-2008, and in Wayne County from 2000-2005. As an assistant prosecutor I conducted over 750 felony exams and tried over 125 felony cases, including numerous high profile homicide cases.

In 2008 the citizens of Berkley elected me to the bench. I am currently the Chief Judge of the 45-A District Court and the elected President of the Oakland County District Judges Association, which represents the 32 judges in Oakland County. I have been involved in numerous community activities as a judge, including Oakland County Teen Court for Berkley High School, Norup Middle School and Anderson Middle School. I am actively involved with the Tri-Community Coalition and hosted my own segment on a local cable show. I have been assigned by the State Court Administrator's Office to sit as a visiting judge in over 10 different jurisdictions.

I am a hard working judge who has brought energy, discipline and fairness to the Berkley bench. Along with my amazing staff, I have operated an efficient and highly rated court. In addition to my numerous judicial and community endorsements, I am endorsed by the Mayor of Berkley, the entire Berkley City Council and the Chief of the Berkley Public Safety Department. County Prosecutors Jessica Cooper, Eric Smith and Kym Worthy have also endorsed me. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Berkley as their district court judge, and I hope to continue serving my community for many more years.

District Court Judge – District 46

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -Shelia Johnson

District Court Judge – District 47

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot -James B. Brady

District Court Judge – District 48 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term

District 48 includes the Charter Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield and the Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village and Sylvan Lake.

KEVIN KEVELIGHAN

I grew up in Orchard Lake, Michigan and attended school within the West Bloomfield School District. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Social Science Interdisciplinary Health Studies (Economics, Psychology and Biology) from Michigan State University in May of 1994. From there, I earned my J.D. from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law while working full time as a Mortgage Originator and, later, as Clerk to the Hon. Michael A. Martone of the 52-4 District Court (Troy, Michigan). After passing the bar exam, in May of 2000 I began practicing law privately with my wife, Tracey L. Kevelighan, and my father, D. Lawrence Kevelighan. I actively coach kids sports; co-ordinated Operation Vet Resources & Recovery; and active in my church.

From the start my private law practice has been focused on Consumer Mortgage and Foreclosure Defense. My experience as a Mortgage Originator and exceptional performance in courses on Consumer Law and Secured Transactions proved this was an area wherein I could excel. In the beginning, by direct mail marketing, I built a law practice that was 90% Chapter 13 Bankruptcy cases and 10% Civil Litigation cases for clients situated in the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. Gradually, my practice has become one of mostly Civil Litigation cases covering a geography that spans from my Detroit Metropolitan Area to as far north as Traverse City and as far west as Grand Rapids. My clients are a broad range of people throughout the communities.

I believe police and prosecutors are highly proficient at protecting the community without the aid of a radically punitive Judge. I will deliver sentences that fit the crime, reserving extreme sentences for extreme offenses and in all cases providing real balance between toughness and thoughtful consideration. I reject the "scared straight" "one size fits all" current mindset. I will provide leadership that empowers the ENTIRE COMMUNITY. One of my ideas is to continue Courageous Decisions. This school program includes unique interactive risk analysis presentations which are not so much "critical" as they are "empowering." I will be impartial, objective, and unbiased ensuring all sides are heard. As a public servant, I would be YOUR judge. You can trust that I will be working for YOU.

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 Court Judge – District 48 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term (Cont.)

KIMBERLY SMALL

I was raised in this community and have raised my children here. After graduating from the University of Michigan, I attended Detroit College of Law's night school while working full time, served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Staff Attorney for U.S. District Court and for the last 18 years, I have had the privilege of serving as your Judge.

I am passionate about our community and our youth: Implemented "Critical Life Choices", proudly shared with 20,000 students and "Cool to be Clean", frequent speaker, panelist for our school districts and parent groups, work with young women at risk and domestic violence victims and much more. I have humbly accepted the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award, Local Hero Award and Esteemed Women of Michigan Award 2014.

For the past 18 years, I have served my community as District Judge handling both criminal and civil cases. Criminal cases include a varying degree of offense levels for example: murder, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, larceny, home invasion, assault and battery, retail fraud, operating while intoxicated, and possession of drugs. Civil cases include for example: breach of contract, malpractice, foreclosures, fraud, account stated, conversion, environmental and tort. I am well versed in the law and procedure necessary to ensure fair and impartial justice.

For 18 years, it has been my privilege to serve as your District Judge. I have a proven track record of protecting our families, educating our children, and keeping the standards high in our community so that it may remain a safe and beautiful community. I am fair, impartial, treat all with respect and always remember that I work for you. My belief is simple: the courtroom must be a search for the truth, deliver fair and impartial justice to all, treat each case as the most important, and do all I can to protect the public.

**District Court Judge – District 50
Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than TWO - 6 Year Term**

Unopposed on the Ballot - Michael C. Martinez And Cynthia T. Walker

District Court Judge – District 51 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term

District 51 includes Waterford.

PATRICK J. BAGLEY

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RICHARD D. KUHN, JR.

Lifelong resident of Waterford area; graduate of Waterford Kettering High School, Oakland University and Detroit College of Law – Michigan State University; serving 12th year as Waterford District Court Judge; appointed Chief Judge by Michigan Supreme Court – 2008 to date; former practicing attorney for 13 years; former staff attorney for Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols; elected Oakland County Commissioner (1983-1990), representing Independence, Springfield and Waterford Townships; Member, State Bar of Michigan, Michigan District Judges Association and Oakland County Bar Association; Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce; Waterford Coalition for Youth; Blessings in a Backpack; Waterford Foundation for Public Education; Member, Central United Methodist Church; married for 21 years to Kristine (Davis); 4 children.

As a sitting district court judge, I preside over criminal, civil, traffic, landlord-tenant and small claims cases. As a lifelong resident of the Waterford area, I am in a unique position to help keep our community safe, to help people resolve disputes and to help individuals and families in need, making our community a better place to live. I thoroughly enjoy this challenge and feel privileged to serve in this capacity.

I have been honored to serve my hometown of Waterford as a District Court Judge for the past 12 years, 7 years as Chief Judge, and believe that I possess the necessary attributes to continue serving in this position: integrity, dedication to hard work, legal ability, fair-mindedness and judicial temperament. I believe I've demonstrated these qualities during my tenure on the bench. I have great respect for the institution I serve and I strive to conduct myself, my courtroom and the 51st District Court in a manner that upholds public trust and confidence in the judiciary.

District Court Judge – District 52-1 – Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term

District 52-1 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.

BRIAN W. MACKENZIE

Judge, 52nd District Court - 1st Division, March 1988 – Present.

American Bar Association /National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Judicial Fellow , November 2008 – December 2010.

Assistant Attorney General, Michigan Attorney General's Office, September 1979 – March 1988.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, November 1974 – September 1979.

Judge of the 52-1 District court.

I have a balanced temperament, and more than two decades of experience. I work hard to ensure that all of my cases are heard in a timely and fair manner. I am always looking for better ways to be a judge and have what I hope is an innovative approach to the justice system.

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 Court Judge – District 52-1 – Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term (Cont.)

TRAVIS M. REEDS

I live in South Lyon with my wife of 17 years, Karen, and our two children, Carter (15) and Molly (9) who attend South Lyon Schools. As a family, we attend St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South Lyon. I graduated from CMU (BA 1994) and Wayne State University Law School (Juris Doctor 1997). I am a Chamber of Commerce member, and am involved in community organizations including Rotary and Kiwanis. I am an ICLE Champion of Justice, and am honored to have been designated as a Michigan Super Lawyer 2013 and 2014 by legal peers. I have been appointed to the Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council with judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement, and serve on the ICLE Criminal Law Advisory Board.

I have been an attorney practicing for 17 years, and am a partner with my father at Reeds & Reeds, founded in Walled Lake in 1978. I have a wide range of experience in both criminal and civil litigation. I have extensive trial experience, having tried hundreds of cases to verdict/judgment, and I have a diverse legal background. I have written and edited legal books covering many subjects that form the basis for the type of cases handled in the District Court. I have spent the majority of my practice representing individuals and small business, the very types of cases the 52-1 District Court handles. Presently, I practice in the 52-1 District Court several days a week, and have done so for 17 years.

My career has been devoted to helping people and families in our community. I have been privileged to find a profession I truly love and about which I am very passionate. As District Judge, I want to continue to serve our community with that same passion and respect for the law. I know there is no candidate with a greater desire to serve the public. And as a judge, I will be independent, fair, impartial, diligent, and hard-working. I have made a deep and personal commitment to the law, and have the proper demeanor to serve our community well. I have a reputation as being an ethical and hard-working lawyer, and I will employ those same principles as a judge.

District Court Judge – District 52-2

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Joseph G. Fabrizio

District Court Judge – District 52-3

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Julie A. Nicholson

District Court Judge – District 52-4 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6-year Term

District 52-4 includes the cities of Clawson and Troy.

MIKE BOSNIC

Married to Sejal Bosnic for 20 years. We have three boys, aged 16, 14 and 9. Sejal and I lived in Troy for four years, then moved to Clawson and bought our first home, where we still reside. I graduated from Michigan State and obtained my law degree from Notre Dame.

I served on the Clawson Board of Education for nearly ten years. I am currently serving my fourth and final year on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, where I represent Clawson and Troy.

My community service involves the Optimists, Youth Assistance, Community Coalition and various PTA and booster groups. I have also coached basketball and soccer.

I am with Giarmarco, Mullins and Horton, PC in Troy, a top flight large law firm.

For nearly 20 years, I have focused my practice on District Courts, observing and learning from our great local Judges. I am an experienced trial attorney, well versed in every type of District Court case. I worked in several innovative District Court programs, including Troy's Drug Treatment Court. I have garnered awards for my District Court work, notably the "Drug Court Hero" award in 2011. I work as a District Court prosecutor for many communities that my firm represents. The communities in which I prosecute are in Oakland and Wayne counties.

I am in District Courtrooms three to five days a week, and have been for the last several years. I am proud to have the support of the Judges that I regularly appear before.

I am uniquely qualified for the position of District Court Judge.

I will utilize my decades of District Court experience to adopt the qualities of the District Court Judges I admire. Conversely, there are practices utilized by some members of the Judiciary that I would avoid.

I have been working since I was a young boy at my parents' store. I worked through undergrad and law school. I knocked on tens of thousands of doors as an elected official. I continue to work hard to keep our communities safe as a prosecutor.

As a leader, I have always sought to use good judgment while in elected office over the past decade. I have been a careful steward of taxpayer dollars and respected property rights.

MAUREEN M. MCGINNIS

I graduated from the University of Colorado and Michigan State University Detroit College of Law. I interned for the U.S. Department of Justice in law school and began working for the Law Offices of Donald E. McGinnis, Jr. in 2003. I served as Troy City Councilmember from 2009 to 2013, and as Mayor Pro Tem and Acting Mayor during my tenure. I have been very active in the State Bar of Michigan, serving as Chair of the Young Lawyers Section in 2010-2011 and as a District I Commissioner since 2012. I sit on the board of directors for the Oakland County Bar Association and the Women Officials Network. I am active in many community organizations, including Oakland County Youth Assistance and the Troy Chamber of Commerce.

My practice is primarily family law but I also handle criminal, juvenile and probate matters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. My family law practice includes divorces, child custody disputes, claims for support, paternity and marital property issues. I appear in circuit, probate and district courts on a regular basis and also appear at mediation on many of my family law cases. My typical client might be someone that is getting divorced, answering a criminal charge or civil infraction, or someone seeking a guardianship or conservatorship for a family member.

Because of my experiences both inside and outside of the courtroom, I believe that I not only understand many of the pressures placed on litigants and attorneys, but I am also

compassionate to their needs as they navigate the legal process. I hold myself to a high level of personal accountability and a high standard of preparedness, both of which are important to be successful as a judge. I have served my community, and my experience on city council helped fine tune my ability to be deliberative and open-minded when considering an issue that comes before me. My ability to consider all sides of an issue before coming to a decision is essential to service as a district court judge, and to doing justice.

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

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?

LIONEL J. BODZIN

18341 W.Thirteen Mile Rd., Apt. 31, Southfield, MI 48076

Education:

Oak Park High School 1963

Wayne State University, BA 1967, MD 1971

Oakland Community College, Associate Degree 1980

I am running for the Board of Trustees because of the recent disturbing changes instituted by Dr. Meyer and the current Board. These include an emphasis on Developmental (ie Remedial) Education rather than the Arts or Humanities, the lack of communication from the administration to the public and the faculty, and the intentional failure to rehire full time faculty in Ceramics and other programs.

I believe that my experience as Vice Chief of Emergency Medicine at South Macomb Hospital as well as Section Head of Emergency Medicine at the Ford Medical Center Sterling Heights qualify me to understand administrative problems.

My 40 years as a potter and a participant at the OCC Royal Oak Campus allow me to understand the issues at the college.

The Priority Issues at OCC include:

- The new emphasis on Developmental Education at the expense of the Arts and Humanities
 - Failure of Dr. Meyer and his minions to communicate with either the public or the faculty
 - The need to reestablish the full time faculty positions which have been neglected in an attempt to control the faculty and staff
 - The importance of continuing affordable education to the community of Southeast Michigan, in the face of outrageous tuition hikes at the 4 year colleges
- As a Board Member I would seek to affiliate with those who are like minded in an attempt to change the direction that the Board and Dr. Meyer have taken at the College.

SHIRLEY JEAN BRYANT

29560 Ashford Parkway #12, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

I have 35 years experience in public education as a teacher and administrator and retired to contribute through volunteerism. I have served six years as a trustee of Oakland Community College, including two years as chair. I bring educational professionalism to the board and pledge to continuously benefit students and the community. Board experience includes serving as President of the National Community Education Association; as Board Chair for Orchards Children's Services; as President of Birmingham Rotary and as a trustee of the OCC Foundation Board since 2005. The Eastern Michigan University College of Education inducted me into their Hall of Fame, 2007; I received the Anti-Defamation League's Women of Achievement Award and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce "Athena Award" for outstanding professional and community service. I hold a B.A. from the University of Florida, an M.A. from EMU in Educational Leadership and have extensive additional educational leadership post-graduate work.

- 1.) The board must continue to improve its governance practices while working toward better communications and relations with the staff and community.
 - 2.) The board should serve as policy architects who monitor that community goals are being met and allow staff to perform management duties.
 - 3.) The board and administration must stay focused on ensuring student success in college readiness, transfer readiness and employment readiness.
- Students deserve board support in helping staff make the college the best that it can.

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4062 W.Thirteen Mile Road, #D, Royal Oak, MI 48073

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ROBERT M. KUHN

1595 Pebble Point Drive, Troy, MI 48085

Robert Kuhn is a life-long Oakland County resident. He is committed to openness and fiscal responsibility at Oakland Community College; as a member of the Kuhn family, which has included two Oakland County judges, a former Oakland County Drain Commissioner, and a former Hazel Park school teacher, he is dedicated to serving the public. Critical to Robert Kuhn's beliefs is that the public comes first and foremost—and special interest politics really have no place in governance of Oakland Community College. Through his education at the University of Michigan, Robert Kuhn is both competent and knowledgeable. Robert Kuhn will bring a fresh approach to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. He will emphasize rational decision-making, assuring accessibility to OCC classrooms and online study for Oakland County residents, and responsiveness to Oakland County's needs for expanding the local economy and providing appropriate training for our citizens.

Robert Kuhn is strongly committed to moving Oakland Community College forward. Three major issues confront the college. First, Robert Kuhn will forward and support the principal goal of student success at OCC. OCC must continue to improve its graduation rates, its transfer rates to four-year schools as well as the marketability of its degrees and programs. Student success is a critical measure of OCC's success.

Second, Robert Kuhn favors increased and expanded connections with our K-12 school districts throughout the County. OCC has initiated a few successful programs such as the early college program and partnering with local school districts. These programs should be expanded, and further partnerships with our local school districts should be encouraged and explored.

Third, Robert Kuhn supports re-organization and re-invention of the college. This reform process is currently on-going. Although change is difficult for any organization, Robert Kuhn favors implementation of OCC Chancellor Meyer's proposals.

JOHN P. MCCULLOCH

1609 Cedarhill Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48067

As a CPA, Attorney, former Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Director of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, I have the experience and expertise to help guide Oakland Community College (OCC) into the future. As the largest community college in the state, it's important that OCC be a model for academic excellence and prepares students for the highly technical and skilled jobs of the future. Building partnerships with public and private sector is key to the economic success of the region and state. With more than 24 years experience dealing with public boards, as both a member and director, I am ready to hit the ground running.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Walsh College and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. My wife, Adriana, and I have three grown children; Catherine, JoAnna and John Jr. and live in Royal Oak.

I will advocate for building partnerships with four year colleges and universities and collaborating with the private sector across Southeast Michigan. Preparing students for the high tech high skilled jobs needed in this global economy are imperative for the economic health of region and drawing potential students to OCC.

Ensuring the continued financial health of OCC is a priority to me. As a steward of taxpayer dollars, financial policy decisions can have long term effects on the college. Fiscal responsibility with an eye towards student achievement is vital to the continued success of the OCC.

Closing the socioeconomic achievement gap in diverse groups by providing educational opportunities to all in Southeast Michigan is critical to the long term success of the college and region. Ensuring that students from all backgrounds receive access to the educational programs that OCC has to offer will help to close these gaps.

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

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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?

CHRIS NOORDHOORN

4052 Hillcrest, Highland, MI 48356

Our family emigrated to Grand Rapids in 1957 where I began my academic career at junior college. I put myself through school, working part time as McDonald's first teenage employee in Michigan. I then 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 Oakland Community College. Throughout my 35 year career as faculty, I was actively involved in OCC beyond the classroom: union bargainer for OCCFA, chair for the Communications/Humanities department, advisor to the campus newspaper "The Highland Voice" and member of a range of committees, including the OCC Foundation Board.

I am grateful for the opportunities OCC has provided my family, my students and the community. I want to continue to serve OCC and help shape its future.

1) Community Colleges distancing themselves from "Community": In a time when some community colleges are dropping 'community' from their names, Oakland Community College must set itself apart, strengthen its commitment and live up to its motto: **Community Is Our Middle Name.**

2) Changing demographics: As our population ages OCC can serve this growing demographic's interests by providing life-long learning opportunities & activities. With many of our District's voters retiring, OCC is in a unique position to provide those life-long interests and activities that continue to expand the intellect as well as maintain and strengthen their involvement in the Community, garnering their continued support

3) Higher education funding: As the state's largest community college dependent on public support, OCC must prove its efficiency and value to the state and exert pressure on our legislators and politicians in Lansing to make funding for our higher education institutions a top priority.

DENNIS PAUL FRANCIS O'CONNOR

28254 Carltonway Drive, Novi, MI 48377

Dennis Paul Francis O'Connor is a 27-year Oakland County resident; Oakland County small business owner; MBA, Wayne State University, majored in Marketing and Management; BA, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, earned *Secondary Teaching Certification* in Journalism and Mathematics; Award of Distinction – Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

I am laser-focused on making sure that your tax dollars are invested properly on student achievement, so our young adults will be properly trained and "career-ready" for 21st Century jobs in a global workforce environment. See www.dennisocconnor.org for more details.

Relevant Qualities and Skills:

- Elected Trustee, Oakland County School Boards Association (2013-present)
- Elected Trustee, Novi Board of Education (2009-present)
- Appointed Trustee, Novi Educational Foundation (2011-2012)
- Oakland-ISD Legislative Representative, (2009-2011)
- Fellow: National Security Forum (NSF), Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama (2011)
- Fellow: Michigan Political Leadership Program, Lansing, MI (2010)
- Novi Community Education Advisory Council (2005-2010)

1. Develop Career Technical Education – Oakland Community College (OCC) must focus on further developing industry-specific technical and vocational training and education programs, so our young adults will learn skills to meet the demands of Michigan employers. This must be achieved to further our state's potential for dynamic economic growth, especially in the Advanced Manufacturing and Medical industries.

2. Narrow the Educational "Skills" Gap – OCC must deliver on the challenge from the 2009 Oakland County Workplace Development "**Skills Needs Assessment Project**" which stressed that local companies with emerging industries desperately need experienced workers who have good interpersonal skills. The dramatic influences of globalization and technology on today's society demand a more prepared, skilled and sophisticated work force.

3. Expand Corporate & Governmental Partnerships – OCC Administrators and Staff must reach out to meet, listen, understand and fulfill the educational and "talent" needs of local communities, businesses, school districts and municipalities.

JOEL ROSS

7348 Deep Run, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

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RANDY STON

1034 Sherbrooke Street, Commerce Township, MI 48382

I am running for Trustee of Oakland Community College (OCC) to benefit the community of Oakland County. Why? OCC is personal to me. I was a founding faculty member. My entire family (including myself) has benefited as alumni of OCC. I believe OCC is a precious resource that we must protect.

I have the qualifications as both an OCC Professor Emeritus and Director of the OCC Scholarship Foundation to ensure the future success of OCC. My qualifications include my prior positions with OCC: Chair of Homeland Security, Social Sciences, Criminal Justice, Fire Technology, and Social Work. In my 43 year tenure at OCC, I have been involved in a variety of campus improvement activities including organizing OCC student internships to rebuild storm damaged Edsel Ford Estate in Highland State Park. I have also been a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the OCC CREST (Centralized Regional Emergency Training) Center.

I believe that OCC has misdirected funds away from accomplishing the community mandated OCC mission: Quality, Affordability and Access to education and training. My first priority would be to restore our values through the use of objective data gathering before making decisions and voting on various proposals. For example, I would never raise tuition without a comprehensive study on the impact on students.

There is an unfortunate deteriorated relationship between the faculty and the Chancellor and Board of trustees. I will make it a priority to help mend fences and unify our school in achieving our objectives and serving the community.

Finally, I believe that transparency is the best policy. OCC has a lot of opportunity to expand our transparency to the faculty, students, and community. We should allow outside observers at our Board meetings and even consider the use of live telecasts.

STEVE THOMAS

2597 Elsinore Drive, Waterford, MI 48328

Graduated from Wayne State University.

35 years experience in the Architecture and Interior Design Profession. Currently my 7th year as an adjunct professor at Oakland Community College with the Architecture Program. Highly organized.

Work with the Board on establishing a robust marketing plan to increase enrollment and to make "affordability" the key element in informing potential students considering enrolling. Discuss and recommend upgrading classroom computers to meet the needs of new technology. Suggest that Energy audits be performed and results reviewed to establish critical cost savings on all campuses!!!!

Write-in

EMERSON WADSWORTH SHERROD III

6721 Edinborough Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I am a licensed minister serving under my pastor, Dr. Larry Smith at New St. Mark Baptist Church. I have established a Deaf ministry called the CODE (Community of Deaf Evangelism) which I built up to the level to pass it along to my hard-of-hearing friend who is opening and expanding a Deaf Bible School to help Deaf people learn in a college setting. I have no kids, not at this time. I am not married but making plans to be married as of 2015. The skills I bring is the idea to help the college save money and not keep raising tuition.

1. Financial aid for everyone regardless of who you are
2. Lower tuition for all students
3. Establish in-house public safety dispatch center

I will provide opportunities and create ways to ensure everyone gets financial aid. I will make sure every student who enrolls won't have a high tuition to pay. I will find ways to get textbooks affordable for all students.

City of Clarkston City Council – Three 2-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

RICHARD BISIO

37 Church St., Clarkston, MI 48346

I am a 12-year resident of Clarkston. I served on the city council for a two-year term in 2010-2012 and was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2013. I have served on the finance and ordinance committees. I am running for council to continue to advocate for better city government, including better budgeting, transparency of city government, and consolidation of services. Recently, I proposed a tax rate reduction for the current budget year.

I have been an attorney for 35 years, handling commercial disputes. I am a published author on legal matters and have served on numerous court-appointed and bar association committees. With this background, I bring to the work of the council an attention to detail, a concern with proper process, and an ability to promote ideas.

SHARRON CATALLO

29 Buffalo St., Clarkston, MI 48346

PEGGY J. ROTH

25 Madison Ct., Clarkston, MI 48346

MICHAEL G. SABOL

20 Buffalo St., Clarkston, MI 48346

My family and I are nine year residents of the City. Along with an Engineering degree, I have an MBA, and law degree. I have been on the Council for two and a half years. I have worked for GM for 38 years with a variety of experiences in managing people and multi-million dollar programs. This has provided me with many skills which I believe to be critical to a Council position and include issue identification, problem solving and strategies to resolve issues.

I love the City and the people. There are great people and I want to continue to be their voice in local government. The City is a naturally beautiful place that I want to see grow and yet maintain the historic beauty of the streets, buildings and homes. My passion, education and work experiences can provide the most benefit to the residents of the City.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

1. Rigorous budgeting: The city should have a three-year budget and a realistic long-range capital improvement program. The operating millage should be reduced when long-range planning shows that is advisable.
2. Shared services: I think there are opportunities to share services with the township, another municipality, or a third party vendor that could save the city money, such as utility billing and payment processing, tax payment processing, property assessing, and perhaps other functions that the city pays staff to do.
3. Law enforcement: I would like to revisit whether the city can enhance law enforcement services. Increased vandalism in the park is a concern and others have expressed concern about the coverage the city gets from the sheriff's department. Although dedicated enforcement for the city would cost something and should be put to the voters, this is an issue that deserves to be looked at.

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The biggest issue facing the City is how to handle the excess in budget reserves that we have. We should return some of this to the taxpayers but we must do it in a manner that is thoroughly planned. We need a rainy day fund and to make sure that the requirements of an aging infrastructure are met.

Second, we need to work to enforce the laws that we have. One of the keys to being a government is the rule of law and enforcing those laws. I plan to continue to be a voice of enforcing our ordinances or having reasonable discussion on eliminating those laws.

Finally, the City continues to face an identity crisis. I will push to have a fully operational Community Committee that will work with the Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township and other surrounding communities to define the role and purpose in the overall community.

City of Keego Harbor City Council – Two 3-year terms - Vote for no more than two

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

ROBERT KALMAN

2830 Stennett, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Robert Kalman and his wife Jennifer are Keego Harbor homeowners. He owns a successful consulting business.

A lifelong Oakland county resident, Robert Kalman: graduated from the University of Michigan, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University, interned at the EX-IM Bank in Washington, DC, and graduated from the FBI Citizen's Academy.

Robert has volunteered for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Habitat for Humanity, and numerous other organizations. He has completed several Detroit Free Press marathons.

Kalman is running for re-election to the city council so he can provide positive leadership and help complete important projects.

Robert Kalman describes himself as:

- A well educated, articulate business owner
- Someone who understands **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- Someone who will emphasize community services
- Someone who won't waste money on foolish projects
- Someone you can trust to make good decisions
- Someone who will work hard for all residents

SIDNEY RUBIN

1550 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Founder of Circus World Toy Stores (KB Toys). Chairman of The States Waterways Commission. Business advisor to Michigan Governor Blanchard. Member of Municipal Leagues Legislative and Finance Committee. Member of Oakland County Economic Development Board. Named Michigan Entrepreneur of the year by Inc Magazine. Recognized by the Statute of Liberty-Ellis Island for my involvement in building The People of America Center.

Chairperson of Business Operations for The Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. Our mission is to support the advancement of social equity and improved quality of life for several thousand adults and children with serious mental health issues.

First elected 2005 I served three terms as Mayor and four terms as Mayor-Pro-Tem, Keego Harbor has been a primary focus of mine for the past ten years. I have a clear understanding of the issues. Together we did what's right for the community and the results show it.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

- 1) When I was elected seven years ago Keego Harbor had no financial plan – so we created a long term **financial plan**. I'm thankful we did because while the City's revenue has decreased by close to 33% since 2008, that plan has guided us well. I used my business experience to work constructively with the council and I will continue to develop sound financial strategies, with a vision for the future, so we can provide essential services.
- 2) I continuously work with the council to bring costs inline and find affordable, creative solutions to our **city infrastructure** challenges. We have repaved large portions of our roads and revitalized parts of our water and sewer system without raising taxes. We strive for efficiencies.
- 3) When I'm re-elected I will push for a greater sense of **community**. Let's encourage active participation of all residents in enhanced cultural and recreational activities. Visit www.KalmanForKeegoHarbor.com

Complete the multi-year capital improvement funding plan that addresses the road and drainage issues without the need of raising taxes. The plan provides for equipment needed for cost effective essential services.

Develop a walking / bike plan while encouraging more private sector investment. Continued residential and a commercial downtown redevelopment program will take the tax burden off the homeowners.

Under the threat of diminishing revenues, we introduced a long term financial plan called "pro-active management". The mission is to find creative ways of collaboration with people who want to be part of an exciting resurgence of Keego Harbor.

Protecting the cities financial assets is critical. We successfully completed several dollar saving debt reductions while positioning the city to a safe and manageable position. More needs to be done. I'm a person who doesn't get caught up in the politics of issues. I get caught up in solutions.

City of Keego Harbor City Council – Two 3-year terms - Vote for no more than two (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

PHILLIP A. TRZOS

3252 Bulwer Street, Keego Harbor, MI 48320

69 years old, and proud resident of Keego Harbor for 55 years. Happily married to Joyce for 42 years, father of Peter Trzos, M.D., Susan Trzos BSMEPE, and companion to his poodle, Tiger. Served on the planning commission, zoning board of appeals and construction board of appeals.

I'm running for city council to provide transparency in all city affairs, and ensure equal treatment for everyone in our community.

I feel that after a term or two, it's time for existing council members to step down and go back to their personal lives, so we can keep the politics out of government.

Decades of operating small businesses has given me strong management skills, and allowed me to interact with thousands of people whom all agree; I'm a people person, someone who does what's right, and treats people fairly. My office is at 3101 Orchard Lake Rd.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

#1-Transparency in government. Citizens shouldn't have to make F.O.I.A. requests to know what's going on. Keego is currently named in several law suits, some criminal, which will cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars. I will do everything to find and stop the illegal practices that are causing these lawsuits! These are our tax dollars being wasted; lets use them to improve our community!

#2-Fair treatment - everyone should be treated equally, and city codes need to be enforced.

#3-Enhance the overall quality of life in Keego Harbor by adding access for kayaks and stand up paddle boards at Fran Leaf Park, and the Dollar Lake boat launch. We can increase public safety by fixing our street lights, and making crosswalks operate after school hours. I'm sure their are many more bright ideas out there, bring them in, let's talk!

I'm Phil Trzos, and I'm for The People.

City of Orchard Lake City Council – Two 3-year terms - Vote for no more than two

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

NORM FINKELSTEIN

4372 Hickory Court, Orchard Lake, MI 48323

My family has enjoyed living in Orchard Lake Village and as a Council Member I want to help insure a strong future for this City for them and for all of our residents.

My service as President of the Woodlands subdivision for over eight years and as a member of the Planning Commission was important background for joining the Council in 2011. I am the only three year candidate with experience in the City government.

Drawing on my technology background, I led the team that has put our Council documents in electronic form to save paperwork and make information more accessible to all. I am helping to revamp our website for much improved citizen access.

As a real estate and building professional, I am able to help with decision making regarding City services, maintenance, improvements and development issues.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

1. Holding the line on taxes while providing the services our citizens need as well as funding our required pension and health care obligations. I will continue to help improve efficiency in our operations. As property values increase and new homes and businesses are built, I will work to best prioritize the use of the new revenues.

2. Improving the City roads and working with the County Road Commission to improve their roads such as Pontiac Trail, Commerce Road and other area roads that affect our traffic and well-being.

3. Making our business districts more attractive and viable while eliminating blight in residential areas. I am working with the water committee to make usage of our City water system more affordable. I will see that we continue to make progress in making our few delinquent property owners tear down or fix their properties.

LATIF ZIA ORAM

3294 Wards Point Drive, Orchard Lake, MI 48324

As a long-time Oakland County resident and current resident of Orchard Lake, I am a concerned citizen and active member of the community. My given name, which will appear on the ballot, is Latif Zia Oram. However, most people know me as "Randy". I am honored, humbled and privileged to live in the City of Orchard Lake Village with my wife and four children.

I truly value the quality of life this city offers families.

I am a long-time small business owner and an active at both Our Lady of Refuge School and Church in Orchard Lake and at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

This is the first time I am running for elected office and I am running because I know my skill set in marketing as an advertising executive, development as a preferred real estate developer in the past and business experience would be of value to the City.

1. Efficient governing: Allow our taxes to stay in line with the cost of living while making our city (especially Police, Public service and Budget) as efficient as possible and accountable to its residents for the best quality of life possible for the City dollars.

2. Constant Communication with residents in imperative: We should have an electronic monthly newsletter created by the city, posted on the city website and email out to residents who sign up for our newsletter updating them on what is going in the City of Orchard Lake Village. There should also be links to the website where residents can read details on the City Charter, city council minutes, BZA, planning commission, etc.. and download necessary forms or information. We can also use this communication to promote city events, programs and public service.

3. Update the city's antiquated system (internal and external): We need to move into a ...

BRUCE TOBIN

3418 Wards Point, Orchard Lake, MI 48324

I am 59 and have been a resident of Orchard Lake for 26 years. I earned a Bachelor's degree from MSU, a JD from Detroit College of Law (now MSU) and an LLM in taxation from New York University School of Law. I am a practicing real estate and tax attorney with over 30 years of experience. I am married to Kathy and we have 3 children ages 24, 23, and 19. Amongst other civic and charitable organizations I am involved in, I served on the West Bloomfield Board of Education for 21 years, acting as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, before retiring from the Board in 2012. I believe that my strong legal and business background together with my organizational experience provides me with a unique set of skills that would be beneficial to our City's government. I am a team player and never lose sight of the big picture.

As a council member, I would focus on the efficient operation of the City in a manner that insures continued provision of high levels of key services including fire and police, while remaining fiscally responsible and transparent. Our City has maintained its own police department and has contracted with West Bloomfield for fire safety services which has provided our residents with well trained and qualified first responders for medical, fire, and police emergencies which I believe should be continued unless and until a compelling justification is demonstrated. I would also promote further improvements to the City's transparency by updating the City's webpage to provide up to the minute information including budgets, expenditures, meeting agendas and minutes, ordinances, and other useful information for residents. Additionally, I would focus on maintenance of our local roads.

Village of Franklin Village Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

BRIAN GORDON

26985 Crestwood, Franklin, MI 48025

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Franklin Village Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

JUDY D. MOENCK

26148 Meadow Drive, Franklin, MI 48025

My career with AT&T brought us to Detroit in 1998 when my family discovered this unique village.

Education: B.S. Economics. M.S. Economics. Training of Non-Profit Boards.
Business Achievement: 18 years with AT&T, retired as VP with \$200M budget and 150 employees.

Having lived in Franklin for fifteen years and elected Library Board member for twelve, I appreciate the passionate views and diverse demographics of village residents. During my tenure as a Library official, patrons and library programs have increased exponentially, Friends-of-the-Library was launched, free WiFi and ebooks introduced, and major building projects completed with additional improvements on the horizon. The library continues to stay relevant even in the world of “smart” devices.

Additional Franklin connections: volunteer with Holly Days, Mobile Watch, MainStreet Franklin, FCC Round-Up and worked at FCC.

Dean and I love how the neighborhoods and village center converge to create a community that we call home.

TOM MORROW

30115 Oakleaf Lane, Franklin, MI 48025

I have lived in the Village with my wife, Eva, for over 10 years. I have served the Village for the past 8 years. I served as Treasurer for 6 years and then was appointed to the Council in 2011 to fill an empty Trustee position. I have a strong financial background that has allowed me to develop an in-depth knowledge of the Village’s finances and its budget. I am running for Village Trustee because I want to continue to serve the Village and help the Village through its challenges, keep property taxes as low as possible and maintain our FIRST CLASS Police and Fire services.

ED SAENZ

32620 W.Haverford, Franklin, MI 48025

Born and raised in Dearborn, my wife and I love living in Franklin with our younger daughter while our older daughter is a freshman at U of M. At Team Detroit, I work full time on the Ford account. Previous work experience includes Fox 2, Chrysler and CNN. I have a BA in Communications and earned more recently an MA in Public Policy, both from U of M Dearborn. In June of 2013 I was honored to be appointed Trustee by the current members of the Village Council. Other recent community service includes time as a Board Member of the Franklin Community Association and positions on the Executive Board of the Birmingham Schools PTA, and the local West Maple PTA, both as Legislative Chair. I bring all of the skills developed in my career, education, and community service, along with my passion for public service, to the work we do as Trustees.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

In Franklin, we’re fortunate to have residents willing to serve in leadership positions and many strong volunteer organizations. When they work in tandem, outcomes are win-win; when objectives collide without the possibility of compromise, it’s lose-lose. Therefore, transparent government, accessible information and respectful communications are paramount.

Next, responsible budgeting is essential so financial obligations and services are adequately funded. Maintaining superior police and fire services are non-negotiable. And deteriorating roads require attention. In addition, we will face significant millage renewals in the next four years.

Third, we need a plan and commitment to preserve and enhance our historic downtown and protect the village’s rural character and natural beauty. Understanding expectations of residents, organizations and businesses is critical to building a viable plan. Executing such a plan will make Franklin a truly envied and respected community.

Let’s work together for Franklin to be a place where people want to call home.

1. Property values in Franklin declined after 2008, property tax revenue also declined. In 2012 voters approved 4 year millage increase. When increase expires in 2015 strong financial leadership is needed to balance budget and vet need for additional property taxes.

2. Village roads are near end of their useful life and need to be repaved. I have reduced interest rates by refinancing three bonds for the Village. I will provide financial leadership to obtain best bond financing to pay for replacement of the Village roads.

3. Village has great relationship with its FIRST CLASS Police force. We promised to provide health insurance to our officers in their retirement. I worked with Mark Jahnke to create Trust to pay this promise and Trust has generated over \$100,000. I will continue to work toward creative solutions to help the Village and protect the taxpayers.

We have a great community here in Franklin, no doubt. But we also have diverse and sometimes competing interests and goals which can lead to gridlock. I order to help break that pattern, I have tried as a Trustee to listen to and to appreciate the desires of all constituents, and that will continue. We also have significant challenges to be addressed in the next four years, including roads, and managing these challenges to the satisfaction of Franklinites, in a fiscally responsible way, will take hard work and cooperation. Another key goal will be to work with the various parties to maintain and improve our historic downtown.

Village of Holly Village Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

DAVID CRUICKSHANK

3439 Hilltop Drive, Holly, MI 48442

I have been around Holly most of my life. My parents moved to Davisburg in 1990, and started in the Holly Schools in 2nd grade. After Graduating in 2000, I moved away for a few years, my wife and I decided to move back and raise our family in Holly in 2008.

I have always had an interest in politics, and a little over a year ago I was appointed to the Planning Commission. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping new businesses get approvals, and open up shop. The qualities and skills I bring to the table for this election are, that I have proven leadership skills. I am known for getting things done. I don’t stop until the job is complete. I also have a passion for the community. To see it grow, but keep the small town atmosphere. We need to be able to adapt with the times.

REISA HAMILTON

124 Clarence Street, Holly, MI 48442

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

1. Make sure Holly is on the right path for growth. This includes Businesses, as well as residents. They have to know Holly is the place to be. We do this by showcasing the village to outsiders. We have what they need to set up shop. Businesses are what creates wealth and drives local growth. Also, promoting our community that this is the place where families are safe, and thrive.

2. Better our financial situation; long term. Taxes should be as low as possible; people should keep the money they earn. “Fiscal Responsibility” is a something easily said, but rarely implemented.

3. Keep us free. Only allowing ordinances that are absolutely necessary and repealing those that are out of date, or encroach on others rights. People should be in charge of their own destiny. Moral legislation does not work, and has unintended consequences. We only need simple, clean, laws.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Holly Village Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

SUZANNE LAMARCHE HEIPLE

210 E. Maple Street, Holly, MI 48442

I am a Holly native. I attended Holly schools K-12 and graduated from Holly High School. My Dad was a former Village Manager of Holly. My husband was a Holly school teacher for 27 years. I live one block from downtown in a house my husband has owned for 45 years. I am Holly's biggest, loudest, most enthusiastic cheerleader.

Most importantly, I LOVE Holly! My roots are in Holly and so is my heart.

I want to help new and existing Holly businesses and residents develop, grow, thrive, and succeed while still keeping the quaint character that defines us. I have a Bachelor's degree in English with a specialization in Writing and Minor in Law & Society. I have a Master's degree in Public Administration. I have grant writing experience and a financial background. I have served on the Village Council, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board. I am Holly's most enthusiastic cheerleader.

- Community Pride
- Low property values
- High water/sewer rates

Nobody wants to move into a community where it seems like nobody cares and fewer people on the system make the water rates higher. More users would lower our rates. More demand for homes would raise our property values. We can make Holly more attractive for people to want to live and do business here. Investing in Holly should be a positive experience. I want to rebuild our reputation and make starting a business in Holly more supportive and welcoming and with fewer obstacles. The action I would take is: I would lead by example. I will be visible and approachable. I will promote Holly and will speak up when anyone tries to do otherwise. 2015 is Holly's Sesquicentennial Anniversary. This is the perfect time for our community to become inspired, generate ideas, motivate each other, and celebrate Holly.

PAULINE KENNER

207 Jones Street, Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CHRIS RANKIN

3294 Valley Rise Drive, Holly, MI 48442

Raised in Walled Lake, I moved to Holly in 2005. Married in 2007, I met my future wife in 1992 when we were both working at a car dealership. I am currently employed at that same dealer, after moving out-of-state in 2002 and returning to Michigan in 2004. My association with Village government began when I sought a position on the Parks Commission in 2011. I was then appointed by Jason Hughes to Council in 2012 after Tom Clark resigned to care for his ailing wife. I don't have a history in politics and I don't think of myself a "politician", especially considering the Village Council is non-partisan. I have a mind for fairness, accountability and doing the right thing. The learning curve has been steep these past two years, but I enjoy very much being a part of the process of creating a better Holly.

There are many complaints of the water bills in Holly, and only two ways to lower them: pay down the debt and add users to the system. My ambition is twofold: work to create a stronger sense of pride in Holly which I believe will make Holly more attractive to new residents; and encourage Village administration to investigate additional avenues for refinancing the water bonds. To create a more attractive Holly, I plan to make improvements to our parks (through my continued position on the Holly Parks Commission) and find ways to add or reallocate funds to our budget for road repairs. I would also like to encourage our police department to be more interactive with our residents and be more visible in our community to promote a safer Holly.

Village of Lake Orion Village Council - Vote for no more than four Three 4-year terms (three highest vote totals) and One 2-year term (fourth highest vote total)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

SHAUNA BROWN

105 E. Church Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DOUGLAS HOBBS

329 E. Jackson, Lake Orion, MI 48362

My wife Jan and I: Residents of the village for 12 years. Served as a member on the Village Board of Zoning Appeals. Serve as a commissioner on the Orion Community Cable Commission. Served as the Village Representative to Paint Creek Trail Commission.

As Councilman, I have currently served on the village council for the past 5 years. During this time I've only missed one council meeting. I believe all issues and decisions dealing with the village are important. Issues should receive input and voted on by every council member. The future of our village with the urban growth surrounding us, is a major concern to me. The residents that live in the village, live here because it is a quiet and safe community. That is why I live here. That is the way I want to keep it. That is why I'm running for re-election.

The top 3 priorities of any elected official should be the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the community. These should be priority over any personal agendas that those elected might have. I'm not a politician, but as a fellow neighbor and resident I will try to make the best decisions on the issues that come before our governing body. It takes seven council members to determine the course of action the village will take on an issue. I will always try to decide if it will favor all and not just the few.

I strongly support the services that our Police, and DPW offer this community, because they are the core factors in maintaining the health, safety and welfare for us all, and I will always support the village govern by its own residents. In my opinion this is why we have survived economically adverse times.

CHRISTIAN MILLS

154 Grove Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

Christian Mills was raised in Lake Orion, where he graduated from Lake Orion High School in 1988. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Asian Studies from WMU, possesses more than 20 years of experience as an entrepreneur, and has built, bought, and sold several businesses. He now lives in the Village where he raises his two sons (Gavin Mills and Benjamin Mills). In his spare time, he enjoys, golfing, boating, skiing, and quality time with his family.

Christian's vision and passion for Lake Orion is to perpetuate its legacy, where people can live, work and enjoy their family. He believes Lake Orion should be self-sustaining and provide enough opportunity that our children will return to live and raise their family. We need to create an environment of entrepreneurial spirit and economic growth, while maintaining our core values of community excellence, which makes living in Lake Orion extraordinary.

1. Continue to provide a productive business climate for economic development.
 2. Work closely with all community organizations to provide effective alliances that meet community initiatives.
 3. Institute a review of council initiatives to provide constant re-evaluation and continuous improvement.
- I would provide a solid business background with a proven track record of successful business decisions. I believe that tough decisions are where real change can be made. Job creation and quality of living should be at the forefront of all decision making and initiatives for Lake Orion.
- I would be an ambassador of innovative ideas lending to change and staying relevant, not only as a Village Council but for the community as a whole. This would start with evaluating current processes and extend throughout all decision making that presents itself to the Council.

KEVIN MLYNAREK

305 Lake Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Lake Orion Village Council

Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

JOHN D. RANVILLE

335 E. Shadbolt Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

My name is John Ranville and I was born and raised in Orion Township, and have resided in the Village of Lake Orion for 43 of my 65 years. I am married to wife Linda, raised two daughters and have four grandchildren. All have attended Lake Orion schools.

I was employed by the village of Lake Orion in 1967 as an equipment operator, became Assistant Superintendent of Public Works in 1975, and then, in 1985 became the Director of Public Works. I attended 2 years at OCC and obtained several certifications through MSU for water treatment for the Village water system. I retired several years ago after 37 years of service. I plan to continue utilizing my skills and experience to help manage and guide the Village in a positive direction that will benefit both businesses and homeowners alike.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

1. Relocation of Village Hall. Make sure move is as cost effective and smooth as possible for both citizens and businesses alike. Proper signage and directions should be readily available and public kept up to date on move.
2. Maintenance of Parks and Downtown. With several annual events happening in the Village, it is imperative to maintain these assets and ensure a family and pedestrian friendly environment. Also, making sure the Village is well represented is a great opportunity to showcase Village assets for potential businesses and homeowners.
3. Improve Communication/Coordination. Facilitate improved communication and coordination with surrounding governmental entities and citizens. Help ensure Council stays informed regarding happenings in surrounding communities, and their possible impact, if any, on the Village.

Village of Milford Village Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

JENNIFER L. FRANKFORD

360 Cabinet, Milford, MI 48381

I have been a resident of the Village of Milford for 26 years, in that time serving the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Daughter's of The American Revolution. I am an Honor Graduate of Oakland Community College Summa Cum Laude 2005 and recently a member of the Milford United Methodist Church. I have enjoyed being a Council Member since 2009 with my primary occupation being a Business Agent for UFCW 876 where I am also a Chairwomen of the Women's Network. By living and serving in the Village and raising a family here I have been able to experience many aspects of what Milford has to offer and what we need to strive for in the future. I would like to continue to share this experience as a Council Member.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

My three concerns are lead by the Waste Water Plant's need for renovation and also the continued education for the employees that are needed to service it. Second would be in moving forward with major road repair that is already in place, but also the opportunity's for paving Peter's Road and addressing concerns for the residents there. Third would be to reach out to Village residents to sign up for and actively participate in the Village of Milford's email, Milford Police Facebook and other technological advance's that are available. These are great ways for us communicate more effectively in everyday life, but also an emergency situation. As a Council Member I will commit to investing the time to keep educated and educating others about what the needs of the Village are by involving Department Managers and residents concerns and bring their collective thoughts together to best represent the Village.

RICHARD I. LIPPITT

545 N. Main St., Ste. 301, Milford, MI 48381

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

THOMAS DALE NADER

300 W. Huron, Milford, MI 48381

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DAVID H. PEHRSON

1130 E. Commerce, Milford, MI 48381

Dave Pehrson has been a resident of the Village of Milford for several years, and is actively involved in our community. He previously served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and also enjoys volunteering, most recently for the Milford Memories Festival.

Dave is employed as a Director for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters (MRCC) and currently serves as the President for Local 687, which he has been a member of for the last 26 years.

Dave is looking forward to serving as a council member, and helping preserve and progress the Village of Milford, while addressing any questions or concerns of the Residents.

- To continue to maintain our roads and sewer systems.
 - Looking into the budget and funds.
- Looking into upgrading our water supply system for the Village of Milford.
 - Looking into the budget and funds.
- To create a growing volunteer service for the Village of Milford.
 - Helping seniors with maintenance of their homes
 - Spring clean-up, Snow removal etc.
 - Other volunteer committees to help give back to the Village
 - Ex: adopt a street, river etc.

You can reach Dave Pehrson at dpehrson@villageofmilford.org

BRIAN D. SUROWIEC

435 Heritage Drive, Milford, MI 48381

I have lived in the Village since 2010 with my wife, Daedra, and our two sons, Adam (9) and Luke (4). I am a business owner and have cofounded three companies: Essential IT (founded 2005) which provides technology consulting services; Strawesome (founded 2009) which manufactures and sells glass drinking straws; and Eden Urban Farms (founded 2010) which is a hydroponic vertical farming startup.

As you can imagine, bringing something into existence from nothing and going through all the challenges and constant learning, communicating with a diversity of people, and being responsible for all of it has developed many skills and qualities that can contribute to the Village. I love people and I love Milford. I am running for council to simply be a contribution to my community.

Education: University of Michigan-Dearborn: BA Computer & Information Science

Website: briansurowiec.com | Email: brian@surowiec.com

Milford is a great community, culture, and place to live, work and play. I have not been involved in the inner workings of the Village and have no preexisting issues to change, fix or remove. Just like an interior designer sees things that an engineer doesn't see (and vice versa), I'm bringing my own eyes to new places and will discover things that perhaps others haven't seen or considered before. These discoveries are not intended to make others wrong, but rather give new possibilities to consider.

My top priorities are to discover weaknesses, threats, and opportunities and then take action to pursue what's healthy for all.

I have three questions to be listening from:

What threats could hinder Milford's greatness?

What opportunities does Milford have for sustainability and leverage?

What is Milford not good at that as a community we could turn into a strength?

Village Of Wolverine Lake Village Council - Vote for no more than four Three 4-year terms (three highest vote totals) and One 2-year term (fourth highest vote total)

<p><i>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</i></p>	<p><i>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</i></p>
<p>RON CUMBO 2454 Oakview, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p>MARK DUFF 2145 Newport Court, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p> <p>I grew up in Northville and moved with my wife to the village of Wolverine Lake in 2009, soon after our marriage. We have two small children. Since 2008, I have been employed by NHK-INTL R&D in Wixom as a Materials Associate Engineer and Facility Electrician. Much of my work involves project management and team work to accomplish goals, which I believe are important skills for those involved in local government. My family and I use Wolverine Lake year-round, and keeping it viable for both the present and future generations to enjoy is very important to me.</p>	<p>First is the current policy of using chemicals to control weeds in Wolverine Lake. Last year the village purchased a new weed harvester, which I believe should be a viable alternative to using chemicals. This option is an effective and environmentally safer method of controlling vegetation growth in our lake.</p> <p>Second is the issue of boaters and other watercraft users operating their vehicles and conducting themselves in a less than appropriate manner on the lake during week nights when no marine patrol is present. I believe that increasing random patrols would be an effective deterrent and help keep everyone safe.</p> <p>Third is the issue of refuse pickup, which has been a frequent cause of complaint among local residents. I believe a balance should be struck between cost savings and making sure residents' needs are being adequately addressed for the health, safety, and well-being of the community.</p>
<p>JOHN A. MAGEE 814 Wolverine Drive, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p> <p>I have served as Village President for the last eight years, on the council for nine years, and previously as the chair of the water management board for five years. As your President I have led the village back to financial health during the most difficult economy in our history. We've kept our local police department and invested in much needed long-term infrastructure improvements for the lake, the parks and pathways, and the village complex. We found an excellent developer to take over the abandoned and tax-foreclosed Heron Hills vacant land.</p> <p>We did all this without raising the village property tax millage. If re-elected I intend to ensure we continue on our path of financial stability, local policing, and long-term improvements and investments.</p>	<p>1) We must continue to live within our means while making the most efficient use of our tax revenues. Examples include re-using the millings from the Glengary repaving project to build new pathways and replacing the crumbling stucco exterior of the village office with more durable, better insulating materials.</p> <p>2) We must continue to rebuild our home values by making Wolverine Lake a desirable destination for home buyers. This means continuing our great record of community policing while also investing in infrastructure, park improvements, pathways, and improved recreational opportunities for all of our residents.</p> <p>3) We must continue to protect and improve the lake. Our program of comprehensive lake management uses a variety of tools – harvesting, herbicides, and now our aeration project in the Penny Lake arm – to produce the greatest improvement with the least wasted effort.</p>
<p>ED SIENKIEWICZ 2510 Oakview Drive, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident of Wolverine Lake for 41 years - Retired and self-employed for 26 years - Elected April, 1985 to Wolverine Lake Council - Active in the community - Coached high school sports and youth baseball and hockey - Long time Multi-Laker - Started fish stocking program 15 years ago; active in lake cleanup and management - Supported road paving and walking path programs - Good listener and communicates with all residents - Common sense attitude to solve Village problems - Always has the community's residents best interest at heart 	<p>- We need dedicated and talented residents to volunteer to sit on our Boards and Commissions.</p> <p>- The Village office needed a face lift. I agree. However spending approximately \$400,000 is excessive. The building occupies four full time office staff. A large percentage of the cost of this renovation is a false façade for the exterior of the building. I have been suggesting for over a year that since our fund balance was high and the sale of the property on South Commerce Road is forthcoming, we rebate our tax-paying residents for trash pick-up. This has fallen on deaf ears.</p> <p>- A supporter of parks and footpaths, Benstein Bridge and Vita Trail. Small neighborhood parks are on the minds of Council. Foreclosed homes bought with taxpayers' dollars would be replaced with a park, resulting in loss of tax revenue and the possibility of new family moving into our community.</p>
<p>MICHAEL STACK 701 Laguna, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>

Salem-South Lyon District Library Board Four 4-year terms - Vote for no more than four

<p><i>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Library Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</i></p>	<p><i>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?</i></p>
<p>JOANN M. HEYL, FORMERLY: JOANN MARIE GROSS-HEYL 6327 Wilderness Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p>W. DAVID MCNEILL 1183 Colt Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178</p> <p>I have been married 23 years and am the proud father of two college students. My degree in Literature is from Eastern Michigan University. I spent 15 years budgeting, marketing, staffing and training at a bank. I then worked for five years at a non-profit company, traveling nationally while developing, marketing and managing their new Business Development department.</p> <p>I have been a resident of South Lyon for 16 years. On January 3, 2005, I was asked to serve as a Trustee and assume the responsibilities of Treasurer. I have had the honor of being elected to this position twice since then. During that time the Library has grown in size (adding about 4,000 sqft in 2009 at no additional cost to tax-payers), service (expanding staff, programs and means of reaching patrons – most recently through the new 24/7 initiative) and influence (only six libraries in the state have a higher accreditation.)</p>	<p><u>PRIORITY ONE</u> is always to serve our community to the best of our abilities. <u>PRIORITY TWO</u> is to stay relevant in the face of technological advances. <u>PRIORITY THREE</u> is to maintain the financial health of the Library. Through careful and conservative budgeting, planning and spending, and seeking additional revenue sources (grants, partnerships, and other funding) we will continue to provide programs and resources that evolve in response to changes in technology, environment and demographics. No one predicted the rise in personal technology (iPhone introduced in 2007) or the economic downturn of 2008, or that the public schools would eliminate librarians from the schools. The Library was positioned to address each of these situations. My job is to help the Library to be ready for the next challenge.</p>

Salem-South Lyon District Library Board

Four 4-year terms - Vote for no more than four (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Library Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

DEBORAH A. MROZ

7563 Salem Woods Drive, Northville, MI 48168

I obtained my Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University and worked for Ford Motor for 20 years. I am married with two children and over the past 25 years I have been an active volunteer in our community. I have been a trustee at the Salem-South Lyon District Library for over 10 years and believe that my knowledge on what we have accomplished and where we are heading is a valuable resource. I was part of the process to enlarge our facility a few years ago and I worked on passing the recent 20-year operating millage to secure a source of long term funding. I believe a library is integral to and a sign of a strong community and our library has done an outstanding job educating and enriching our community. I want to continue to be a part of that growth process.

JIM QUIGLY

9575 Currie Road, Northville, MI 48167

Jim Quigly, an attorney, represented Wayne County, Wayne County circuit court, its judges, and county officials in State and Federal Courts, and administrative agencies for 29 years. He is able to work collegially with others to solve complex problems, and attain goals based upon compassion and logic.

Jim's forte was researching and finding solutions to complex statutory and constitutional law issues.

Jim has served on the boards, and served as legal counsel to, several nonprofit community organizations.

Jim had the honor of serving as a Salem Township Planning Commissioner for 5 years and as a Township Trustee for 4 years.

Jim is a member (since 2004) of the Salem Community Events and Friends of the SSLDL.

Jim and his wife Nancy have been Salem residents since 1991.

Education: BS Degree from WSU and Juris Doctor from U of D.

Military Service: US ARMY

Jim will bring these skills to the Library board.

AMY RANDALL-RAY

1001 Birchway Court, South Lyon, MI 48178

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?

1. Long Term Funding – As the tax base erodes and more tax cuts are made, long term funding will continue to be an issue. I recently was part of the process to pass an additional 20-year millage to secure funding due to financial cuts from the state to our library. Would like to see a system (much like endowments) put in place to help further secure the future of our library.
2. Updates to our facility – HVAC, handicap friendly front doors, new roof. It is not enough to build a facility, you have to maintain it and make improvements.
3. Continue to employ good staff

The Library has a number of issues mainly relating to the Budget and the age of its building. The Board received the voters approval for a new millage to correct some fiscal problems presented by a failing heating system, the need to retain capable staff, and a proposed building addition.

Heating System: Experts have determined that the heating/cooling system is likely to fail. A contractor's bid to perform the work (\$390,000) was twice the amount of the cost (\$174,000) estimated by the Library's engineering firm. Solution: Redraft the specifications and reopen bids to the public for bidding.

Evolving Technologies: The library continues to evolve technologically. The budget needs to set aside funds to meet the cost of new technologies.

Public Safety: The proposed addition to the building provides the opportunity to incorporate a shelter for patron's safety from the threat of a damaging storm.

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

School Board Races

Avondale School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term

SEAN L. JOHNSON

861 Polo Place, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am running because I am a lifetime learner and I believe education is the greatest socio-economic equalizer. My wife and I are involved parents of 2 active Yellow Jackets, so I am very in-tune with the Avondale community. My daughter is a junior at Avondale High School and my son is in the 5th grade at R. Grant Graham Elementary. I have an approachable and friendly personality that allows parents/students/staff freedom and confidence to speak to me on matters that concern them; with the assurance I will listen and provide a timely response.

Since winning my first election in 2009, I have provided the board with new ideas and energy. This year, as the youngest Avondale Board of Education President ever, I led the team through some challenging times including recently coming out of deficit and selecting our new Superintendent, Dr. Schwarz.

ERV JONES

2235 Crystal Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

My name is Erv Jones. I'm retired from General Motors. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management and an Associate's degree in Industrial Science. I am currently an adjunct faculty member at Oakland Community College. I teach math, blueprint reading, hydraulics, and I also tutor in these topics.

The last twenty-plus years I worked at GM, I chaired the Skilled Trades and Apprentice Committee. My experience there led to my now being a candidate for the school board. Too many of the apprenticeship applicants we encountered were woefully deficient in math and science skills - skills they should have attained by the end of the eleventh grade in public school. I intend to do everything possible to ensure that won't be the case with our graduates.

I also believe my management expertise will be very beneficial to the school board.

Continued academic success: As Identified in the recent top to bottom rankings, we are either maintaining or making academic improvements in each of our buildings. We need to ensure that all decisions we make are to enhance the learning environment in the classroom.

Continued fiscal responsibility: Avondale hit a major milestone this past summer by coming out of debt; however, we need to remain on this same glide path to ensure that we develop a functioning fund balance that will support us in the future. This will make Avondale less susceptible to changes in funding.

Adjusting to the needs of a changing demographic: Avondale, like many of our neighbors, has seen an increase in free/reduced lunch students as well as an increase in minority students. We need to ensure that all students get equal opportunity to succeed by having programs and resources available to support them at their level.

Top three priorities: (all equally important)

A) I will endeavor to prepare our students to enter and exit college with the requisite skills for success.

B) At the same time, we must prepare our students for their entry into the workforce. We know that around 43% of graduates will go on to earn a college degree, but 100% will eventually join the workforce. I would also endeavor to prepare our students for life as well as for success in their chosen career

C) The third priority is to restore the cuts made by Lansing to education. Those cuts are detrimental to our students, teachers, and parents, but also to our community! I will work with all our state reps, and our governor, to reinstate that funding. Lansing must be convinced that any budget that doesn't prioritize education is a fool's errand!

A top-quality public education is our children's birthright

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Avondale School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term

TERRY LANG

2361 Hempstead Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am 47 years old and reside in the District with my four children and wife, Monica. My two oldest children are both in college and I have a child in the middle and high school. Growing up in Lake Orion, most of my life was spent in and around Oakland County. I believe public education provides an incredible value to students, families and the community at large and I am running for School Board to ensure that value is maximized.

I work in Auburn Hills as the Vice President and National Operations Manager for Comerica Bank's Retail Customer Contact Centers so my ties to this community are both personal and professional. I hold both a Masters and Bachelor degree in Management and have over 20 years of operations management experience leading customer service organizations through rapid change and delivering exceptional customer service.

The top 3 issues facing the district are cost, quality and consistency. How do we continue to deliver a quality education, at an "affordable price" and ensure every student receives the same, high quality opportunities? Avondale Schools have rich cultural mix and unique "footprint" overlapping several communities. I would advocate deeper partnerships with local businesses, large and small, to enrich the district both financially and educationally. Focus on providing pathways to careers in local businesses and, in turn, help these businesses to attract quality employees, in part, because of the high quality schools they are helping to succeed. I would also strive to ensure our children are exposed to the most advanced teaching methods that are directly applicable to skills they will need to be successful in the future. These skills include using technology to support learning and encouraging interpersonal, group and mass social communication skills.

SID LOCKHART

3504 South Blvd., Bloomfield Twp, MI 48304

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CYNTHIA TISCHER

1725 Ledbury Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SCOTT VANDEWATER

3305 Devondale Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I have been in the Avondale School District for most of my life and I am looking for another way to get involved. My roles in management and technology for the past 18 years have put me in an excellent position to work with other community leaders to continue making our district one of the best.

With the district finally out of debt, we need to start focusing on faculty professional development, investigate and implement new academic tools, while staying within our budgetary constraints. This can only be done by working closely with parents, district staff, community leaders, and professions in the educational community.

Berkley School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

ROGER BLAKE

1197 Harvard Road, Berkley, MI 48072

Strong Public Schools are vital to our way of life and America's place in the global economy. Students need to graduate having been challenged and with confidence they are prepared to succeed. Roger Blake offers experience and expertise to build on already strong schools. Roger lives in Berkley, Michigan with his wife and two school age children. The entire Blake family is involved in the schools and various community groups/activities. In addition to his role as Treasurer on the Berkley School Board, Roger is a past President of the Rogers Elementary PTA and currently serves on the Rogers Elementary PTA Executive Board. Roger has been recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards as a Certified Board Member and has been honored with an Award of Merit for his work representing area students and the community. Roger has degrees from MSU and University of Michigan and works at AT&T.

Issue #1: While some school districts across Michigan are struggling, students in Berkley Schools are gaining an advantage. The State's 6th ranked academic high school according to Newsweek, and award winning music programs, strong athletics, drama, and college prep programs are the result of a solid foundation students gain K-8 in Berkley Schools. Growing an already a strong base and wisely adapting as student needs evolve is a top issue.

Issue #2: Attracting and retaining only the best people to teach our children in the face of dwindling budget support from the State of Michigan will continue to be a challenge. Generally Berkley Schools has been up to this test. Holding the Superintendent accountable for maintaining high expectations sets the tone for the entire district.

Issue #3: Acting on findings from a recently completed comprehensive needs analysis of district facilities and technology is an issue needing community wide support.

MARY JO ISRAEL

8363 Hendrie Blvd., Huntington Woods, MI 48070

I am excited to continue serving the students and community of the Berkley School District. The past seven years on the school board have been challenging and rewarding. I know I have helped keep our district competitive and strong. Having three children that have graduated from the Berkley District makes me passionate about educating the whole child and committed to maintaining high achieving schools. As a certified school board member I have utilized critical decision making skills and received extensive training on budget and the importance of following policy and procedure. As a registered nurse and graduate from the University of Michigan, I know how to face difficult situations directly and immediately. My community service reaches beyond the school board as I run the monthly blood pressure clinic at the Huntington Woods Recreation Center. I believe my experience, expertise, passion and commitment will continue to keep our district top-notch!

The challenges facing our school district are crucial to the future of our students and community. State funding is an issue of great concern. With the uncertainty of monies per student we have to be more efficient with fiscal management and innovative with fund raising. Innovative programming and growing Berkley Education Foundation are imperative to the districts success. We must use resources wisely to help prevent shortfalls. Secondly, ensuring and raising student achievement. The key is to provide students with a solid foundation of basic skills to motivate them to learn. Cutting edge technology needs to be available to help engage students and ignite their imaginations. This goes in hand with teacher practice. We have to support our educators, staff development and the professional learning community. If we work collaboratively, hold each other accountable our children will be successful.

SAM PERNICK

12908 Lincoln Avenue, Huntington Woods, MI 48070

I have been a resident of the district for over twenty years and am a graduate of the Berkley school system. Over the last several years, I have worked closely with our elected officials on important local issues, including the Mayor of Oak Park and the Mayor of Southfield, for whom I currently work. I hope to bring this experience along with a fresh perspective to the school board.

We have a great school district, and I am running for the school board to work to make it even better. My background in economics will be an asset in balancing the budget and setting aside enough money for the inevitable "rainy days." I also bring significant experience in community engagement and will place the highest priority on informing residents about the activities of the board and making sure that all voices are heard.

The three main challenges I see facing the district are balancing the budget in a difficult economy, repairing our out-of-date facilities, and closing the achievement gap. Unfortunately, the State's increase in our foundation allowance has not kept up with rising costs in the district. Given this, we must find innovative ways to save money and new sources of revenue to stabilize the budget. Our facilities also present short-term challenges, as well as long-term challenges. We must listen closely to district residents in planning for repairs, and I look forward to participating in that process. Finally, while our district is doing very well, we cannot forget the students in our district without the resources they need to be successful. We should strengthen community involvement through tutoring and mentoring programs and partner with local businesses and organizations to provide additional help to those students who need it most.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Birmingham School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

WALTER J. ROTHSCHILD, 1407 Sandringham Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

STEVE SCHEIDT, 1289 N. Glenhurst Dr., Birmingham, MI 48009

KENNETH D. CISZEWSKI (*Write-in*), 787 Ridgedale Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009

JESSICA M. THOMAS (*Write-in*), 1055 Lincoln Ct., Birmingham, MI 48009

(Candidates were not sent questionnaires because write-in candidates did not file in time for inclusion in LWVOA's Voter Guide process.)

Bloomfield Hills School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

ED FORD, 2820 Donderry Ct., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

PAUL KOLIN, 4297 Sunningdale Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Brandon School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

ROBERT EISIMINGER, 1891 Viola St., Ortonville, MI 48462

DIANE SALTER, 2682 Echo Ln., Ortonville, MI 48462

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Clarkston School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 6 Year Term

DONALD E. DEERING

5150 Springdale Court, Clarkston, MI 48348

Dr. Donald Deering was born on August 16, 1974 and raised in Southeast Michigan by a single working mother. During his childhood, education and work ethic were emphasized as an important ingredient to success. Dr. Deering moved to Clarkston 4 years ago with his wife Dr. Sandra Deering (doctoral prepared nurse practitioner) and two boys, Andrew 7 and Ethan 6, both of whom attend Bailey Lake Elementary (BLE).

Dr. Deering is choosing to run for the Clarkston School Board in an effort to be more active in the decisions that will impact his children and the children of his community for years to come. As an educator himself, he is well equipped to understand the dynamics involved in making these decisions.

Dr. Deering is trained as a professional counselor and psychologist. He is logical, compassionate and results oriented. More information on Dr. Deering's qualifications are available at <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/donald-e-deering-ph-d/14/13b/357>

ELIZABETH EGAN

9043 Morning Mist Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348

I have served as Trustee on the Clarkston School Board since April, 2010. I am married and my two daughters graduated from Clarkston High School. I have lived in Clarkston for 18 years. I have served on the Board of Directors for Michigan PTA, as Clarkston PTA Council Past President, National Guild of Piano Teachers Oakland-Macomb Chapter Past President and Policy Chair for Clarkston Schools. I am a private piano teacher and have been a guest teacher in almost every building in the district. I was employed by The Dow Chemical Company for 18 years as a Business Analyst and Development Engineer. I earned an MBA from CMU and a B.S. in Packaging Engineering from MSU.

I want to see our students well prepared for their future and our tax dollars spent wisely. My experiences, positive attitude and ability to make decisions are qualities required of a successful board member.

KELLI HORST

9155 Kelly Lake Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348

My family settled in Clarkston 11 years ago, specifically for the outstanding public schools. Our two sons are now in middle and junior high school. There is a critical need on the school board for a current parent who represents our community's positive values and aspirations for education. I have been an active volunteer in our schools and a strong advocate for public education, serving as president of the Springfield Plains Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School PTAs, and of the Clarkston PTA Council. For 15 of my 25 years in communications and marketing, I have worked in higher education, advising college and university administrators on many of the same issues and trends that are now surfacing in K-12 education in Michigan. This expertise will serve our district and community well as public education faces increased competition and bureaucracy that diverts time and resources from our central mission of student achievement.

As is the case for most school districts, careful consideration of the factors that result in solvency and sustainability are paramount. This is often an emotionally charged issue because the resources available to meet everyone's needs and wants are almost always lacking. Collaborative communication, prioritized problem solving and timely results are the key to achieving success in this area.

Another issue that faces most school districts is updating, implementing and/or maintaining technology that demonstrate proven desirable outcomes. This also requires a collaborative effort due to the complexities and costs associated with such a complicated task.

Finally, people are at the core of all success achieved in our society. To that end, administrators, educators, parents and students alike are equally responsible to govern themselves accordingly toward achieving that success. As a result, fair and objective evaluation should lead to results oriented remuneration within the parameters of available resources.

1. **Student Achievement:** The board needs a respectful demeanor when working with the Superintendent to continue the positive trends in student performance. I am professional and fair and support decisions that challenge all students to perform their best academically and socially.

2. **Responsible Spending:** Every tax dollar counts and we must balance the needs of our employees with the needs of the classroom. I have contributed ideas to help manage cash flow and behave as a respectful listener at the board table. I come prepared to board meetings and ready to discuss issues and make decisions.

3. **Local Control:** I will continue to advocate for fair educational funding from Lansing and Washington DC. Transparent communication supports understanding of local issues. I will continue to push for open and public dialogue from our board, better use of our Public Cable Channel and use social media to send issues to our community.

Grow enrollment and resources amid increased competition. Many local districts aggressively recruit students outside their borders to increase enrollment and revenue, but is this right for Clarkston? If we understand and address why families leave or choose alternatives to our district, we can grow without entering a competitive arena that is expensive and divisive.

Create the optimum learning environment. Every student deserves manageable class sizes, excellent and engaged teachers in every classroom, appropriate technology to support learning, and modern and secure buildings. That's the parent perspective I bring to the board table.

Determine and support district priorities. The acrimony displayed at the board table does not reflect the Clarkston I know or advance the ultimate goal of student achievement. As someone who has served on boards that have tackled tough issues, I value the importance of respectful and informed debate that results in clear direction to administration without unnecessary delays.

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Clarkston School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 6 Year Term (Cont.)

STEVE HYER

8250 Lost Pines Drive, Davisburg, MI 48350

My roots grow deeply into Clarkston, my home for the last 22 years. I graduated from Clarkston High School. After graduating from the University of Michigan, I returned here to live and work. Here, I have owned a business for the last 15 years and I met Kelly, to whom I've been married for 10 years. My children were born here: a 4 year-old son and an almost 2 year-old daughter.

I strongly believe in the importance and integrity of public education. This commitment drives my dedication to Clarkston Schools. Clarkston is an excellent school district, supported by an amazing community. We take pride in increasing test scores, in a balanced budget, but most importantly, in having outstanding employees. I want to continue serving on the Board, as I have had for the last 13 years, to contribute my knowledge and experience to the high quality education our children deserve.

Student Achievement - This is the top priority of our board and community. As achievement has already increased in almost every category/grade level, we must sustain it and do more for every child.

Transparency - I believe in transparency in all operations of the board. We owe our constituents the right to witness our actions. Discussions should evolve at the board table; not before meetings or in private. Meetings should be reasonable in length, televised, and provide an opportunity for people to attend and comment.

Experience - When first elected, I appreciated learning from the more experienced board members. Now, as the most experienced, I feel an obligation to do the same for newer members to drive board operations to a high efficiency level and to empower the administration to run the district. This will allow us to entirely focus on students' academic and personal achievement.

Learn more at www.stevehyer.com

ROSALIE LIEBLANG

6799 Oakhurst Ridge Road, Clarkston, MI 48348

I am seeking my second term as School Board Trustee because I value education for all students and value Clarkston's reputation as a premier district within Oakland County and the State. I am a Michigan School Board Association certified board member and take annual classes to ensure I stay current on District/Board-related issues and changes. I hold a BSA (Information Technology) from U of Michigan and have 25+ years of work experience, including 15 years in upper management. I have served on the CCS Board as President, Secretary, Treasurer and on the Finance, Policy and Reinstatement Committees. I have also served as BLE PTA President, Treasurer for the Clarkston PTA Council, a mentor at both SMS and CJHS, Treasurer for the Clarkston Optimists and a volunteer at many school and community events. I am married with two daughters who currently attend Clarkston Schools and have lived here for 17+ years.

Student Achievement. Achievement and growth for students is what it's all about! During my term, I have focused on collaborating on a Strategic Plan where Student Achievement is a cornerstone. We are progressing in evaluating our programs and performance against internal and external measures to ensure students reach their potential and are prepared for the next phase in their life, whatever they dream it to be!

Budget. Clarkston is one of the lowest funded districts in Oakland County, making it challenging to address all needs as we would like. We should continue to be fiscally responsible, fund our educational priorities and look for alternative/additional funding such as our Shared Services Program which has provided an additional \$1M for Clarkston Schools.

Class Size. Studies show lower class sizes have a significant, positive impact on student achievement. Let's have our teachers teach in an environment that has proven to increase achievement!

Clawson School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term

LINDA GROSSMANN, 200 S. Batchewana Ave., Clawson, MI 48017

ETHAN MCCLURE, 266 Lincoln Ave., Clawson, MI 48017

KEVIN A. TURNER, 220 S. Rochester Rd., Apt. 202, Clawson, MI 48017

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Clawson School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One– Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

KIMBERLEY M. CARLESIMO, 1360 N. Bywood Ave., Clawson, MI 48017

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Farmington School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

TRISHA L. BALAZOVIC

28788 Ravenwood Street, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

My family has lived in Farmington Hills for eleven years. My husband Matt and I have two children, Thomas, age 9, a fourth grader at Kenbrook and Gracen, age 4. I've worked for Compuware Corporation the past 10 years. I am the Director of Quality & Sustainability and I'm a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt. I am running for the School Board to help improve our district for our students, families and both communities.

An appointed board member since March 2014, I have spent time meeting with the departments that manage our district. I've learned the pains that exist and how one decision impacts all departments. I have been involved in balancing the budget for this school year and in hiring our new Superintendent. If elected, I could then focus on using my skill set of problem solving, quality planning and improvement to help eliminate the pains within our district.

The top three Priority Issues facing our school district are the Budget, our facilities/infrastructure and our curriculum and a fourth priority is healing trust with the communities.

Budget – The district needs to benchmark districts that have been successful maintaining their General Fund balance targets, even with the cuts in funding from the state. We need to implement best practices and continually evaluate programs that have been implemented to ensure they are working as intended, including the costs of implementation and management.

Facilities/Infrastructure – Our infrastructure is aging, emergency repairs can cost more than double preventive actions. An alternative funding method must be determined and approved by our communities so the needed updates can be made.

Curriculum/Achievement – We must provide access to the appropriate curriculum for all of our students in order to close the achievement gaps. While focusing on struggling students, we must also provide challenging opportunities for accelerated achievers.

JESSICA CUMMINGS

30048 Barwell Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

My husband and I have three children attending FPS. For many years, I have been an active PTA member and involved in school events, classrooms, and extracurricular activities. I have a BA in Human Development and Social Relations. I am an attorney, licensed for fifteen years. I am an adjunct assistant professor at a local university teaching business law and related courses. Additionally, I manage a local youth sports team.

I am running for the Board because I value the educational system, and know the importance of providing a quality educational foundation for all students, critical for their future success, and significant to the quality of our community. My skills and experience are necessary during challenging times. Quality education for our students and community must be diligently pursued. I dedicate myself to supporting and leading the district as it provides an excellent quality of education, contributing to a strong community.

A priority is providing high quality of education during difficult financial times. I will work to develop and vote on policies improving quality of education for every student. Students need challenging opportunities guiding them in critical developmental years, leading to their success. Evaluating issues from different perspectives, I will make decisions in the best interests of the students.

Another priority is the achievement gap and efforts to close it. I will work to create policies helping every child succeed and benefiting the community. Teachers face challenges and need tools to develop strategies enabling students from all backgrounds to succeed. Successful actions used to close the gap must continue, and creativity is needed developing effective new strategies to address this issue.

Communication and trust are priorities. Board members are leaders and community partners. I will listen to all interests, understanding and considering needs of parents, students, teachers, administrators, staff, and community.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Farmington School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term (Cont.)

TERRY L. JOHNSON

33132 Shiawassee Street, Farmington, MI 48336

I have three children in various levels of the Farmington Public Schools (Elementary-High School) while my children are doing well, their schools and the overall District's achievement goals of the district continue to decline every year. I believe every child in this school district has the potential to succeed. We as a community should focus on the academic success of all children.

I have received all of my education in the State of Michigan from Kindergarten to Law School. I have been challenged at every level and succeeded at every level. I know the value of a quality education. Farmington Public Schools can be an elite school district **again** through hard work and tough decisions.

As an attorney, I make tough decisions daily that impact the lives of individuals for many years. I will bring this same skill set to Farmington Public Schools for positive results for our kids.

Student Success: Students should be able on average to exceed the challenges of the 21st century. The students should have the NECESSARY tools in the classroom to meet the challenges. I would make sure those tools are identified, and provided for our children.

Responsible Financial Stewardship: Our district has economic issues. We must address these issues with responsible solutions and alternatives. I would explore options such as business involvement, and other sources of revenue. We all must make sacrifices to preserve and stabilize our schools, while providing the NECESSARY tools for student success. Raising taxes on our community should be a last resort

Safe and Secure Schools: The community would not be what it is today without our future, OUR KIDS. Our children need to learn in a safe environment both from external as well as internal threats. I will focus on preventative measures to keep our kids safe.

WILLIAM J. LUBAWAY

23790 Gill Road, Farmington, MI 48335

William J. Lubaway brings a career's worth of finance experience working with non-profits to fix "bottom lines" and improve cash flow. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and an MBA from the University of Detroit-Mercy. For the first third of his career he was an auditor/CPA at a national and a regional CPA firm rising to full partnership. During that time he performed 20+ feasibility studies for hospital bond issues. After spending 7 years as Chief Financial Officer of Botsford Hospital and then Mercy Hospitals of Detroit, he co-founded Lubaway, Masten where he continues to focus on finance and accounting issues. Education faces financial challenges similar to those of hospitals and Bill has hands on experience that is needed by the District now. Throughout his career Bill has been an effective leader and brings positive change to the organizations he works with.

These are our priorities. (1) Leadership, faced with a loss of tax revenue as property tax values nosedived, wavered between business as usual and chipping away at operating costs. It spends more than it takes in – a loss. With my leadership, I can help to set a course towards solvency. (2) Costs of operations are higher than those of comparable schools. Capital renewal and replacement has been put off to make up for overspending on day-to-day operations. I will help to mine the wealth of comparable school data to develop a lasting finance model. (3) Recent statewide quality measures indicate that the District's performance is at a mediocre level; not the excellent level that we expect. I will press to evaluate these data to explain where we really stand and where we are going. Look at this from both student achievement and marketing standpoints.

Fenton School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

MALISSA BOSSARDET

820 S. Adelaide Street, Fenton, MI 48430

I am a business woman, a mom and an active community citizen. My involvement includes serving as the City of Fenton's Co-Chair of the Beautification Commission. In addition, I advocated for the Backyard Chicken Ordinance allowing families to keep up to three chickens. As a parent of a child with a developmental disability, I completed the Leaders in Policy Advocacy program through The Arc Michigan.

I have called Fenton home for almost 20 years with my husband and three children. I work as a Territory Sales Manager for VPI Veterinary Pet Insurance and as a Business Development Director for an international company. I received my bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

Every child deserves a quality education. It is vital Fenton service kids with different strengths, weaknesses and learning styles. Education should be tailored to the unique needs of each child to ensure that all children reach their full potential.

• **SAVE MONEY WITHOUT SACRIFICING STUDENTS:** I plan to collaborate with school board members to find creative cost saving measures outside the classroom. It is important to increase the amount of funds available to help our students directly.

• **Administration must IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION** districtwide: Better lines of communication with parents and community members need to be established. Increased communication will foster a more trusting relationship between the community and the district.

• **Review the International Baccalaureate Program:** The School Board must do a cost benefit analysis of the program and its curriculum to determine its fate and its benefit to the students currently served. A complete review of the program will allow the School Board to make an educated decision when deciding its future.

RICHARD DESJARDINS

11432 Nora Drive, Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

LYNN D. HOPPER

8123 Tipsico Trail, Holly, MI 48442

67; Married; Two Children; Graduate of Oakland University; 17 Years on Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education (4 Years as President); 6 Years on Genesee County Association of School Board Members (3 Years as President); 4 Years on Advisory Council Board for Genesee Area Skilled Center; Level 5 Certified Board Member with Michigan Association of School Boards. Family all associated with Education (wife retired teacher, 40 years of service; daughter 14 years of service, Special Education, currently Genesee Intermediate School Districts Head Start Disabilities and Mental Health Manager). I'm dedicated to the educational process for all students and children's safety, reading proficiency, and have an in-depth understanding of multiply budgets (sinking fund versus general fund; student apportionment and district fund balances). I bring a plethora of information to school board leadership and actions.

Priority Issues facing most districts today focuses on: a) education of all students, b) safety of students and c) district finance. Working with Fenton Area Public Schools Administration, Staff, and Support Personnel to maintain the State of Michigan's only complete District-Wide, Accredited and Certified International Baccalaureate Programs confirms educational excellence is available for all students, Block Scheduling, International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Advanced Placement Classes makes Fenton a model district for Genesee and surrounding counties. My visibility in the various buildings, clinics, conferences and community affairs help keeps my focus on successful test scores and student needs and achievement. As an owner of business, your managerial skills must be finely tuned to the attributes I bring as a School Board advocate within our district and state government for public education, safety and district finance. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to say no!

RICHARD MICHAEL KOESTER

11177 Whispering Ridge, Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Fenton School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

ELIZABETH GEIB

3076 Della Drive, Holly, MI 48442

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

BRIAN P. HORTON

10920 Ridgeview Trail, Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DANA JONES

9204 Valley View Drive, Fenton, MI 48430

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Ferndale School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 6 Year Term

NAN KERR-MUELLER

434 E. Lewiston, Ferndale, MI 48220

The schools are a vital part of keeping our community healthy and I am very proud of the work that is done. There are also many ways to improve. I believe strongly in listening to the heartbeat of our community and take that with me to the table to ensure that our schools serve our community responsibly, effectively, and equitably. In the last four years I have served on the Ferndale School Board, many good changes have occurred that will lead our district to higher achievement and more equity. In the past eighteen years I have worked in several school districts. My degree in Communications is helpful. Being in the schools, or at functions, and approachable is important. Finally, and perhaps most meaningful is remembering that I am a role model for all of the students, including my own three children who all attend Ferndale Schools.

My main points of focus are pride, community and accountability, all of which are in our strategic plan. Ferndale Schools rises above because we have a community that recognizes a strong school district enhances a community. We have an enormous amount of volunteers from families to community members. When I began my tenure on board I believed that accountability was the opportunity to ask difficult questions at the board table to ensure that our school representatives were making the right decisions. It was the struggle to inform our community about the choices our schools' administration were making concerning land purchases, the opening of a digital school, and contracts that allowed our superintendent to work on schools outside of our district. Yet, as I reach the end of my term as your Vice-President of the school board I see accountability more as an opportunity to keep our momentum towards higher achievement.

JENNIFER M. LATOSCH

715 W. Breckenridge Street, Ferndale, MI 48220

I have lived in the Ferndale Public School district for nearly 20 years and have two children in our schools in the third grade. I am running to keep my School Board position because I love our community and I want all of our kids to have access to the best public education possible. My volunteerism in the schools and my involvement first on the Strategic Planning Committee and then serving on the School Board for the past year make me well poised to understand our challenges, emphasize our unique strengths, and focus on our shared vision for moving Ferndale Schools forward. My profession as an attorney, focusing primarily on family law and probate litigation, position me particularly well to understand diverse viewpoints and emotionally charged situations while effectively advocating for our children and schools, as I maintaining focus on our Strategic Plan.

Priority one is achievement. We must work together to ensure that each child in our district, from those with special needs through advanced skills all achieve not only academically, but also in extracurricular activities and on their journeys to becoming thriving global citizens.

Priority two is equity. Our community is among the most diverse in Michigan; we have an exceptional mix of individuals with varying backgrounds and experiences: race, income, sexual orientation and so much more. We take pride in our diversity and this can be our strength in creating an inclusive and respectful culture for all students and stakeholders.

Finally, advocacy: we must advocate for the equitable and successful achievement of our students, but also for our teachers, staff and administrators. We have created a dynamic strategic plan and now we must continue the forward momentum in implementing it.

KAREN TWOMEY

12 Poplar Park Blvd., Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

I am an educator, mom, neighbor and advocate with five years' experience as a policy maker on the Ferndale Board of Education. I chaired the Strategic Planning Committee, and as chair of the External Relations Committee, provided the leadership for an advocacy trip to Lansing that helped return over \$500,000 to our schools. This election I'm running for the same reason I ran six years ago, I have three kids in the district and I can see the positive results of proactive, policy leadership. This amazing community has put together an effective team of board members with deep and diverse talents, and I want to keep this successful team together. We now have in place a dynamic strategic vision and an amazingly talented superintendent. I want to continue using my experience on the board to keep building the positive momentum of the Ferndale Public Schools.

My top three issues are achievement, transparency, and sustainability:

Improving student achievement is the board's main focus. I will use the newly adopted strategic plan as a framework for advancing the quality and equity of our academic programs. Strong schools depend on community confidence that the district programs promote high educational growth and achievement.

Transparency involves the timeliness, relevance, and methods by which we invite the community to connect with district information and decision-making processes. My board service started by advocating for stricter adherence to the Open Meetings Act and posting board packets online for easier access. New committee structures are being developed that will enhance access to the planning processes.

The sustainability of our district depends on state funding and enrollment. So while I continue to be a strong advocate for public education funding, retaining and growing enrollment is key. We must provide and communicate about high-achieving academic programs.

KEITH WARNICK

800 LaPrairie Street, Ferndale, MI 48220

Former Board member/president. 29 year district resident. Michigan Association of School Boards 159 hours of board member classroom training and 1045 credits of other relevant educational training. (More than other candidates combined).

I'm running because employees & parents asked!

I bring a high level of confidence, common sense & institutional knowledge to the board.

I thoroughly research all items to be voted on. Never backtracking on a decision.

I have no political ties; this is a non-partisan position; a trustee of the district. I make decisions based on facts, not to appease political supporters.

I'm not tied to one school thought process.

I have been lobbying locally since 1993; statewide since 2000 and nationally since 2005 bringing name recognition to Ferndale!

Regularly post to LinkedIn on education policy; follow numerous educators on Twitter & Facebook.

Regularly post education reform ideas for consideration.

Ready to take our Strategic Plan forward.

www.keithwarnick.com

Student numbers:

Over the past decade, nearly every district in Oakland County has lost students. Schools of Choice; Charter Schools; birth rates. All contribute to reduced student numbers. Although Ferndale has participated in Schools of Choice, we need to look at increasing our numbers. No more limits! And we need to bring in programs that will draw students to Ferndale.

Revenue:

I see no effort by our current or future Governor/Legislature to substantially increase our per-pupil funding. And continued expected increases in retirement costs districts must pay will negatively affect Ferndale. Increase in student population through innovative programming offering will increase our revenue.

Strategic Plan:

We have an opportunity to re-create Ferndale. Let's look at offering exciting Elementary programs. Let's consider 7/8/9 middle school to give students more time to prepare for HS. Let's offer Early College 4 year program & apprenticeships. I have partners that will help do this!

Hazel Park School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

LAURA ADKINS

23756 Easterling Avenue, Hazel Park, MI 48030

I am running for Hazel Park School Board because I am interested in making the schools the best they can be. I have lived in Hazel Park for most of my life and am a '91 Hazel Park High School graduate. My husband and I have been married for 17 years and have 3 kids in the school district. I have been involved with PTA for the last 7 years at Hoover Elementary and the last year at the Hazel Park Junior High. I graduated from Central Michigan University with majors in Accounting and Management Information Systems. I am a past Project Manager and currently work as a consultant. My work as a consultant includes helping companies improve the way they do business. I believe my accounting background will help me understand the budget and my work as a consultant will help identify ways to improve the school district.

The top 3 priority issues facing the Hazel Park School District are the balancing the budget, thriving in challenging times, and providing a quality education. The school district has been working to eliminate the deficit for many years. I will review the budget and support making the decisions necessary to balance the budget. The school district has faced many challenges in recent years and that trend will most likely continue. I will work to identify ways to continue to improve our school district so that it is a source of pride for our community and thrive in years to come. I believe that Hazel Park students should have a quality education which includes challenging our brightest and providing extra help to those struggling. I will support course offerings to challenge our top students and continue to look for additional ways to provide extra help to those that need it.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Hazel Park School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

RYAN COOK

23305 Reynolds Avenue, Hazel Park, MI 48030

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JO DICKINSON

554 W. Browning, Hazel Park, MI 48030

I am a second generation graduate of HP schools; my daughter is an HP graduate, I have a grandson in middle school. I have watched the school district closely over the years as modifications became necessary due to ever-changing City demographics. I am proud of the education I received and want the children in our community to have the same opportunity as past generations.

Communication is of the utmost importance. My day to day interaction with attorneys, co-workers and clients involves listening to what everyone has to say, then working together to come to a decision that works for everyone.

The District is in dire financial straits. A first rate education of the children should be the number one priority. A careful examination of where the money has been spent otherwise is paramount. Quality teachers and administrative staff are vital. Communication between parents, teachers and administration is crucial. Communication and cooperation between the administration and the unions is critical. Finding out what issues each group has with the other is the first step to a resolution.

CHARLES HEMPLE

1203 E. Hayes Avenue, Hazel Park, MI 48030

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

BEVERLY HINTON

53 E. Annabelle Avenue, Hazel Park, MI 48030

I have been married 43 years to my husband Jack. We have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I am a Hazel Park graduate, lifelong resident of Hazel Park former school employee of 24 years including Head Start teacher, Parent Involvement Coordinator and Community School Representative.

Being on the school board is an opportunity for me to continue to be an advocate for students and families in a different way.

As a leader in the PTA for many years I have developed leadership skills such as openness, fairness, assertiveness, not aggressiveness and magnanimity giving credit and recognition where due. I am a good listener, patient, non-judgmental and I think we before me. There is no place for an ego when making educational decisions for children. I am creative and think outside of the box a beneficial skill in developing a vision for the school district.

Although our student achievement has drastically improved there is no finish line. Improvement needs to be continuous. Student success is my number one priority. The financial well-being of the district and declining enrollment are certainly next.

I would address all three by improving communication with all stakeholders, encouraging parent involvement, collaborating with the city and build partnerships with Hazel Park businesses. It has been proven good relationships create supportive communities resulting in strong schools. In addition, we need to take a look at staffing needs, write to our legislators about the funding cuts to public education and address our declining enrollment with a more personal marketing plan. Retain and recruit new students by showing off our student accomplishments and the successes of our teachers.

RACHEL NOTH

347 W. Pearl Avenue, Hazel Park, MI 48030

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Holly School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

ROBIN J. BARNER-CARNE, 1003 Old Leake Ct., Holly, MI 48442

MICHAEL NEWCOMB, 6455 Cranberry Dr., Holly, MI 48442

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Huron Valley School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

SEAN CARLSON

5531 Hillsboro Court, Commerce Township, MI 48382

Resident of Commerce where I live with my wife, Nicole, and two children, Leana and Caiden. Both are students of the school district.

Public Service:

U.S. Military - 25 years of service. Currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Michigan Air National Guard serving as the 217th Air Operations Group A7 Director of Security Forces, Engineering and Contracting.

School Board – Elected in 2008, currently serving my 6th year.

Business Experience:

Twenty years serving in leadership roles at Pepsi, Blue Cross Blue Shield, the State of Michigan and currently as a V.P. of Business Development at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

If elected to serve another term, I will continue to provide a commitment to listen to all viewpoints, a willingness to search for innovative ways to solve long standing problems, and a performance driven spirit to keep providing a top quality education to every student of the district.

1. Great Public Education

- a. Differentiate our programming to meet the needs of all our students
- b. Provide tools for parents to be engaged, if needed, at every grade
- c. Prepare our graduating students for a changing world

2. Retain & Recruit Top Talent – National reports show that engaged teachers are the difference between good school districts and underperforming districts. New state laws make it easier for districts to get rid of poor performers, but at the same time these laws also make it easier for great teachers to leave districts. This new development needs to be addressed asap.

3. Stretch our Tax Dollars – In each of my six years on the Board I have voted for a balanced budget every year and tough cuts across the board. These decisions have resulted in over \$20 million in savings and a financial sound district when other districts around us are failing.

LINDSAY COTTER

816 E. Huron Street, Milford, MI 48381

I am a retired school administrator, having served 25 years as a teacher and 10 years as a building principal. I have served five years on the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education, and hold the office of board treasurer. I received a master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. I have been a Milford resident for the past 12 years. My education and experience serve me well in understanding the complex issues that confront a school district such as Huron Valley Schools. Whether it is related to our annual budget or opportunities that exist in the area of instruction, I feel that my years as a teacher and building principal give me a unique perspective on the board. I feel that my colleagues on the board look to me to provide that unique perspective.

a. Declining enrollment as a result of decreasing birth rates is an on-going concern for a majority of school districts in Michigan, including Huron Valley. Huron Valley Schools receive the lowest foundation allowance granted by the State of Michigan. As a board we will need to continue to look for the best and most efficient ways to spend every dollar.

b. Hiring and retaining a great staff is challenging for low-funded school districts. As a board, we will need to remain vigilant in our efforts to create a positive working environment for our staff because we recognize we cannot provide the same level of compensation as other districts in Oakland County.

c. Our number one job is educating our kids. To that end, we must provide them the curriculum and instruction that fully prepares them to succeed inside and outside of the classroom.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Huron Valley School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

DENISE E. PISTANA

928 Joshua Drive, Highland, MI 48356

I am a 22 year resident of Highland Township. I am married with one son who graduated last year. I have volunteered for the past thirteen years for HVS in many capacities. I have been President of three PTA/parent groups, Athletic Boosters Secretary, and Boys Soccer Team Manager. I have been a committee member on District Parent Council, School Improvement Team, Sex Education Advisory Council, and HVS Grassroots Group. I have mentored at the middle school. I have worked with many and have viewed issues from different perspectives. I believe we need to keep local control of our public schools. I want to make sure that all students have opportunities that will enhance their education. I want to continue to support our staff when they make those important connections to our students. I have always fought for every student in our district and will continue to do so.

The top three issues facing our district is funding allocation from the state, transparency with better communication to the community, and opportunities for students. I have been an active member of the Grassroots organization. I have met with legislators in Lansing, written letters, made phone calls and held public forums to inform people of what is happening at the legislative level. With our funding coming in last in the county, it is a priority to keep up the pressure on our legislators. Transparency needs to be foremost with all of our stakeholders. We need to do a better job of communicating to the community what is happening with our schools, whether or not you have a child in the district. And most importantly, we need to continue to give our students opportunities for growth and enrichment in and out of the classroom. This will shape them as individuals.

REBECCA S. WALSH

2500 Valley Oaks Drive, White Lake, MI 48383

I am currently President of the Huron Valley School Board. I have held this position since June, and was Vice President the three years prior. I have attended National School Board Association meetings. I have taken the Board of Education continuing education courses and have become certified by MASB. I would like to continue the work that that been done over the last five years working to enhance learning in an environment that encourages everyone to be the best person they can be. I have three daughters in the district and my family lives in White Lake. My career as an attorney focuses on helping people, mostly children, to have a better quality of life.

The top three priorities are funding, enhancing the quality of education for all students and making sure that we adequately maintain our buildings and property. First, we need structural changes in the district that will allow us to work smarter with less money. The predictions all show that funding will continue to decrease and we must be prepared to accommodate the losses. Second, we must continue to make educating our students a priority. Settling for average, or the same as last year, isn't good enough. We must give our staff and students the tools to improve. Third, we are facing major structural deterioration as our buildings age, and we must maintain our routine maintenance while making these major repairs so that our general fund doesn't suffer. Our current Board goals reflect all of these needs and our work to make sure that they are all achieved.

Lake Orion School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

STEVEN A. DRAKOS, 213 Franklin Wright Blvd., Lake Orion, MI 48362

JIM WEIDMAN, 2567 Browning Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48360

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Lake Orion School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One– Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

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

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Lamphere School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

WILLIAM J. DIXON, 1630 E. Thirteen Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071

WILLIAM J. MIER, 30328 Yorkshire Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Lamphere School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

TERRIE D. JUNKIN, 31550 Madison Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071

ALLISON A. MINOWA (*Write-in*), 933 Sheffield Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Madison School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 4 Year Term

MICHAEL HOHNER, 27408 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071

ALEXANDER MARR, 27129 Alger Blvd., Madison Heights, MI 48071

ALBERT MORRISON, 27880 Deiton, Madison Heights, MI 48071

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Madison School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One– Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

SANDRA BARNDOLLAR, 27768 Rialto, Madison Heights, MI 48071

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Novi School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three – 6 Year Term

PAUL D. COOK

25800 Abbey Drive, Novi, MI 48374

With the recent openings on the board, I felt there was a civic obligation to step forward and help fill the need. I have a belief that all children be given the same, high quality opportunity to learn and to be successful, upstanding citizens after they leave school. Having lived in the community for 20 years and having two children in the Novi School system, I would like to see stability in the administration that will drive the school system forward to the next level. Not as one of the top schools in the state, but THE top school in the state and one of the best in the nation. With a background in Program Management and Engineering, I bring strong analytical skills, deductive reasoning, and questions will be raised that will put systems in place that will allow all our students can become high achievers.

One district goal is one year's growth for all students in one years' time. According to current measurements, Novi fails this goal with 30% of students. Our district needs to define and consistently use reliable metrics. Plans to improving that number in the next one to five years are needed.

Novi Schools are ranked as one of the top in Michigan. These metrics are based on secondary schools. Novi's focus is in maintaining these high rankings, it is feared that the primary schools are not keeping pace. Differentiated Instruction and finding instructors that can and are willing to connect with students will spark and fuel interests in learning, improving lower grades.

Communication is the backbone to great schools. Information on committee's and organizations driving policies are easier to find in our neighboring districts than in Novi. Communication systems are needed for parental involvement in areas like Academically Talented and Curriculum.

ANN GLUBZINSKI

21950 Heatherbrae Way S., Novi, MI 48375

I have lived in Novi for 32 years. I am married to Bob and have two children, A.J. and Amy, who attended Novi schools K-12.

I am a college professor who teaches undergraduate students business. I have professional experience in the Financial Industry, Information Technology and Non-Profit Organizations. My education includes a BA (Political Science major) and a MBA (Marketing major) from Michigan State University. I am a 2008 Fellow of MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program.

I am seeking my third term (elected in 2005) on the Board because I am passionate about education. Every child deserves a high quality public education that will equip them to be successful in our global society. I have served 2 years as the president and 4 years as the treasurer of the Board. I pursued school board professional development training and have Level 1 Certification from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

1. Student Achievement – The District has 2 goals related to student achievement: “The Novi Community School District will ensure that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. And, the Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.)” I will take an active role in monitoring the District's progress towards achieving these goals.

2. Resource Allocation – The third District goal is: “The Novi Community School District will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10% fund balance.” I fully support this goal and will work collaboratively with the District administration in order to achieve it.

3. School Funding – Novi does not control our revenue sources and has some expenses which are mandated by the State. I will advocate for equitable and sufficient funding for the District.

CHRIS HARPENAU

24753 Sarahflynn Drive, Novi, MI 48374

I believe I am qualified for the Novi School Board of Education based on a proven track record of competency and integrity in both my professional and personal life. My 20+ years of global business, technical and marketing background allows me to objectively listen and review all relevant points before making a decision. I am an active leader, and I am just as active as a team member.

Although my children have been in Novi schools for only three years, prior to their first day I knew I wanted to play a role at their school. I found ways to volunteer and be a part of committees. This led to my election as President of the PTO Board at the end of my children's first year. Upon taking the position I guided the improvement of the group through increasing communication, sharing best practices and practicing financial responsibility.

Novi Schools face a continued need for financial oversight as we want to deliver a first class education in an ever tightening budget. And recently the voters of Novi elected to issue \$70+ million in bonds and there needs to be close monitoring to ensure that our excellence is sustained.

We have great programs, facilities, staff and administration and we need to guarantee the long term viability and search for areas where continuous improvements can be made. My experience allows me to bring these new perspectives and accountability to the Board.

We also have a growing population in Novi and as Trustee, I would have a unique opportunity to use my business experiences to hear our diverse population's opinions in the arena of policy and decision making, while forecasting the future needs of the district. Everyone in Novi needs to have a voice and hand in their child's development.

WILLY MENA

44926 Yorkshire Drive, Novi, MI 48375

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ROBERT PEURACH

24545 Picara Drive, Novi, MI 48374

My wife, Joanne, and I have been Novi residents for 20 years. Joanne has been a Novi middle school teacher since 1997 and our two sons are graduates of Novi High School. I have always believed that a community is only as strong as its public school system. Because the School Board is entrusted with the responsibility to govern the operation of our school system, the Board must be comprised of members that are willing and able to carry out this public trust.

I believe that I will be an effective member of the School Board, if elected. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Business Administration. I have been a practicing business attorney for over 30 years. I know how to handle the issues that our Board must face. I am also a person that can facilitate a consensus to get things done.

The three most important issues that I see are as follows: (1) establishing and implementing a budget that effectively allocates funds to best serve the interests of our children; (2) maintaining the excellence of our public schools notwithstanding the increased competition arising from the influx of charter, cyber, and private schools into our surrounding area; and (3) reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement in connection with the Board's ongoing contract negotiations with our school employees. If elected, I will closely scrutinize our upcoming budgets to insure that the money is spent to maximize our children's educational opportunities. I will also use my best efforts to negotiate contracts with our administrators, support staff and teachers that will put us in a position to retain the high quality employees that we currently have and to attract those candidates for employment that will continue the tradition of excellence our schools have achieved.

Oak Park School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

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

TERRENCE R. WEST, SR., 16500 N. Park Dr., Southfield, MI 48075

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Oak Park School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

MISTY PATTERSON, 24320 Westhampton St., Oak Park, MI 48237

I. MARIE REYNOLDS, 10371 N. Oak Dr., Ferndale, MI 48220

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Oak Park School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One– Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

MILDRED E. WARREN, 21860 Cloverlawn St., Oak Park, MI 48237

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Oxford School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term

JOYCE BRASINGTON

140 Amy Lynn Court, Metamora, MI 48455

“Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat.” My Wildcat story started in 1968 as a kindergarten student. It continued as an employee of Oxford Schools from 1995-2013 as a teacher, counselor, middle school administrator, and elementary principal. Then my husband and I chose to raise our family here. My daughter, Jessica, is a 2012 graduate of OHS and my youngest daughter, Jennifer, is a junior at OHS. I want to continue being a Wildcat story as a board member. Local boards of education have a great responsibility. I would work tirelessly on behalf of the community to ensure we provide a quality education for all students. I’m a parent, taxpayer, alumni, active community member, former employee of the district, and currently work as a school principal for the Troy School District and am a doctorate student at the University of Michigan. I “know” Oxford and I “know” the business of education.

Accountability – There needs to be accountability regarding initiatives the district has implemented. As a board member, I would ask for data to measure the success of these initiatives such as number of students participating, cost of the program to implement, cost of the program to be maintained, and how does it impact student achievement?

Transparency – There needs to be transparency. I have looked and cannot find on the district website such things as performance reviews of the Superintendent and the recently renegotiated contracts for the Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent Emeritus. As a board member, I would ask this type of information be available and limit the number of closed meeting sessions.

Student Achievement – Oxford students do not perform as well on standardized achievement tests as neighboring districts such as Lake Orion. As a board member, I would set policies which focus on preparing student to be career and college ready.

PAULA FOSTER

579 Doral Drive, Oxford, MI 48371

I received my Bachelors in Sociology from Wilmington College of Ohio. We moved to Oxford 17 years ago and knew this was a community where we would start our family. Our son Henry is in 5th grade at OES and enjoys a variety of activities. For over 6 years, I have worked in the district in various positions (Head Start Family Service Worker, Substitute Teacher, Paraprofessional and Noon Aide). I enjoy my time volunteering in our school and with the PTO. I built my career around working with children (abused and special needs), parents and senior citizens. I managed a blended retirement community offering low income housing. My goal in running is to be a voice for parents and students. My slogan “Every Student Matters” is a philosophy essential for success. I’m a proactive advocate and feel that we need to continue to build trusting relationships within our district.

Communication: When people are upset with a situation it is usually due to poor communication. We need to address this. When parents and students feel they are being validated, we build a bridge of trust. I would make myself available to the public outside of board meetings, and respond to emails and phone calls in a prompt manner. I expect the same leadership from my peers.

Ownership: Board Members and Administration are accountable for the direction the district is going. Changes do not equal failure, but rather a higher standard of learning from past mistakes. If a program is not meeting expectations, we re-evaluate it. Ownership is key if we want to teach our children responsibility.

Finance: More research must be done before we do budget cuts or pay freezes in certain departments. There is no room for secret funds. I am highly efficient in asking questions and getting answers.

AMY HAMILTON

27 Park Street, Oxford, MI 48371

I grew up in Lake Orion and moved to Oxford shortly after graduation. My husband and I have lived in Oxford for 20 years and we have three wonderful children, two of which attend Oxford Middle School. Although a staff nurse by heart, I have a master degree in nursing and currently run a busy medical surgical nursing unit and telemetry room at McLaren Oakland. My objective in life is to make sure my children receive a quality education and grow up to be successful, happy adults. In the last year, I have learned that this goal may not be the same for all the individuals that we trust our children with on a daily basis. This is the reason I would like to serve on the school board. I want to make certain decisions that are made for the children that we are responsible for and nothing else.

With all the challenges that society and our children face today, we need to make sure that our schools are a place the community and children can trust and we are able to provide an environment for them to be successful. Our exceptional teachers need to be given the resources to teach the children in the classrooms. The need for communication and open discussion is well past due. Decisions that affect our children and our community should not be made before a forum is presented. School boards should be more accessible to the community. I fear our school district has become a political environment and we have forgotten what is really in the best interest for the children in our actual classrooms. I am a concerned mother who loves Oxford and my objective is to make sure our children receive the best possible education that I know Oxford Schools is capable of providing.

ANGELA R. MITCHELL

651 Sandpiper Way, Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

PAM PHELPS

1490 W.Drahner Road, Oxford, MI 4837

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

MIKE SCHWEIG

54 Spring Lake Drive, Oxford, MI 48371

After over 29 years as a Parent, Teacher, Coach and Administrator, I’ve developed the skills and abilities vital to becoming a successful school board member. Having recently retired, I spent my last 15 years as a high school principal in the Oxford School District. Previously, I had been a high school administrator in Oshkosh, WI. This recent experience provides me a keen understanding of our district’s programs and policies. Having lived in the district for 16 years, I’ve had the opportunity to build strong relationships with students, parents and community members, enabling me to be a trusted representative of the people. All three of our children have graduated from OHS, a further indication of my belief in our school system.

With four new Board members being elected, this provides a great opportunity to take a fresh look at all aspects of the District and determining the future direction of our schools. However, three priorities I would like to review are:

1. Academic achievement and how well the exam exemption policy is working regarding getting our students college ready.
2. Improving employee morale - do they feel valued and appreciated?
3. Our Superintendent’s leadership of the District - what are his accomplishments? What areas need to be improved? The leadership of the District is entrusted to the Superintendent, but it’s the responsibility of the school board to evaluate his results.

Overall, our District is positioned well in terms of moving forward. As a contributing member of the Board team, I would keep an open mind as to how best to address these and any other issues that come before us.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Oxford School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

KIMBERLY SHUMAKER

56 Crawford, Apt. 5B, Oxford, MI 48371

I am running for the School Board because I enjoy being part of planning and implementing programs that benefit students. As evidenced below, I am a leader who believes in education and service to others. I am professional, ethical and diligent.

- Married with four children
- Dental Hygienist
- Former small business owner
- MASB Certified School Board Member Award
- MASB Award of Merit
- Completed 20 School Board courses and 130 education credits
- Served on Howell School Board as Secretary, Curriculum and Negotiations committees
- Served on Oxford School Board five years
- Authored/taught a “Skills for Life” curriculum
- Volunteered for wrestling, soccer, and FIRST robotics teams for over eleven years
- Served as youth group leader for 20 years
- Donated interior decorating services for renovation of a warehouse into a teen center
- Served on Homeowners Association Board, Deaconess Board and Building Committee

Priority Issues facing Oxford School District:

- Providing interventions for all students who need assistance to meet state standards and increase scores on state assessments
I will continue to consider new approaches and support proven methods of increasing student knowledge and skills to enable them to reach their full potential. I will expect continued upward progress in scores while striking a balance between scores and skills.
- Creating a sustainable structure that affords increases in pay for employees
I will thoughtfully consider the information provided by our business/finance department, be open to proposals, and seek employee input.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of initiatives implemented over the last five years and assessing their financial impact.
I will continue to listen to parent and employee input, seek out information concerning the cost vs. revenue of initiatives, and bring forth concerns as well as compliments.

MARK W. STEPEK

1890 Lakesview Drive, Oxford, MI 48371

Oxford resident since 1991. Profession: Attorney at Law; graduate of Detroit College of Law. Wife: Kathleen. Children: Myles 19, Blake 17 & Jenna 13. Oxford Booster President, Oxford Turf Committee & Oxford Ski Club Co-Director .

I love Oxford and feel it is a great place to raise children. I think it is the right time to bring my passion and expertise to a new level serving the school district and the families of Oxford.

My experience as a father of Oxford students, Cub Scout leader, coach and community member along with my legal expertise will enable me to listen objectively to information and ideas, to generate new ideas and to make equitable decisions to move the district forward in offering students outstanding educational opportunities.

My goal is to ensure full and proper communication to the public. Board members need to follow a strict protocol when making decisions impacting the district. I will support and assist in training board members to research issues, present facts, listen to opposing views thereby enabling them to select the best decisions for students.

I believe that “it takes a village to raise a child”. Consequently, the parent/teacher partnership is essential and vitally important to the overall success of a child’s education. I therefore advocate and support needed pay-raises for teachers and will seek funds in the budget to increase their salaries.

Our nation is falling short in preparing our children adequately for competing in the world market. My intent is to support policies and procedures to create curricula offering both college-prep and skilled trades to equip our children in today’s world market.

NOAH STEVENS

625 Lakes Edge Drive, Oxford, MI 48371

I am a nineteen-year-old male in my sophomore year in college. I was active in sports in high school being part of the soccer team and bowling. I have been part of the Oxford School District my whole life. I Graduated Oxford High School in 2013, I saw first hand as a student the way certain programs were implemented. Now I seek a school board position to see the flip side of things. I plan to bring youth, energy and new ideas to the board. In the Oxford Leader on the April 9, 2014 edition, CJ Carnacchio, had an article named “Its Time for School Critics to put up or shut up.” Taking that into consideration I would like to be an active citizen and not one that points the finger but rather a citizen that makes a positive difference.

As a candidate for Oxford School Board my three top priorities are:

Technology: Is becoming more relevant in education. As the board has implemented some right technology programs, like smart boards. I would wish to keep the spending on technology beneficial to the students.

Representation: To represent the Oxford Schools would be an honor. I would hope I could represent all alumni, taxpayers, parents and students. I would listen to the community and hear what your concerns are, and try to understand all point of views.

Academic achievement: To be able to set our students up for success by giving teachers and administrators the correct tools. To be focused on students no matter where their education could or will take them. To be aware of class sizes, teachers morale, test scores, exam policies and more play into success and we must be focused for our children’s future is at stake.

Pontiac School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term

TORRE J. BROWN

1604 Prairie Drive, Pontiac, MI 48340

Hi, my name is Torre Brown. I was raised in the city of Pontiac. I graduated from Pontiac Central. I am married with two young daughters. I have worked within the Pontiac Schools as an independently contracted clinical psychologist. I currently work with juvenile delinquents in the Oakland County court system. My desire to run for the Pontiac School Board comes from my frustration with the deterioration of quality education and lack of support that children of Pontiac have experienced over the past several decades.

My first priority is to balance the budget which first starts with meeting the consent agreement. Having such a deficit looming, inhibits the motivation and success of our teachers, staff and students. To do this, we must use all available resources and have the resolve to make the appropriate cuts in specific areas when necessary.

My second priority is to improve the quality of education of our school district. I will promote and help establish benchmarks that our teachers and students must meet on a quarterly, semi-annually and annual basis. Additionally I will help enhance the wrap-around support services for the students that are failing due to cognitive, emotional or familial deficits.

My third priority is to reestablish a good relationship with parents and district employees. I believe that “it takes a village” and it’s time we look at these relationships and the impact they have on our students.

WILLIAM A. CARRINGTON

185 Carr Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

My educational journey: Candidate, Ph.D. in Sociology-Wayne State University, Master of Arts in Sociology, Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. I currently work for Wayne State University’s-School of Medicine as Data and Quality Manager in the Infectious Disease Clinics as well as an Adjunct Professor in Sociology for Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus.

I am running because I care about our children, and their parents; I care about educators in my district and I care about the future of the Pontiac School District to attract and retain the best and the brightest students. Throughout my professional career and volunteer efforts, I have worked alongside others to create positive change for Eastern Michigan. My work includes working with diverse populations, working to bring our diverse communities together, managing annual operating and capital budgets, fundraising, setting and evaluating performance objectives and building effective public/private partnerships.

Our school district is facing a number of challenges, but reducing the Pontiac school district deficit 1.5 million dollars during the next three years is a priority. I will work with the current administration and School Board to look at ways to reduce expenditures, and increase school revenues.

Second, a priority is to ensure that all students have access to a quality education that prepares them to become productive citizens. I will accomplish this by looking for innovative ways to reduce the teacher-student ratio, search for resources from federal, state, and community partners to assist the school district in continuing their technological upgrades, seek more parent participation in the learning process, and work with local community colleges to foster a college bound program.

Third, a priority is to support and retain our best school principals and teachers. We must invest in the professional development of our teachers and principals.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Pontiac School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Four – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

BRENDA CARTER

86 W. Yale Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48340

Pontiac School District (PSD) is under a consent agreement, yet we are turning things around! I currently serve as Vice President for our Board of Education, Region 8 Representative for Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and Vice President of MASB. I am Master Diamond Certified through MASB and have extensive knowledge of educational policies and laws. PSD's greatest success stories were downsizing our classes to 30 pupils, and returning arts and sports to our curriculum while adhering to a painstaking budget. I serve Pontiac residents on the state and national level, yet my greatest pleasure comes from working in the community as one of its residents. Our community is rallying to offer opportunities to and for our children, and I plan to continue working with our Superintendent, staff and Board to stay on target with our deficit elimination plan while returning needed programs to our district.

PSD main priorities are adhering to our deficit elimination plan, increasing student achievement and increasing student count. I know community support is critical to the success of PSD. With the help of our community partners, I am working on these top three priorities:

1. Bringing vocational/apprenticeship programs back to our middle and high schools.
2. Offering internship programs in both civics and business.
3. Creating an etiquette program for our high school students.

When Pontiac's economy recovers, the schools will recover. Until then, we must work collaboratively to bridge the gap. In order to achieve these objectives, these additional educational opportunities should be provided for our students. I am currently working with building and construction trades, educators in business, elected officials and our local churches. Implementing these programs into our curriculum will offer initiatives for students which will create additional opportunities for jobs while interning in school and after graduation.

PRINCE RAVANNA EL

235 S. Sanford Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

I am Prince Ravanna Miles El, an American National and candidate for the Pontiac School District. I am a proud husband and father of two sons, both currently earning an education at the Pontiac School District. Also, I am a proud son of Eirther Seay Bey, who previously served for 11 years on the Pontiac School Board. I am a proud product of the Pontiac School System, graduating from Pontiac Central in 2003. I have education in the science of civics, economics, education, sociology, business administration, attending the religious schools of the M.S.T. of A., and Oakland Community College. My mission is to ensure that the Pontiac School District produce industrious citizens to stimulate our National economic growth which will decrease crime, poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. With my experience and expertise, I am going to ensure student achievement and that our school district meets the annual yearly progress (AYP).

The Pontiac School District is facing serious issues including but not limited to the District deficit, decreased student enrollment, and the lack of student achievement. In conjunction, with the consent agreement, I will produce a Strategic Educational & Economic Plan (SEEP) to increase student enrollment, student achievement, and eliminate the District deficit. The implementation of (SEEP) would be cost efficiency to the District. However, it will require full compliance and participation from the board, state & federal government, community, public and private organization. I am serious about student achievement and reviving our district. As a District, we must have something to offer to our students, communities, potential customers and businesses. With the (SEEP) in conjunction with the consent agreement and compliance of all necessary partners the District will have revenue building opportunities, because the District will increase student enrollment from producing results that foster student achievement.

JAMES ENDRES

1855 Stratford Street, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

Born in Belding, MI, 1944. Moved to Waterford, 1977. Live in Sylvan Lake with wife Karen since 1999.

1961-1965, U.S. Navy. 1966 Greenville, MI Police Department. 1967-1977 at maximum Prison in Ionia, MI. 1977-1997 Parole Officer at a Halfway house in Pontiac, MI. 1997 to 2013 owner of home remodeling business.

Degrees in Correctional Science and Criminal Justice from Montcalm College and the University of Detroit.

Chairman of Sylvan Lake Planning Commission. Chairman of Sylvan Lake Board of Review (Taxes) and a Commissioner on the W. Bloomfield Cable Comm.

I want to serve because of the teachers in my life that made the above possible. Also: 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Note: I haven't missed a single vote since 1965 and I will be at every meeting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

"Kingdom building" is partly responsible for where we're at today. Sell every building and property NOW. In the High School, make a place to honor Central, Northern and Pontiac High School's histories.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

I will NEVER vote to approve any bid or contract without knowing who is involved. The days of someone's relative or friend getting a bid or a contract are over.

MEETINGS

Strict adherence to The Open Meetings Act.

Agenda's must be more detailed.

No more electronic attendance, look me in the eye.

Citizens should be allowed to speak on all motions.

Minutes for the past year must be published on the web site and kept current.

No more closed/behind the door meetings and deals. This is an outrage.

If a member can't be at EVERY meeting, then try something else, LEAD, FOLLOW OR GET OUT OF THE WAY.

APRIL HERNANDEZ

2305 Allerton Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Hi my name is April Hernandez age 42. I was born and raised in Pontiac and then Pontiac Twp (which is now Auburn Hills). I have two sons one that is still in school. I worked in the hospitality field for eight years in management position. I was a previous board member who completed classes with MASB. (Full understanding of openings meeting act and Roberts Rule Of Order) I want to implement partnerships with the community/parents/children/ business owners/outer communities that have a stake within the district to focus on improvement of education for all levels of students and catching the at risk students early in the year to implement a plan of action to assist them in getting the education to excel and compete past high school.

Student Enrollment continues to decrease:

Make attendance a priority with accuracy

Catch at risk students early on to bring all parties to the table to implement a action plan with checks and balances to the board

Raise the bar for education and standards for our children

Financial Deficit:

Sell off no longer needed properties and vacant land.

Monitor all contracted companies and employees to ensure we get the service that is required.

Education:

Partnerships for tutoring one on one for students who are in need of the extra time
In house suspension to eliminate children not reporting to school to get their education

Offering of after school programs for students.

Field trips to educate all ethnic groups

More activities with the students showing respect for their communities and the people within.

CAROLL Y. TURPIN

44 Vinewood Court, Pontiac, MI 48341

I am running for re-election because of my commitment to our students, their families and the community. I am an advocate for Public Education. Professional Development has been rigorous and deliberate: MASB Master Platinum award, Advocacy Skills Specialty and Data Specialty awards, Oakland County School Board of Directors committee member, and member of the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Steering Committee under the National School Boards Assoc. (NSBA).The classes, conferences and workshops increased my knowledge of Best Practices, Effective School Board Governance, issues on the local, county, state and national level, and strategies to secure resources for our students and staff. I have initiated several programs with Board support: A .S.A.P! (Adopt a School Program), GEMMS Board Fundraiser and the Community Advisory Committee. A proud sponsor of the "Wings of Fire", Robotics team, Art Clubs at ITA and PHS.

Priority Issues facing our district are

(1) Reducing our financial deficit by continuing our commitment to the Consent Agreement, Stabilizing our enrollment by maintaining smaller class sizes, retaining and supporting Highly Qualified and Effective teachers and working with our Partners to support opportunities for our students and staff. We need to continue to make Consistent and Significant Academic Gains Each Year in Every building.

(2). Increasing Parental Involvement: A Key to Student Achievement. Objectives: (2) increasing participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning (b) invest in parent-leadership training and develop joint parent-teacher training in cultural competence (c) Develop an evaluation measure to determine the impact of the Professional Development on the levels of Parent Involvement.

(3) We need to sell our closed buildings. We are actively seeking buyers for these buildings.

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Rochester School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

KRISTIN BULL, 720 Sunlight Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

MICHAEL ZABAT, 416 Bolinger St., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Rochester School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One – Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

SANDRA R. FIASCHETTI, 770 Grovecrest, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Romeo School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

MICHAEL C. ANTOINE

12109 Parkside Circle, Washington, MI 48094

Name: Michael Antoine

Age: 49

Education:

Macomb College – Associate Degree – Business Data Processing

Walsh College – Bachelor Degree – Information Systems

Central Michigan University – Masters Degree – Business Administrator

Employment:

Current - Roseville Community Schools – Director of Technology

Prior – Macomb College – Coordinator Micro Computers

Home: Washington Twp. (15 years)

Wife: Jill (Married 25 years)

Son: Greg (2014 Romeo Graduate)

Organizations/Committees:

Romeo – Tech and Turf Bond

Romeo – Connected for Success Bond (Tri-Chair member)

Romeo – Athletic Facilities Bond

MAEDS - 15 year member

Roseville Optimist Club – 15+ years (former club president)

Why I am running for school board?:

I believe that my years of experience in K-12 public education can help provide positive input for the direction of Romeo Community Schools. I understand the role of a board member is to establish and review the district policies and that the administration is to follow those policies.

Top 3 Priority Issues:

1.) Ensure that students have the best leaning environment possible.

a. Classrooms

b. Trained teaching staff

c. Building appearance inside and out

d. Learning support programs (reading & math)

e. Extracurricular activities (athletics, clubs etc.)

2.) Ensure that Romeo Schools continues to be one of the top districts in Macomb County for standardized test scores.

3.) Assess building utilization and enrollment to help administration provide an efficient effective leaning environment for the students of Romeo.

How would I address these issues?

I would has the administration for their input. They are the people that take care of the day-to-day responsibilities of running the school district. Then we would communicate with the community to make sure they are aware of what there district is doing.

ANITA BANACH

71761 E. Pond Creek, Romeo, MI 48065

I am excited to serve Romeo Community Schools and its students as a Board of Education Member. I am seeking re-election to continue building positive relationships, supporting student achievement and helping the district reach its vision and mission. Ultimately, my role will be to continue setting goals and policies that promote student learning and provide students and district the tools they need to reach those goals. I am married and have three children currently attending elementary and high school in Romeo. I am employed at Macomb Community College as the Director of Personnel Services and have worked as an administrator in public education for over twenty years. Since coming to Romeo in 1994, I have coached soccer and have been an active school volunteer. I have served as the Romeo Board President for three years, Vice President and Trustee for one year each. My degree is from Western Michigan University.

Many positive things are happening in RCS. Our students do well in and out of the classroom through academics, athletics and the arts. To continue our strong traditions, I see the three priorities as strengthening student achievement, improving our facilities and working with the state government to adequately fund schools. I will work with my fellow board members to ensure curricular updates and enhancements are implemented to support academic growth. I am actively involved in our current bond campaign and look forward to building a comprehensive facility plan addressing enrollment trends and aging buildings. It is imperative that we update and maintain our buildings for student use and to raise property values for all residents. Lastly, proper state funding is a must. I will take advantage of legislative opportunities to advocate for Romeo students. Meeting the ever-changing needs of students requires funding solutions and fiscal responsibility at the local level.

LEE VERBOUW

296 Brook Drive, Romeo, MI 48065

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Romeo School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One – 4 Year Term

WAYNE D. CONNER II, 58877 Christopher Rd., Ray, MI 48096

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Royal Oak School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

CARRIE BEERER, 3026 Columbus Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

JEFF A. BRINKER, 31210 Edgewood Dr., Royal Oak, MI 48067

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Royal Oak School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

DEBORAH S. ANDERSON, 1028 Wyandotte Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067

ALLISON SYKES, 2214 Ferncliff Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Southfield School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

MICHAEL M. POOLE, 18830 Lincoln Dr., Lathrup Village, MI 48076
BETTY CARLTON ROBINSON, 21889 Glenmorra, Southfield, MI 48076

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Southfield School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two– 4 Year Term

BESSIE BURDEN

25656 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 26 years and the proud mother of three children graduating from Southfield Schools. In addition, two of my grandsons also graduated from Southfield Schools and are presently in college.

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 the Southfield Police Citizens Advisory Committee, active in the community, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

I am running for the board because I have excellent leadership skills, verbal communication, and eager to serve our community. I would like to be part of the collective lens that will look at moving the district forward.

Occupation:

Retired Southfield School Teacher
 Municipality of residence: Southfield
 How long: 26 years
 Education: B.A. In Legal Administration, M.A. in Curriculum Instruction and Design
 Previously held elected offices: None

Top Goals: School funding a nation begins in the classroom and I want to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education that is rigorous, and a well-rounded educational 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 what 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.

DARRELL B. JOYCE

18711 Hilton Drive, Southfield, MI 48075

I am married to Delores Joyce and the father of five Southfield Public School graduates. We have a daughter currently attending Thompson Middle School.

I have been actively involved in the Southfield Public School District for 25 years, as a parent volunteer, and a public education advocate. My activities also include being a member of the district's 2014 Superintendent Search Process, the Curriculum Develop Team and the co-chair of the 2014 Millage Campaign Committee.

I bring to the table a vast amount of experience and I have the knowledge needed to help this district move forward into the next phase of educational excellence, community relations and proactive policy making. I am committed to making sound decisions and choices that will benefit the families and stake holders of the Southfield and Lathrup Village communities.

1. Community Relations

As an advocate of parental involvement, I would make sure that pertinent information is dispersed to all stake holders so that they are included in important decisions made by the board. I would encourage school groups and organizations to use all forms of media to keep the community informed.

2. Expanding Educational Excellence:

I would help emphasize to parents the importance of working with the schools to ensure that their children are better prepared to pass standardized testing and assessments.

3. Effects of Charter School Funding on the District Budget:

I would help to communicate to the community the advantages of attending Southfield Public Schools over charter schools with the objective of increasing student enrollment. I would also participate in any communications with Lansing to encourage public school funding reform.

LESLIE LOVE SMITH, (Formerly: Timinica Tyisha Smith)

19603 W.Twelve Mile Road, #204, Southfield, MI 48076

My name is Leslie Love Smith; mother, graduate of Eastern Michigan University, and published author. I volunteer with several organizations; including the PTO for McIntyre Elementary; where my daughter is a first grader. Professionally, I serve as Early Childhood Director for Mt. Clemens School District, and have over 10 years of experience working with and on behalf of children.

In fact, serving as an advocate for children is the purpose of my candidacy with the Southfield School Board. I moved to Southfield 6 years ago because I believe in the promise of this community, and I'm running for office because I want to help preserve that promise. Having volunteered with the district I have formed working relationships with members of the administration and board; and am required daily to make decisions which must take into consideration the restraints of the law, unions, budget; and the needs of teachers and students.

The top 3 priority issues facing Southfield school district are decreased enrollment, increased achievement gap; particularly in Math and Science, and increased students from low income families. If elected to school board I would utilize my community relations skills to establish regular parent outreach efforts to connect with parents of Southfield for an understanding of how the district can meet their needs. In addition, I would work with the communication team to develop an ongoing marketing strategy to highlight the successes of the district.

As for strategies for closing the achievement gap, I would give priority to programs, curriculum and technology that yielded results in enhancing skills in the areas of math and science. Lastly, if elected, I would use my passion for advocacy to partner with Southfield businesses whose philanthropic missions align with meeting the needs of our families; particularly low income and homeless students and families.

South Lyon School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three– 6 Year Term

ANTHONY R. ABBATE

24518 Brompton Way, South Lyon, MI 48178

I grew up in Livonia, MI, and attended the University of Michigan where I studied education, history, political science, and administration, and have earned two degrees - Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Public Administration. I worked from 2004-2011 at Millennium and Centennial Middle Schools in South Lyon, teaching 8th grade U.S. History, coordinating the 11th Congressional District for CCE's 'We the People' and Project Citizen Programs, coached 8th grade basketball, worked as co-Activities Coordinator, served as a Building Representative for the SLEA, completed an administrative internship, and was elected a Vice President of the SLEA before leaving to become an assistant principal in Livonia. As the only candidate with a career in Educational Leadership, and the only candidate who has been both a teacher and an administrator, I am running to bring my diverse experience and offer an educator's perspective to the SLCS Board of Education.

There is no greater priority in the district than planning for the tremendous growth SLCS is currently experiencing, which includes expanding services for students, upgrading district equipment and facilities, and equitably dividing school boundaries. I will seek to expand services for ALL students (from the at-risk to the affluent), diversify course offerings, and increase choices in order to restore much of what was lost during the last recession. I will lend my educational experience to selecting options for building facilities that best meet the needs of 21st century teachers and students, provide knowledge of how best to utilize space creatively in order to enhance teaching and learning, and offer ideas for furnishing these buildings with the most functional equipment available. I will also be prepared to alleviate the pains of redistricting in the future so that we may grow the district responsibly with minimal disruption to our neighborhoods.

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

South Lyon School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Three– 6 Year Term (Cont.)

RANDY CLARK

10030 Seven Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167

A lifelong area resident, I graduated from South Lyon High in 1976. I attended U of M College of Engineering for two years before deciding maybe engineering was not for me. I transferred to Eastern Michigan where I completed a business degree. In 1987 I started a real estate development and management company with a good friend; we have developed many properties and constructed numerous homes in the area. I married a South Lyon girl who I met after we both went to college; our son and daughter have both graduated from South Lyon and Eastern Michigan University.

I am very involved in the community; President of the South Lyon Housing Commission, Chairman of the South Lyon Building Authority and past Chair of the DDA. A former Panther Football board member, Pumpkinfest parade organizer, co-chair of the area beautification committee. I know the area and the history of our schools.

I think the best opportunity and the biggest challenge are the same. We have a new superintendent starting in June this gives the newly elected board the opportunity to create new goals and objectives and modify how the district is managed, not just strategically but also the day to day personal policies that impact how the administration and the staff members interact on a daily basis.

Secondly, I think the decision on a new elementary school millage needs good data from the consultants regarding the expected enrollment growth. This is a very important issue that needs lots of discussion and public education before this can be put in front of the voters.

Thirdly, what to do with technology? Do you go for a millage? Does the money go to networks and infrastructure? How about developing online classes and programs? We really need input from teachers, administrators and the community

GEORGANNE D. EHLERT

28085 Marcellus Drive, South Lyon, MI 48167

Married, (George, 35 years); three grown children (Steven, Greg, and Kathy) all graduates of South Lyon Schools; community member since 1986.

Education: BS Metallurgical Engineering- Michigan Technological University; Teaching Certificate -Madonna University; MS Educational Psychology -Eastern Michigan University. I worked as an engineer for 6 years, stayed at home for 10 years raising the children and taught for 20 years.

I am seeking a position on the board because I believe that my experience in industry as well as an educator will keep the school district on the positive trajectory they have shown over the past three decades. As a long-time community member, I will respect the views of both the recent and long-time residents of the community and plan to ensure that the schools are safe, relevant and fiscally sound for both current and future students by carefully planning for growth and development of facilities and staff.

First, the district must carefully plan for the anticipated growth in our community. It must provide facilities that are current as well as cost conscious and must ensure that there enough funds to operate them. I would support the continued prudence with the budget to prepare for a new school.

Second, the district must continue to provide a high quality education. I will encourage the superintendent to provide strong teacher development to find and retain the best teachers for the classroom.

Third, funding from the State is often fickle. I will support cost containment at every level and in every department to provide for a stable and sound financial future. This will allow class sizes to remain at a manageable number to ensure the teacher's ability to meet all the students' educational needs.

JUSTIN GUSICK

58826 Peters Barn Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178

I am seeking re-election because I feel strongly about giving back to the community we live in. The school board has been a natural fit, as I can be more involved in my children's education while utilizing my business background.

My wife Elizabeth and I have been in the South Lyon community for almost 7 years. We have a seven year old son, Jacob, who is a second grader at Sayre, and our four year old daughter, Liliana, attends preschool at The Learning Experience. I've enjoyed coaching our son's South Lyon Junior League baseball team for the last three seasons and am looking forward to assisting with our daughter's t-ball team this coming spring. I've spent most of my career in sales and sales management and am now the Chief Operating Officer of Helm, Inc in Plymouth, MI.

Our top challenge is managing student growth in the district, both class sizes and building capacities. I am currently on our 2015 bond committee where we plan on presenting our voters a plan to build a new elementary school, add more technology to all classrooms, and increase security measures. All without increasing taxes!

Secondly, I have been the SLCS Board President for the past two years. We will have new board members coming on after this election and a new Superintendent starting in July 2015. I plan on proactively helping with the continuity of the new board members and our Superintendent.

Third, operating within our budget is critical. For the past four years, South Lyon Schools have been operating in a planned deficit. Our 2014/15 budget has us coming out of deficit spending. I will work diligently with our administration to prioritize our needs in order to meet our budget.

AMY MCCUSKER

57292 Waterway Court, New Hudson, MI 48165

As a current Board Trustee and a mother with three kids in our district I have a huge commitment to South Lyon Schools and public education. Parents, kids, the community and staff need a voice on the Board. I feel I have been that independent voice and will continue to represent their needs. There is nothing more important than the education of our children as it determines our future as individuals, in our community and in society. I am a University of Michigan graduate and have worked as a municipal Community Services Director and Government and Public Affairs consultant. I have fought for great public education my whole career. With this background, as well as my school and community involvement I can continue to be a valuable member of the school district team. I am committed and like other parents have a vested interest in our schools being exceptional.

- Growth - With the extreme growth of our community it is critical that we have the resources and vision to handle future needs. The numbers show we may need another elementary school. Kids and families cannot continue to be disrupted with redistricting and extremely high classroom numbers are not acceptable. We also must maintain the schools we have ensuring that all schools in our district are equitable. We must be fiscally responsible and focus only on necessities.

- Technology –Technology is critical. Updated technology will promote student achievement and make sure our kids have the resources needed to compete and contribute in a global world.

- Personnel - With a new Superintendent next June there must be a seamless transition and other administrative positions must be filled with the best candidates available. We also must recruit and retain excellent teachers, the lifeline of our district.

DANIEL SCHWEGLER

23755 Prescott Lane E., South Lyon, MI 48178

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Walled Lake School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

GREG JANICKI, 4634 Northridge Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

KATHY LYALL, 1956 Twin Sun Cir., Commerce Twp., MI 48390

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

Walled Lake School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than One – Partial Term ending 12/31/2016

CHRISTOPHER TITUS, 3817 Damas Dr., Commerce Twp., MI 48382

(Candidates running unopposed were not sent questionnaires.)

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Warren Consolidated School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two– 6 Year Term

LAURA HAWATMEH

32047 Vegas, Warren, MI 48093

As an Arab-American Christian, a graduate of Cousino High School, and a lifelong resident of Warren Consolidated Schools, I am deeply concerned about what I see happening in our school district. For the last six years, our district’s fund balance went from more than \$20 million in surplus to a \$14 million deficit this year. We need to fix this.

I’m running for school board because I want to represent all WCS residents. We need a diversity of opinions and backgrounds on the Board. I have experience with immigration law and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Studies and History from the University of Detroit Mercy. My first priority will be to balance the budget and cut the out of control debt spending to provide the programs and services our students desperately need and deserve.

The “Turnaround Team” is endorsed by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, a former teacher at Sterling Heights High School. My team is committed to focusing on issues that are important to WCS residents. To start, we need to get our financial house in order. If we continue to stick with the same old ways of doing things, we will continue to get the same old results that put us in this mess.

It’s time for real change, and that starts by electing myself—Laura Hawatmeh, Andrew Laux, Kaitlynn Schwab, and Tim Schwartz. We will fix the budget by 1) cutting wasteful spending, 2) reducing the burden of outside students to save local taxpayer dollars, and 3) prioritizing student learning. Stand with Mayor Jim Fouts in supporting the “Turnaround Team.” The children of Warren Consolidated Schools deserve the best possible education, and with your vote, we can make it happen.

I. SUSAN KATTULA

5310 Dickson Dr., Sterling Heights, MI

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ANDREW LAUX

28365 St. Louise Drive, Warren, MI 48092

Our school district is headed in the wrong direction. As a graduate of Warren Consolidated Schools, it saddens me to see what is currently unfolding. It is simply unacceptable that the current school board stood by and watched for the last six years as our budgetary fund balance went from more than \$20 million in surplus to an over \$14 million deficit this year. Good teachers are being laid off, administrative salaries are through the roof, yet the value of our education is declining. The first step to revitalizing our schools is passing a common sense budget. Having worked in DTE’s Accounts Payable Department, I have the knowledge and experience to go line-by-line through our budget. I will work to cut the out of control debt spending that is stopping our district from providing the programs and services WCS students need and deserve.

The “Turnaround Team” is endorsed by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, a teacher at Sterling Heights High for 20 years. We are committed to focusing on issues that are important to Warren Consolidated Schools residents. To start, we need to get our financial house in order. If we continue to stick with the same old ways of doing things, we will continue to get the same old lousy results that put us in this mess. It’s time for real change, and that starts by electing Laura Hawatmeh, myself—Andrew Laux, Kaitlynn Schwab, and Tim Schwartz. We will fix the budget by cutting wasteful spending, reduce the burden of outside students to save local taxpayer dollars, and prioritize student education and prepare them for future success.

ELAINE G. MARTIN

31243 Wagner Drive, Warren, MI 48093

- * Resident of the City of Warren and Warren Consolidated Schools for over 40 years
- * Three children who attended and graduated from WCS schools, .
- * Granddaughter currently attends First grade at Wilkerson Elementary
- * Employed with Warren Consolidated Schools for over 23 years in the areas of Elementary School Secretary, Transportation Secretary and Administration Secretary in Business and Finance, Elementary Education and Curriculum. Currently retired.
- * Member of the WCS Board of Education for over four years. Previously served as Secretary and currently as Vice-President
- * Obtained my Board Certification, Level 2 + Award of Merit
- * Previous Wilkerson Elementary School PTO Secretary.
- * Current Vice President of “Just 4 Kids”
- * Co-chair and active volunteer with “Blessings in a Backpack”
- * Member of the Warren Center Line Prevention Coalition whose function is to prevent and reduce drug use in the community.

1. Current deficit - My experience will help me to continue being fiscally responsible as I have in the past.
2. Maintaining small class sizes - being fiscally responsible and making sure necessary spending is focused in the classroom.
3. Student Achievement - Every child deserves a quality education and I will monitor student achievement to make sure this happens. I will hold Administration responsible where it might fall short.

Warren Consolidated School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term

KAITLYN SCHWAB

29632 Cunningham, Warren, MI 48092

We desperately need common sense solutions to get our schools back on track. As a member of St. Louise Church, with siblings at both Beer Middle and Mott High School, I am an active member of the Warren Consolidated community. Over the past six years, the current school board has turned the district’s \$20 million surplus into an over \$14 million deficit. I believe this is inexcusable. We cannot provide a quality education for students if we do not first balance the budget and reduce the debt we’re placing upon our children. As a financial manager, I know that if we do not control the district’s finances prudently, then we will not be able to reduce class sizes and fund afterschool activities. I will go through the budget and direct funding to programs that work, helping our students to learn and grow, so they are prepared for the workforce.

The “Turnaround Team” is endorsed by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, a teacher at Sterling Heights High for 20 years. We are committed to focusing on issues that are important to Warren Consolidated Schools residents. To start, we need to get our financial house in order. If we continue to stick with the same old ways of doing things, we will continue to get the same old lousy results that put us in this mess. It’s time for real change, and that starts by electing Laura Hawatmeh, Andrew Laux, myself—Kaitlynn Schwab, and Tim Schwartz. We will fix the budget by cutting wasteful spending, reduce the burden of outside students to save local taxpayer dollars, and prioritize student learning. Stand with Mayor Jim Fouts in supporting the “Turnaround Team.” The children of Warren Consolidated Schools deserve the best possible education, and with your vote, we can make it happen.

TIMOTHY SCHWARTZ

3815 Girard Drive, Warren, MI 48092

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CARL B. WECKERLE

27247 Pembroke, Warren, MI 48092

I am a husband and father of three boys currently attending WCS schools giving me a first-hand view of the impact of school board decisions. I have been an active parent since my oldest was in kindergarten. I serve on the PTO and previously on school and district-wide school improvement teams. I work as an administrator for Macomb Community College managing budgets and leading people. I have a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in education and I am currently pursuing a PhD from Michigan State. Since buying a home in Warren nearly 10 years ago, I have been active in the community and have voted in every election.

Through my commitment to the schools, experience in education and knowledge of the issues, I am ready to fight for the future of our children. I am ready to be a strong voice for our children and our community.

My top priorities are dealing with funding, accountability and quality learning experiences.

Even with cuts imposed year after year by the state, WCS has been able to maintain quality programs. I will bring the perspective of a parent, an educator and a leader to keep kids’ needs in front. We have to be their voice, especially with those in Lansing.

While we should all be held accountable for our performance, the decisions on accountability should be made locally. You elect local leaders and you hold them accountable. You need representation on the board that will stand up for local control.

Testing does not equal high quality learning. Yes, tests have their role, but the tests my children take on one day should not determine everyone’s success. We need to come up with better ways to ensure high quality learning is taking place and holding everyone accountable to that task.

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.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Warren Consolidated School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

BRIAN WHITE

2187 Koper Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

I am a married father of three great children all of whom attended Warren Consolidated Schools. Their success has a lot to do with the education they received. I believe my strong family values and commitment to helping children are relevant qualities that I bring to the Board of Education. My 10 years experience on the WCS Board has given me an opportunity to show how working together on behalf of our children is what will give them a chance at a great education. Also, I strongly believe in keeping our curriculum and schools in great shape for our students and staff. Finally, my 30 years experience as an accountant I believe gives me good insight into the finances of the district, which has helped the district maintain 6 straight years of clean audits of our financial statements.

The top three priorities are keeping students first, the lack of school funding, and addressing the increase in legislative mandates that we must follow. As a continuing member of the WCS Board of Education, I will continue to support programs and services that keep students our number one priority ALWAYS while continuing to fight for school funding. Finally, the amount of legislation that seems to continually pass the legislature consistently reduces the control our Board of Education has over our own programs and services and these too are worth fighting for EVERY day.

Waterford School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

MARY BARGHAHN

9205 Twin Lakes Court, White Lake, MI 48386

I was born and raised in Waterford. Growing up in Waterford I attended Houghton Elementary, Mason Middle and Kettering High School. After attending Michigan State University and getting my teaching degree I moved back to my home – WATERFORD! I have worked for 23 years in the Waterford School District as both an elementary school teacher (7 years) and principal (16 years). With 23 years of educational experience I believe I can offer the school board a lot of insight on how we can improve our achievement scores. I care very deeply about the success of the Waterford School District. I think our community will only be as good as our schools. The Waterford School District has a very talented and dedicated group of teachers, principals, coaches and parent volunteers.

Academic achievement: We need to improve test scores. I believe this is a key reason that Waterford has declining student enrollment. Improved test scores can be achieved with a curriculum director that has a vision and can inspire and lead our great teachers and principals.

Financial stability: We need to get our financial house in order. Recent school closings are a major distraction to student learning. There needs to be more honest and open discussion about our financial problems. All too often financial matters are presented at school board meetings when they reach crisis status. There needs to be more publicly shared upfront planning.

Transparency: Board meetings should be the time for open discussions of issues. Board packets should be published days before the meetings rather than hours before. Staff and community should be able to shape decisions. Currently, the Central Office is the sole decision maker.

PAUL BARGHAHN

9205 Twin Lakes Court, White Lake, MI 48386

I have lived in the Waterford School District for more than 20 years. I moved to this community after I graduated from Western Michigan University and married my wife, Mary Barghahn, who grew up in Waterford. We have two children that attend the Waterford Schools. Our son Cameron is a junior at Kettering High School. Our daughter Claire attends Pierce Middle School. The main reason that I am running for school board is due to the serious financial condition the district is in. I work as a Sales Account Manager for an automotive supplier with several manufacturing plants in southeast Michigan. I believe my working experience dealing with financial issues would be an asset to the Waterford School Board.

1) Financial status: We need to improve the finances of the Waterford School District. We need better upfront planning in regards to our budgets. Waterford closed three elementary schools last year and did so without allowing enough time for proper community discourse. People understand that unfortunately sometimes it is necessary to close schools but the way the superintendent and his administration dealt with the community on this was just plain wrong.
2) Academic achievement: We need to improve our test scores. This starts with a central office administration that acknowledges there is a problem.
3) Declining student enrollment is a major problem for our school district. In my opinion all three of these issues are tied together. It all starts with improving our achievement scores. Until this happens I believe it will be very difficult to increase enrollment. Until we increase enrollment we will continue to face financial difficulties.

CHERIE BILLINGTON

4031 Gleason Road, Waterford, MI 48329

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DAVID DOWNING

2734 Moosewood Drive, Waterford, MI 48329

David Downing, a 12 year Waterford Township resident, lives with his wife Sandy and daughter who attends Waterford Schools and is in the 11th grade. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration, works at Canterbury on-the-Lake as an information technology specialist, and retired from the State of Michigan with thirty years' service in various agencies. A retiree member of UAW Local 6000, he has served on the board of directors of the Drayton Plains Nature Center, and is currently a member of the board of directors of the Hills of Waterford homeowners' association. He and his wife are the treasurers for the Waterford Kettering Band Boosters.

Talking with parents, achievement/test scores are a great concern. As a parent, I know that Waterford Schools can do better in this regard. It is the board's responsibility to ensure that teachers and staff are enabled to seek out and implement best practices for learning, giving all a better education.

Waterford Schools continue to face serious budget challenges. Voters have recognized the importance of funding capital and technology improvements that will maintain and improve our school facilities. It is the School Board's job to ensure that Waterford Schools continue to handle its finances with the same care we use with our own money.

I believe in quality public education for current and future students of the Waterford School District. Acting as individuals, board members can accomplish nothing. However, working together as a team, we can do great things for our students and our wonderful Waterford community.

Declining enrollments are a fact of life for most school districts. Charter schools have changed the educational marketplace, providing additional choices for parents who search for quality educational opportunities. Waterford Schools must be able to offer superior academics and activities, making it the clear "school of choice."

HEATHER HALLS

2851 Onagon Trail, Waterford, MI 48328

A 39-year Waterford resident, Halls attended Sandburg, Crary and Waterford Township HS until its repurposing, graduating from Mott in 1984. Her father, Gerald Spry, was Director of Bands at Township and Mott. Halls has a BA in Communications from Michigan State University. She and husband Brad have two children in the district (2014 graduate and a senior). As Executive Director for the Waterford Coalition for Youth, she works with the community to reduce substance abuse and high risk behaviors in youth. Halls recently began her fifth year as Kettering band booster president and has been a PTSA member in the district for 14 years. Elected to the School Board in 2008, Halls is serving in her third year as board secretary. "My responsibilities to families and citizens in this community are a privilege and I continue working collaboratively to ensure Waterford is providing the best education possible for all students."

Achievement:

Our team of outstanding administrators and staff are never satisfied standing still, working consistently to progress with new evaluation tools, professional learning communities and technology advancements. We must hold true to our commitment to inspire, educate, and empower all levels of learners for their future.

Finances:

Waterford isn't unique in working to do more with less. When reductions are necessary, at the heart of every decision is the goal to keep the impact as far from the classroom and student learning as possible. This process brings the expertise and creativity of many to the table to ensure all possibilities are considered.

Declining Enrollment:

The economy is one factor affecting enrollment. We continue developing innovative ways to educate and engage all families in the positive opportunities available here in the WSD. It's our responsibility to continue advancing to fit the needs of all students entrusted to us for quality education.

JOHN PAUL TORRES

567 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48327

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

West Bloomfield School Board Member – Vote For Not More Than Two – 6 Year Term

STACY GOLD BRICKMAN

7330 Village Square Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Lifelong county resident, married, mother of 3 students, former VP Merchandising/Operations at Drapery Boutique, Inc.

After volunteering for 13 years throughout WBSD, I am ready to take an active role on the board to enhance and highlight our schools and our community.

WBSD Finance Committee- 6th year, School Enrollment & Facilities committee, Co-chair successful Millage Renewal, Executive Producer/OLMS Musical Theatre, Operations Chair/Strategic Planning, other WBSD/WBEF committee work, originator/chair of nine “Fun Runs”, former PTO president; regularly attend school board meetings/study sessions. Treasurer, State Representative Candidate Committee campaign.

My volunteering has given me a solid knowledge of the issues that affect our schools, our district, and public education in Michigan. I have participated on committees that have made difficult strategic decisions. I value the relationships I have built with teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and students. I am driven by a passion to build pride and community throughout West Bloomfield.

I look at every challenge as an opportunity to do amazing things.

(1) Declining Enrollment

Even our non-resident students who chose WBSD cannot make up for fewer school-age children in Oakland county.

I will support revolutionary educational programs to attract students. I will promote careful monitoring of student retention so our Kindergarteners stay through graduation. We need a comprehensive marketing program to attract prospective residents to our incredible schools/community.

(2) Strengthening Community

- Honor ideas from teachers/staff to improve the quality of the work environment, improve communication, and directly enhance students’ education.
- Engage our families as essential participants for success during challenging transition.
- Focus on collaboration and instill a spirit of mutual respect within the school board.

(3) Funding

Although Lansing ultimately controls education funding, I will be relentless at spending every dollar wisely. I will continue to advocate for the best interests of WBSD with Legislators.

CRISTINA ELSÉN

1497 Beachland Blvd., Keego Harbor, MI 48320

I am a mother of 4 beautiful children. When we moved to Michigan and bought our home, we chose to purchase in the West Bloomfield School District based upon the programs available, the county ranking and the diverse community that mirrors the world. I chose to get involved in district organizations such as the West Bloomfield Educational Foundation, Blessings in a Backpack and the Keego Harbor Optimist Club, which all focus on supporting kids in different ways. As an Office Manager and Medical Biller, managing an office of over 20 therapists/doctors and having a Master in Arts in Public Service and Urban Administration, I professionally and educationally possess key components in working and understanding many different types of people. My passion for children, my educational background and my profession with dealing with large finances makes me empathetic and qualified to represent the best interest of the kids.

The top 3 priority issues facing the WBSD are decreasing student enrollment, managing a balanced budget and the decreasing funds coming from the State of Michigan. One way I would like to focus on the decreasing enrollment is by introducing a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) program for the 1st through 8th grades. This program will help attract young families to move into our district, as the Magnet Program and WBSD Advanced Classes/AP classes has. My vision is to see the STEAM program available to any appropriate grade level student already in the district, and not to first year choice students. I would also like to closely review the Administrative positions within the District to ensure that all cuts made are balanced. between the teaching staff and Administration. Lastly, I will be a political advocate in Lansing and represent the WBSD and our needs to our Representatives.

RAMAN SINGH

6088 Oaktrail Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322

As a 25 year West Bloomfield resident, a wife and mother of two sons, I have always been active in the WBSD. I served PTOs, the WB Educational Foundation, WB Strategic Planning Committee and others. It was a sound foundation for the WB School Board, where I have served since 2010, when the district faced a budget deficit. The entire district – Board, Administration and employees worked to bring the district out of deficit in one year. My Board committee experience includes Curriculum Council, Technology Integration, Policy and Facilities Usage. I have owned a Kumon Center for 10 years, so I have a unique blend of knowledge of curriculum and operating a profitable business. I look forward to serving a 2nd term to see the recent efforts continue to bear fruit and to use my experience to help the District and each student be the best in and for the world.

School financing is the primary challenge as long as the State continues to inadequately fund public schools. I worked with the Building Site and Sinking Fund and the 2009 Bond Committee to help the passage of these revenue sources. I will continue to lobby our legislators for more local control over school funding. Further, we must continue to empower educators with appropriate technology and curriculum tools, as we did when we introduced Chromebooks for each student to help facilitate state of the art teaching and learning. We must continue to offer more Advanced Placement classes than most other districts, have intervention plans for struggling students, and appropriate rigor for everyone in between. We must continue to be data and research driven; tools like Mastery Manager support this. Our district is sometimes underestimated and I will continue to work to align the perceptions to the reality of our extraordinary schools.

State Proposals

STATE PROPOSAL 14-1

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season
- Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.
- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved? Yes ___ No ___

“YES” vote would allow wolf hunting.

“NO” vote would prohibit wolf hunting for the 2014 season.

“YES” Vote Supporters Say:

- Wolf populations should be managed through sound science to protect our livestock, pets and families.
- The seven member Natural Resources Commission, appointed by the Governor, is best suited to consider scientific rationale for new game species or hunts.

“YES” vote Organizations are:

- Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management, a coalition of hunting and trapping organizations including Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
- Website: www.citizenswildlife.org

“NO” Vote Supporters Say:

- Wolves were removed from federal protection in 2012, but are still a vulnerable population.
- No sound science to justify wolf hunt. The public is safe. There have been no recorded human attacks in Michigan. Wolf meat is not consumed by people.
- Wolves are a natural predator to deer and beavers, reducing their density.
- The Natural Resources Commission is political appointees with no professional or competency job standards.

“NO” vote Organizations are:

- Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, a coalition of organizations including the Humane Society, other animal welfare groups, veterinarians, Native American tribes and wildlife biologists.
- Website: www.keepwolvesprotected.com

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

STATE PROPOSAL 14-2

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
- Continue the NRC’s designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
- Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be approved? Yes ___ No ___

“YES” vote would allow wolf hunting.

“NO” vote would prohibit wolf hunting for the 2014 season.

“YES” Vote Supporters Say:

- The Natural Resources Commission will regulate game and fish seasons using sound science and management practices.
- Allowing the Natural Resources Commission to make these decisions will prevent emotional decisions by the voters.

“YES” vote Organizations are:

- Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management, a coalition of hunting and trapping organizations including Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
- Website: www.citizenswildlife.org

“NO” Vote Supporters Say:

- The seven member Natural Resources Commission is politically appointed by the Governor and is not required to meet any qualification to make species or fishery management decisions.
- Michigan voters will not be able to reverse decisions made by the Natural Resources Commission because they are a regulatory body.

“NO” vote Organizations are:

- Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, a coalition of organizations including the Humane Society, other animal welfare groups, veterinarians, Native American tribes and wildlife biologists.
- Website: www.keepwolvesprotected.com

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

Disclaimer: The Pro and Con statements above reflect the views of their major proponents and opponents. The inclusion of the views of the various groups is solely in the interest of public service. The League of Women Voters takes no responsibility for the views or facts as expressed.

Local Proposals

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Open Burning of Leaves and Brush

Shall the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills adopt an Ordinance completely prohibiting the open burning of leaves and brush on all single-family residential properties in the City of Auburn Hills?

CITY OF BERKLEY

Proposed Charter Amendment

A proposal to amend the City Charter to provide that no City ordinances shall apply to the use, possession or transfer of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, on private property not used by the public, or transportation of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years.

Shall Chapter 6 of the Charter of the City of Berkley be amended to add a new Section 6.9, entitled “Marijuana,” to state that: “Nothing in the Code of Ordinances shall apply to the use, possession or transfer of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, on private property not used by the public, or transportation of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years?”

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Single Waste Hauler Proposal

Shall the City Commission of the City of Bloomfield Hills adopt an ordinance whereby the City, after competitive bidding, would enter into a contract with a single waste hauler for exclusive garbage and recycling collection for all City residents, with the City residents paying the garbage and recycling collection bills directly to the single waste hauler?

CITY OF FARMINGTON

Road And Street Improvement Millage Renewal Proposal

“Shall the City of Farmington be authorized to levy a tax annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City in an amount not to exceed **1.5438 mills** (\$1.5438 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2015 through 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for the improvement, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of public roads within the City?”

This millage is a renewal of the previously-authorized millage of 1.5438 mills, which expired following the 2014 levy. This millage is estimated to provide revenues of **\$470,173** in the first year of the levy.

It is estimated that **96.67%** of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the City for road purposes, and, as required by law, **3.30%** would be disbursed to the City’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and **0.03%** to the City’s Brownfield Authority.”

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Charter Amendment Public Streets and Roads Millage

Shall the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to allow an additional special tax rate for public roads and streets by authorizing the City to levy a new additional millage in an amount of up to 2.0 mills, for ten (10) years, starting with the July 2015 levy (resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated additional \$6,169,000 in the first year if approved and levied), the taxes to be used by the City only for purposes of the improvement, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public roads, streets and road drainage within the City?

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS

Charter Amendment

“Shall the Charter of the City of Huntington Woods, Michigan be amended by adding a new Section 16 to Chapter VI, entitled “Marijuana,” to state that: “Nothing in the Code of Ordinances shall apply to the use, possession or transfer of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, on private property not used by the public, or transportation of 1 ounce or less of marijuana, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years?”

CITY OF NOVI

Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Shall Section 9.16 of the Novi Charter, relating to collection of fees for delinquent taxes, be amended to remove language assessing an automatic 4% collection fee for delinquent taxes as of September 1, and replace it with language that assesses only a 1% collection fee applicable as of September 1 and an additional 3% fee as of September 15?

CITY OF PLEASANT RIDGE

Proposal 2014 - 1 Library Services Millage Renewal

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge authorize a renewal of up to one-half mil (.5 mills) for a period of five years, for years 2015 through 2019, inclusive, in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 31, Article IX, of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to provide library services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$66,200.90 in 2015.

Local Proposals

CITY OF PLEASANT RIDGE

Proposal 2014 - 2

General Operating Millage

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge, for the purpose of funding police, fire and EMS, parks maintenance, public works, and general City operations, and to reduce water rates and solid waste charges, be authorized to levy up to an additional 2.9 mills (\$2.90 per thousand dollars of taxable value), beginning in July 2015 and thereafter. The intent of this request is to allow the partial restoration of the City Charter authorized operating millage which was reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. It is estimated that 2.9 mills would provide \$383,965 if levied in full in the first year.

Proposal 2014 - 3

Parks Improvement Millage

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge, for the purpose of paying for capital improvements to the City's parks and providing matching funds for grant applications for recreation purposes, be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for a period of 10 years with the first levy in July 2015? It is estimated that 0.75 mills would provide \$99,300 if levied in full in the first year.

Initiatory Petition To Amend The

City Of Pleasant Ridge City Charter By Adding A New Section To Article XII

"Shall Article XII of the City of Pleasant Ridge Charter be amended to add a new Section 12.10, entitled "Law enforcement priorities," establishing certain marijuana-related offenses as the lowest law enforcement priorities for the City of Pleasant Ridge?"

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Proposed City Charter Amendment To Authorize Additional Millage For Funding The Fire Department

A proposal to amend the City Charter by modifying Section 4.2, subsection 4. This subsection authorizes the City to levy up to 2.5 mills for funding of the Fire Department. If adopted, the charter amendment will increase the amount the City may levy for funding of the Fire Department to 3 mills.

Shall the City of Rochester Hills Charter be amended to modify Section 4.2 to authorize the City to levy up to 3 mills for funding of the Fire Department?

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 Local Road Millage.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Royal Oak City Charter, if approved, would allow the City to levy a millage of up to 2.5 mills for a period not to exceed ten (10) years beginning December 1, 2014, to defray the costs for maintaining, repairing and reconstructing roads and right-of-ways in the City of Royal Oak.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

NORMANDY OAKS PARK ORDINANCE 2014-09

THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK ORDAINS:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Normandy Oaks Park Ordinance.

Section 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. This is an ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 515 of the Royal Oak City Code, the Normandy Oaks Golf Course Ordinance, to authorize the sale of up to ten (10) acres of the 50-acre property and conversion of the remaining property to a city park, with the sale proceeds to be dedicated to improvements at this new park site, the existing Royal Oak Golf Course and other city parks.

Section 3. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III. Chapter 515 of the Royal Oak City Code is hereby amended at Article III, Normandy Oaks Golf Course, which shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE III

Normandy Oaks Park

Section 515-21. Short Title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Normandy Oaks Park Ordinance.

Section 515-22. Statement of Purpose.

This is an ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 515 of the Royal Oak City Code, the Normandy Oaks Golf Course Ordinance, to authorize the sale of up to ten (10) acres of the 50-acre property and conversion of the remaining property to a city park, with the sale proceeds to be dedicated to improvements at this new park site, the existing Royal Oak Golf Course and other city parks.

Section 515-23. Description of Property.

For purposes of this ordinance, the Normandy Oaks Golf Course is legally described as follows:

T1N, R11E, Sec 5 Nordwood Estates Sub, Lots 65 to 78 incl, also Lots 93 to 113 incl, also lots 132 to 154 incl, also Lots 173 to 190 incl, also Lots 209 to 225 incl, also all of vac Nakota, Massoit, Leafdale and Elmhurst Roads adj thereto, also ½ vac Woodland Ave adj Lots 67 to 70 incl

Part of Parcel No. 63-72-25-05-251-002, commonly known as Normandy Oaks Golf Course, 4234 Delemere Boulevard.

Section 515-24. Findings.

The Royal Oak City Commission hereby makes the following findings:

A. The Normandy Oaks Golf Course has been used as a recreational facility by a significant number of residents of the City and their guests for a number of years.

B. While the golf course property is a valuable recreational resource for the City and its residents, its highest and best use is no longer as a golf course.

C. Up to ten (10) acres of the 50-acre property can potentially be sold. If this portion of the property is sold, the remainder of the property can be converted to a city park and the sale proceeds can be dedicated to fund improvements at this new park site, the existing Royal Oak Golf Course and other city parks.

D. The sale of this portion of the property for these purposes would be in the best interest of the City and its residents.

Section 515-25. Authorization of Sale; Dedication of Proceeds.

The City is hereby authorized to sell up to ten (10) acres of the 50-acre Normandy Oaks Golf Course. If this portion of the property is sold, the remaining property shall be converted to a city park and the sale proceeds shall be dedicated to fund improvements at this new park site, the existing Royal Oak Golf Course and other city parks.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. SAVINGS. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

Section 6. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after the final passage thereof.

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

Street Improvements Bond Proposal

Shall the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million Dollars (\$99,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed eleven (11) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, reconstructing and improving streets, including sidewalk, curb, gutter and drainage improvements and all necessary appurtenances and attachments? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in 2015 is 2.58 mills (\$2.58 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.50 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

TOWNSHIP OF ADDISON

14-1 North Oakland Transportation Authority Millage Proposal

Shall Addison Township, consistent with Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, be authorized to levy a new millage up to .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000.00) on the taxable value of property located in Addison Township for a period of 5 years from 2014 - 2018 both inclusive, which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$70,000, and shall be disbursed to the North Oakland Transportation Authority for the purpose of supplementing the existing capital and operating expenses of the North Oakland Transportation Authority due to the loss of state, federal and other grants.

Addison Township Public Library New Additional Millage

Shall Addison Township Public Library impose an increase up to 1/5 of 1 mill (\$.020 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for a period of 10 years, 2014 through 2023 inclusive, for general library operations and maintenance, which 0.20 mills increase shall raise an estimated \$57,502.00 in the first year the millage is levied

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

Proposal To Restore And Supplement Library Millage

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be imposed each year for library purposes upon taxable property in the Charter Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.5410 mills (\$0.5410 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2014 to 2023, inclusive, as a new additional millage, of which .2946 mills of the increase is to restore the original August 10, 1982 1 mill levy, which had been reduced to .7054 mills by the required millage rollbacks and .0338 mills is to restore the August 6, 2002 .7874 mill levy, which had been reduced to .7536 mills by the required millage rollbacks. The remaining .2126 mills of the proposed .5410 levy is a millage to provide additional library funds for all library purposes authorized by law for the Bloomfield Township Public Library. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$1,756,004.00 in the first year if approved and fully levied.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND

Fire Millage Renewal

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of .9975 mills for a period of 6 years beginning December 2015 and expiring December 2020 to provide fire protection services; including for the operation and maintenance of the Oakland Township Fire Department, including the purchase of equipment and buildings to serve the Charter Township of Oakland. If levied in 2014, approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of \$.9975 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect approximately \$1,156,333.00 in the first year (2015) if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be taxed \$99.75 for the millage.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION

Proposed Additional Fire Capital And Equipment Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Orion be authorized to levy an additional 0.60 mil for a period of five (5) years beginning December 2014 and expiring December 2018, inclusive, to provide fire protection services to serve the Charter Township of Orion and the Village of Lake Orion, but limited to the capital and equipment expenditures of the Orion Township Fire Department; including the construction of a replacement fire station and purchase of vehicles. Approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of approximately \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township and the Village of Lake Orion, a portion of which will be disbursed to the Village of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority. It is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect approximately \$830,491 in the first year if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$30.00 for this millage per year.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD

Oxford Charter Township New Additional Millage For Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services And Advanced Life Support Services

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law within the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan be increased by 3.5 mills (3.5 mills being equal to \$3.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of six (6) years beginning with the December 2015 tax levy through the December 2020 tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS) and advanced life support (ALS) services for the Charter Township of Oxford, which new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millages for fire protection, emergency medical services and for advanced life support services which, after the required rollback, last resulted in levies of 1.5 mills and 1.0

mills respectively, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during this period, which will raise in the first year if levied an estimated revenue of Two Million Four Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five and 51/100 Dollars (\$2,487,685.51) of which a portion will be disbursed to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority?

Local Proposals

Oxford Charter Township New Additional Millage For Police Protection And Law Enforcement Services (No Village)

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law upon all taxable property within the unincorporated portion of the Charter Township of Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 3.9152 mills (3.9152 mills being equal to \$3.9152 per each \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of five (5) years beginning with the December 2015 tax levy through the December 2019 tax levy to provide funds to the Township for the purpose of contracting to provide police protection services and law enforcement services for the unincorporated portion of the Charter Township of Oxford, which new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage for police protection and law enforcement services which, after the required rollback last resulted in a levy 2.9152 mills, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during this period, which will raise in the first year if levied an estimated revenue of Two Million Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and 06/100 Dollars (\$2,355,256.06)?

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the tax limitation imposed on all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Charter Township of Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased for said Township in an amount not to exceed .4518 mill (\$.4518 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten (10) years, 2014 to 2023 inclusive, to provide funds for supporting, maintaining, operating, and constructing the Oxford Township Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law; and shall the Township levy such new additional millage for said purposes? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2014 calendar year is approximately \$311,000. A portion of the revenue collected from properties within the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") district will be required to be distributed to the DDA.

VILLAGE OF HOLLY Charter Amendment #1

"To reflect that persons who are eighteen (18) years or older, versus those who are twenty-one (21) years or older, are eligible for elective office, shall section 4.1 of the Village Charter be amended to read as follows:

4.1. Eligibility for Office in Village.

(a) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to any elective or appointive village office if such person is in default to the Village. The election or appointment of any such person in default shall be void.

(b) As used in this section, "in default to the Village" means delinquent in the payment of property taxes or delinquent in a debt owed to the village if one of the following applies:

(1) The property taxes remain delinquent after the last day of February in the year following the year in which they are levied, unless the taxes are the subject of an appeal.

(2) Another debt owed to the village remains unpaid 90 days after the due date, unless the debt is the subject of an administrative appeal or a contested court case.

(c) No person shall be eligible to hold any popularly elective office of the Village unless he or she shall be eighteen years of age or older, a registered voter in, and shall have been a resident of, the Village for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of his or her election."

Charter Amendment #2

"Shall the Village Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 5.3 which requires that the Village hold a regular election in March of each numbered year?"

Charter Amendment #3

"Shall the Village Charter be amended to delete in its entirety section 6.4 which establishes a Health Officer?"

Charter Amendment #4

"Shall section 6.5 of the Village Charter, which calls for at least two monthly meetings, be amended to read as follows: 6.5 Meetings of the council.

(a) The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two (2) meetings per month, excepting the months of November and December, in which months at least one (1) meeting shall be held."

Charter Amendment #5

"Shall section 8.2 of the Village Charter, which requires the submission of budget estimates in April, be amended to read as follows:

8.2 Submission of itemized budget estimate.

On or before the first Monday in March, each village officer shall submit to the Village Manager an itemized estimate of the expenditures for the next fiscal year, for the department or activities under his control. The Village Manager shall prepare a complete itemized budget proposal for the next fiscal year and shall submit it to the council at its first meeting in May.

ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 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 2014 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18 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 Almont Community Schools, Counties of Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2015 to 2018, 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 2015 is approximately \$877,486 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)

AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT Bond Proposal

Shall the Avondale School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,175,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing School District buildings and acquiring buses; and

- acquiring and installing technology equipment in School District buildings?

The estimated millage to be levied in 2015 to service this issue of bonds is 0.07 mills (\$0.07 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 0.60 mills (\$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The debt millage levy required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed by this ballot proposal is currently estimated to remain at or below 7.30 mills. The bonds shall be payable in not to exceed six (6) years from the date of issue. The School District currently has \$103,200,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. The School District expects to borrow from the program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of additional borrowing is \$2,509,950 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$2,629,808. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 20 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.30 mills. The computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance costs or other School District operating expenses.)

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Millage Proposal, Building And Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.2 mills (\$1.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2014 to 2023, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$907,116.

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Lake Orion 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 Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 20.25 mills, with 18 mills of this amount being the maximum levy allowed (\$18 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2025, inclusive with the above 20.25 mills being a renewal of a previously authorized millage which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2014? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Seven Million One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred (\$7,163,100) Dollars during the 2015 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF MACOMB AND OAKLAND STATE OF MICHIGAN

Athletic Facilities Improvement Bond Proposition

Shall the Romeo Community Schools, Counties of Macomb and Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seven Million (\$7,000,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

-Erecting, equipping and furnishing a stadium team room building, a concession and public restroom building and a ticket booth building at the Barnabo Athletic Field;

-Remodeling and equipping the Barnabo Athletic Field which includes the installation of synthetic turf and a new track, the expansion of the bleachers and the erecting and equipping of a press box;

-Remodeling and equipping the High School gymnasium and athletic fields which includes the replacement of bleachers; and

-Preparing, developing and improving sites for athletic facility improvements at the Barnabo Athletic Field, the Memorial Field and the High School?

The estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The maximum number of years the proposed bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than sixteen (16) years; and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the proposed bonds is 0.42 mills annually (\$0.42 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$32,240,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Walled Lake Consolidated School District 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 Walled Lake Consolidated School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), and against all principal residences and other property not exempted by law, by 3.9 mills (\$3.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), both millages to be for a period of ten (10) years, from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2025, inclusive with the above 18 mills and the above 3.9 mills (of which only 2.1971 mills are currently being levied) being a renewal of authorized millages which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2015? These operating millages if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Thirty Million (\$30,000,000) Dollars during the 2016 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Library Services Millage Renewal Request

Shall the Northville District Library's previously voted millage against all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the district of the Northville District Library be renewed for a period of seven (7) years, 2015 through 2021 inclusive, for general library operating purposes at up to 0.19972 mills (\$0.19972 per \$1,000 of taxable value)? If the millage is approved and levied in 2015, the Northville District Library will collect approximately \$446,542. Of this amount, an estimated \$5,010 will be disbursed to the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority as being collected only from all properties located within the Downtown Development Authority district, and an estimated \$1,392 will be disbursed to the Northville Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as being collected only from all properties located within the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority district, as required by law?



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 U.S. Senator _____
 U.S. Representative _____
 State Senate _____
 State Representative _____
 State Board of Education (2)

 University of Michigan Regents (2)

 Michigan State University Trustees (2)

 Wayne State University Governors (2)

 County Commissioner _____

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Michigan Supreme Court (2)

 Circuit Court _____
 District Court (45-A, 48, 51, 52-1, 52-4)

 OCC (2) _____
 City/Village Offices _____
 School Board _____

 Library Board _____

★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★

State: 14-01 _____
 14-02 _____
 (Local Community/Library/School)
