

League of Women Voters Oakland Area

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VOTER GUIDE

FOR RESIDENTS OF **OAKLAND COUNTY**

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Please go to

VOTE411.org

to compare candidate responses for national and state-level offices

On the **PARTISAN SECTION** of the ballot,
you may vote for all candidates of any one party
OR you may vote for candidates from
different parties in different races.

In any case, be sure to
ALSO VOTE the **NONPARTISAN**
and **PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot.

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About This Voter Guide

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

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ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

Who Can Apply?

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

How Do I Vote Absentee?

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

You can find your local clerk's contact information here: <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us>

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

What is the Application Deadline?

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

What is the Return Deadline?

By 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

Did my ballot arrive?

All registered voters can track their ballot by looking up their information here: <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

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ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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

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

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

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About the Online Voter Guide: VOTE411

VOTE411.org is the League's next generation of online voter education—a genuine one-stop shop for election-related material.

Like this print Voter Guide, the VOTE411 online guide provides data on candidates, their experience, and their positions on important issues. VOTE411, however, goes further, providing essential information about the election process, such as a ballot look-up tool personalized to a voter's address and a nationwide polling place locator. VOTE411 information is available in English and Spanish.

Voting is fundamental. All Americans deserve an equal opportunity to make their voices heard in our democracy. The League is dedicated to using advocacy, litigation, and resources like VOTE411 to include more voters, expand and protect voter access, and ensure our elections remain fair, secure, and accessible.

**For Information on
Federal, State and Local Races
Wherever You Live in Michigan:
[VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org)**



Voter Registration

No matter how you plan to vote, you must first be registered.

Michigan has same-day voter registration, which means residents can register and vote on the same day by visiting their local Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, Election Day.

The League, however, recommends you register as soon as possible.

To register to vote in Michigan, an individual must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- A resident of Michigan (at your current address for at least 30 days).
- At least 17 ½ years of age (18 on Election Day to vote).
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Same-day voter registration also applies to updating voter registration. To check your voter registration status (the address where you are registered to vote), use [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org).

You can register to vote online, by mail, or through a registration drive until Monday, October 19.

If you register to vote within 14 days of Election Day, you must do so at your local Clerk's Office and provide one form of proof of residency. After registering, you can vote an absentee ballot at the Clerk's Office.

Note: You can request a voter registration application in large print and multiple languages (Arabic, Bengali, Dari Farsi, Haitian Creole, Korean, and Spanish). For more information, go to michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/voters.

Proof of Residency. This is official documentation (paper or digital) listing the voter's name and address. Examples include the following:

- Michigan driver's license/state I.D.
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check

Moved since the last election? If you moved to a new city or township, you must update or re-register your new address with the local clerk.

Homeless? You don't need a home address to register to vote; however, you do need to identify an address for mail and a location you consider a place of residence. This can be a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place you usually stay.

Incarcerated? Individuals currently incarcerated and serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or felony conviction are prohibited from registering to vote.

NOTE: All Michigan Clerks' Offices will be open the weekend before Election Day. City and township Clerks' Offices must be open for at least eight hours on Saturday, October 31, or Sunday, November 1, for in-person voter registration and voting.

College Students: Check Your Voter Registration Status!

Michigan's "motor-voter" system requires your voter registration address to match your driver's license/state ID address. A change of address to one automatically changes the other.

College students can update their voter registration online at [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org) or by mail up to two weeks before an election. After that, they must visit their local Clerk's Office to provide proof of residency.

- For college students to vote in person on Election Day, their voter registration address must reflect the community where they plan to vote — at home or at school. For example, a student whose home is Albion but lives in Auburn Hills attending Oakland University can register to vote in Albion or Auburn Hills.
- An alternative for college students is to request an absentee ballot. In doing so, students can keep their voter registration at their home address and request an absentee ballot be mailed to their school address. For more information on requesting an absentee ballot, visit [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org).

Election Challengers vs. Poll Watchers

ELECTION CHALLENGERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer with credentials, typically appointed by a political party or interest group *can issue challenges*.

POLL WATCHERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer without credentials. *Poll watchers have more limited rights than a challenger and cannot issue challenges.*



Poll watchers and poll challengers cannot assist voters at a polling place.
Michigan Department of State and local clerks do not hire election challengers or poll watchers.

TOWNSHIPS

Please go to VOTE411.org to review Township Candidates' responses

ADDISON TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Rep Jennie Golden-Eller

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Rep Steve Ford

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

PARK COMMISSIONER
Vote for not more than 4
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Dem Jane Bais DiSessa
Dem Cynthia Earl
Rep Jeffrey Caryl
Rep James P. Wright

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

CLERK
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Rep Karen Reilly

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028

PARK COMMISSIONER
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Dem Brigitte R. Hall

PARK COMMISSIONER
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Rep Paul Newitt

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Dem David Robert Okonewski
Rep Kevin Sclesky

PARK COMMISSIONER
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Rep Jason Morga

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Dem Jonathan Warshay

TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than 1
Term Ending 12/1/2028
Dem Amy Mindell
NPA Sean Lavine





YOUR

VOTE

Counts

11.3.26

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

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

JUDGES

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Court of Appeals

2ND DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Sima G. Patel (Incumbent)
Christopher M. Trebilcock (Incumbent)

Circuit Court

6TH CIRCUIT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Mary Ellen T. Brennan (Incumbent)
David M. Cohen (Incumbent)
Lisa Gorcyca (Incumbent)
Nanci Grant (Incumbent)
Jeffery S. Matis (Incumbent)
Lorie N. Savin (Incumbent)

6TH CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

VICTORIA KING

QUESTION 1: I earned a BA from Hillsdale College, an MS from Central Michigan University, and a JD from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. I have fourteen years of experience advising judges and two years in private practice. I have fifteen years as a software engineer focused on testing computer applications and managing quality assurance processes. For the most part, my community involvement has been focused on either the bar association or my children. My involvement includes serving on the State Bar of Michigan's Character and Fitness Committee and Representative Assembly; the Oakland County Bar Association's Board; and the Oakland County Bar Foundation's Board. I participated on the Facility Study Team Attendance Area Review Committee and served as the treasurer for the Smith Middle School Parent Teacher Organization.

QUESTION 2: For most of my career, I have been employed at the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court as a judicial staff attorney. I currently advise on a wide range of topics including civil, criminal, family, and appellate matters and draft proposed opinions or memoranda. I work closely with the visiting judges (a rotating seven to eight retired judges) to draft bench trial opinions containing detailed findings of facts and conclusions and law. In addition, I participate on specialized court teams developing procedures, templates, and resources that address recent legislative changes. Before becoming an attorney, I built a successful career in information technology where I worked for over a decade as a consultant, manager,

and quality assurance engineer.

QUESTION 3:
A: With this seat I can do that work from the bench, on day one, with no learning curve.

- Careful preparation. Family court litigants come to court at the hardest moment of their lives, often without counsel, and they deserve a judge who has read every brief and relevant authority before they walk in. That standard is the work I do now for the judges I advise. It would be the standard I bring to the bench.
- Clear and well-reasoned orders. An order they cannot understand is an order they cannot follow.
- Respect for everyone who appears before the Court. Decisions on the record. Reasoned rulings. A bench that knows the file before the hearing starts.

LISA MARIE NEILSON

QUESTION 1: Lisa Neilson is a retired judge, attorney, mediator, arbitrator, and LLMSW. She earned a B.S. from Madonna University, a J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan. She began her legal career as a judicial law clerk and later staff attorney to the Honorable Linda S. Hallmark in Oakland County Probate Court. She then practiced family and probate litigation, including retained representation, court-appointed matters, and Guardian ad Litem work. Appointed to the Wayne County Probate Court in 2012, she served nearly ten years by assignment to the Third Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division. In 2022, she founded Neilson Consulting, PLLC, serves on the State Bar ADR Section Council, and remains active in bar, ADR, judicial, family-law, and community organizations.

QUESTION 2: My entire legal career has focused on family law, probate litigation, juvenile matters, custody, parenting time, child support, guardianships, conservatorships, and complex family conflict. I practiced primarily in Oakland County, including retained representation, court-appointed cases, and Guardian Ad Litem work, before serving nearly ten years as a Wayne County Family Court judge presiding over family, juvenile, child protective, post-judgment, emergency, and personal protection matters. Now through Neilson Consulting, PLLC, I work at the intersection of law and the social issues that drive family conflict, including trauma, mental health, substance abuse, parenting dynamics and child-focused decision-making. As a life-long learner, I integrate my legal expertise, social science background, MSW training, and mediation experience into evidence-informed consulting services.

QUESTION 3: Voters should elect me because I bring proven judicial experience, sound temperament, diligence, and a complete understanding of family court from every perspective. I began my career in Oakland County as a court clerk and staff attorney to the Honorable Linda S. Hallmark, later practiced family and probate law, and then served nearly ten years as a Family Division judge. I managed difficult, high-volume dockets involving custody, parenting time, child welfare, juvenile matters, emergencies,

and personal protection orders. My diligence is reflected in careful preparation, timely and legally sound decisions, attention to the law and record, and respectful treatment of every litigant. Since leaving the bench, I earned a Master of Social Work. I am ready to serve Oakland County from day one.

Probate Court

INCUMBENT POSITION

Unopposed on the ballot:
Nicole S. Huddleston (Incumbent)

NON-INCUMBENT POSITION

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

ELISABETH DERY

QUESTION 1: Elisabeth Dery was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 2014 after receiving a juris doctor from Cooley Law School in 2012. She is a partner at Yun, Dery & Morgan, PLC in Clarkston where she practices probate law. She specializes in medicaid planning, government benefits and special needs trusts. She is very active in community service, sitting on many boards, including the OCBA Probate, Estates and Trusts Committee, S.A.V.E Task Force, Michigan Guardianship Association and VA Committee. Visit her website at DeryForProbateJudge.com

QUESTION 2: I am the partner/owner of a woman owned probate firm. Our staff of 20 people serve the tri-county area, providing estate planning, will and trust administrations and settling disputes, Guardian Ad Litem appointments from Oakland County Probate Court, and acting as guardian and/or conservator. Our legal practice provides representation for clients administering a decedent estate or trust. We provide Professional Fiduciary services, both at the request of the Court and by private clients. The nature of my practice allows me to serve and assist the wealthiest of our community through Estate Planning and Trust administration, as well as the neediest through finding housing, food and clothing as a fiduciary.

QUESTION 3: I am running for a Probate Judge seat and I have worked in probate law for nearly 15 years. The practice of probate is broad and covers a multitude of issues from estate planning to decedent estate and trust administration, to making decisions about guardianships over individuals with mental health issues or who are developmentally disabled... I have done it all. This gives me a broad and deep understanding of all aspects of probate. Making a fair, impartial decision requires seeing the whole picture and truly understanding the entirety of the case before me. It is the probate judge's job to make sure that vulnerable people receive the protections they need in order to prevent poor care and financial exploitation. This is my job now.

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NON-INCUMBENT POSITION
(CONTINUED)

JESSICA ANN HALLMARK

QUESTION 1: I'm a lifelong Oakland County resident. I graduated from the University of Michigan in 2001, double majoring in English and Communications. I worked full time while attending Wayne State University Law School, graduating in 2008. I began my career as a probate court appointed guardian ad litem in guardianship and conservatorship cases. I then served as a law clerk to Oakland County Circuit Court Chief Judge Wendy Potts. I've been in private practice since 2010. I specialize in real estate, business and liquor licensing law, handling the acquisition, disposition and transfer of real 15a nd personal property and practicing before municipal and regulatory bodies. My experience would be an asset to the probate court, which hears cases regarding real and personal property and business interests.

QUESTION 2: I've represented individuals; small business owners; commercial real estate, condominium and low-income housing developers; commercial landlords and tenants; business entities; and non-profits around Metro Detroit and across the State of Michigan. I specialize in real estate, business and liquor licensing law. I've handled matters including acquisition, financing and disposition of real estate and business assets; commercial leasing; condominium development and governance; corporate, LLC and non-profit formation and overnance; the purchase and sale of Michigan liquor licenses and interests in liquor licensed entities and associated state and local regulatory compliance; and employment matters. I've also been appointed as a guardian ad litem, safeguarding the rights of protected individuals in guardianship and conservatorship cases.

QUESTION 3: I'm known for my calm temperament, professionalism and thoroughness. My real estate and business law background would be an asset to the probate court, which deals with property and business interests. My English and Communications degrees and transactional experience mean I have excellent analytical, research and legal writing skills. I'm accustomed to negotiating business deals and settling disputes. A probate judge needs all of these skills. As a wife, mother and professional, I'm accustomed to working hard, balancing competing obligations and meeting deadlines. I have personal experience with the things that bring people to probate court, including caregiving and the illness and loss of loved ones. Having served as a guardian ad litem, I understand the importance of protecting vulnerable citizens while safeguarding their rights.



District Court

35TH DISTRICT
INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Jim Plakas (Incumbent)

43RD DISTRICT
INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

BRIAN CHRISTIAN
HARTWELL

QUESTION 1: In June 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed me to the state district court representing Ferndale, Hazel Park and Madison Heights. Then in November 2020, voters elected me to serve a full 6-year term on the district court. My prior elected experience included 5 years as mayor and 8 years on city council in Madison Heights. I studied law at the University of Detroit Mercy and earned an undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University. I have practiced law since 2008. For the past several years, I taught a summer course on Michigan real estate and landlord-tenant law. My peers elected me to serve as president of the Oakland County District Judges Association.

QUESTION 2: As a district court judge, my docket involves criminal cases, civil lawsuits, landlord-tenant disputes, and civil infractions. Since I was elected, we launched a sobriety court for drunk driving and drug cases, thanks to the hard work and compassion of my probation department. My team is currently in the planning stage to launch a mental health treatment court. Specialty courts are designed to stop recidivism, empower participants to value sobriety, and shift our justice system toward restorative and community outcomes instead of incarceration on non-violent and non-serious crimes. We have consistently been awarded grant funding for these specialty courts.

QUESTION 3: I cannot accomplish anything alone. Every project starts with the advice of my bench mates, Judge Keith Hunt and Chief Judge Joseph Longo. The court administrator and I have built a great environment to work as a clerk and practice law as an attorney. We understand that a court visit may be a stressful and embarrassing situation. We aim to mitigate visitors' grief by being patient listeners. Even when the court sentences someone to jail, we make an effort that everyone has been heard and respected. I promise the next 6 years will continue our focus on respect, accountability, and efficiency. And, thanks to my wife for inspiring me and our two children to be creative, expressive and selfless.



45TH DISTRICT
INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

JAIMIE POWELL
HOROWITZ

QUESTION 1: Jaimie Powell Horowitz currently serves Chief Judge of the 45th District Court. She served as the 2025 President of the Oakland County District Judges Association, 2024 Vice President of the Oakland County District Judges Association, serves as a Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Association, and currently presides over two specialty courts: Behavioral Health and Wellness Court and Operation Drive. Powell Horowitz graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2004 and began her career as a Wayne County Prosecutor serving in Felony Trials, Elder Abuse, and the Homicide Division respectively. She also served as Special Prosecutor for the Fair Michigan Justice Project and as Special Assistant Attorneys General focusing on cold case homicides. She has served on the Ethics Board for the City of Huntington Woods, Trustee for the Oak Park -Huntington Woods Democratic Club, the State Bar Representative Assembly, and Wayne County Elder Abuse Advisory Council. In 2019, she was h

QUESTION 2: Powell Horowitz has spent the past six years serving her elected term as Judge of the 45th District Court. The District Court adjudicates criminal cases, small claims, civil cases under \$25,000, and landlord-tenant matters. Prior to serving on the Bench, Powell Horowitz served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Wayne County handling cases involving sexual assault, child abuse, financial exploitation, domestic violence, and homicide. In 2016, she joined the Fair Michigan Justice Project to serve as a Special Prosecutor for hate crimes involving victims of the LGBTQ community and conducted trainings for law enforcement throughout the state. She also served as a Special Assistant Attorneys General focusing on select cold case homicides.

QUESTION 3: Powell Horowitz has spent the past 6 years on the bench implementing criminal justice reform in accordance with applicable state law, sought grants to assist litigants to obtain drivers licenses, and serve litigants in specialty court who are suffering mental health crises. Powell Horowitz participates in ongoing education and best practices in the legal field with the Michigan Association of Mental Health Treatment Professionals, the Michigan District Judges Association, the Oakland County District Judges Association, and remains active in her local community neighborhood associations. Powell Horowitz has continued her advocacy for criminal justice reform as well as ensuring the Court addresses the intersecting issues of mental health, substance abuse, poverty, lack of education, and systemic injustice.

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46TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Shelia Johnson (Incumbent)

47TH DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

MONEKA SANFORD

QUESTION 1: Moneka Sanford is a proud Farmington Hills resident with over 23 years of legal experience in Oakland County. Before establishing her practice, she interned with the Honorable Joan Young (Ret.) and the U.S. Attorney Office and served as a Foster Care Case Manager. She holds degrees from University of Michigan-Dearborn (B.A. Psychology/ Sociology 1994), University of Michigan (M.S.W. 1998), and Wayne State University (J.D. 2003). Her practice spans criminal defense, family law, juvenile delinquency, adoptions, guardianships, probate, and civil litigation. She served as Oakland County Juvenile Drug Court Defense Attorney and volunteers at expungement clinics. Member of the Oakland County Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, and Straker Bar Association, endorsed by Mayor Theresa Rich, Mayor Pro-Tem Jackie Boleware, Councilman Michael Bridges, and 25-plus regional judges.

QUESTION 2: For over 23 years, Ms. Sanford has maintained a private practice serving individuals and families across Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb Counties and Federal Court. Her practice encompasses criminal defense, family law, probate, civil litigation, and mediation, representing clients from diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds navigating some of the most difficult moments of their lives. She has represented clients in felony and misdemeanor matters, abuse and neglect proceedings, guardianships, conservatorships, adoptions, estates, and landlord-tenant disputes. As a Guardian Ad Litem, she has provided independent recommendations in high-conflict divorce and neglect cases. For 15 years, she proudly served as the Oakland County Juvenile Drug Court Defense Attorney. Her background as a licensed social worker gives her a unique ability to understand the full circumstances behind every case.

QUESTION 3: Voters should elect Moneka Sanford because she brings experience, education, and genuine human understanding that is rare in any judicial candidate. With over 23 years of legal experience in the very courtrooms, she seeks to serve, she has dedicated her career to advocating for Oakland County residents. Before earning her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University, she earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan and worked as a social worker, giving her the ability to see the whole person before the court, not just the

case file. Raised in Oakland County since age 11, she has built her career here, raised her family here, and served these neighborhoods for over two decades. Moneka Sanford has the temperament, experience, compassion, and integrity this community deserves. She is ready to serve.

MICHAEL SAWICKY

QUESTION 1:
Jan 2003- present Michael E. Sawicky, P.L.L.C. - President
Oct 2006-present 47th District Court - Magistrate
Nov 2021-present Art Therapy Credentials Board - Compliance Officer
Sep 2001-Jan 2003 Lavigne & Sawicky, PLLC - Partner
Mar 2001-Sep 2001 Michael E. Sawicky, Attorney at Law
Mar 2000-Mar 2001 Law Offices of Raymond A. Cassar - attorney
May 1996-Mar 2000 Oakland County Prosecutor's Office - assistant prosecutor
Fordham University - B.A. Economics June 1991
State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly - 6th Circuit (elected 2021)
Oakland County Bar Association MIDC Advisory Group (appointed 2022)
Farmington/Farmington Hills Xemplar Club (Past President)
Farmington Elks BPOE Lodge #1986

QUESTION 2: I am a sole practitioner specializing in criminal defense work, mostly in Oakland County. I used to be on the felony court appointed list in the Oakland County Circuit Court but since the advent of the MIDC system I have focused mostly on practicing in the district courts. I am an active public defender in the 43rd District Courts (Hazel Park and Madison Heights), the 45th District Court (Oak Park), the 52-2 District Court (Clarkston), and 52-1 District Court (Novi). I am also a defense advocate with the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court in the 52-1 District Court as well as the Mental Health Treatment Court in the 52-2 District Court. I also work as a Compliance Officer with the Art Therapy Credentials Board (located in Greensboro, North Carolina) where I review complaints and self-reports of potential violations of the organization's code of ethics and compliance. I also work as a Magistrate in the 47th District Court where I was appointed in 2006.

QUESTION 3: Voters should elect me because I bring well-rounded experience and a proven ability to handle difficult matters with balance and integrity. I am not learning the courtroom from one narrow perspective; I have already seen how the system works in practice, which makes me better equipped to decide cases fairly and efficiently. That combination of courtroom experience, judicial temperament, and commitment to justice is exactly what voters should look for in a judge. I have the qualities voters should want in a judge: temperament, fairness, diligence, judgement, and a deep understanding of the justice system from every side. Because I have served as an assistant prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and a Magistrate, I can credibly say that I understand how

cases look to the prosecutor, the accused, and from the bench. This combination of experience shows balance, not bias. A prosecutor learns responsibility, preparation, and the need to protect the public while respecting rights...

48TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Kimberly Small (Incumbent)

50TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

JEREMY DARNELL BOWIE

QUESTION 1: I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Pre-Law from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor from Cooley Law School. I was appointed Judge of the 50th District Court in Pontiac in 2022 and have served since January 2023. Previously, I served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and practiced criminal defense and civil litigation in private practice. I serve on the boards of the Pontiac Community Foundation, Pontiac Robotics, and E-Community Outreach Services, and as a mentor on FIRST Robotics Team 51. I am an active member of numerous legal and civic organizations, including the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

QUESTION 2: My legal career has included public service, private practice, and judicial service throughout southeastern Michigan. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Wayne County, I prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases, including domestic violence and special victims matters, and reviewed thousands of warrant requests. In private practice, I represented criminal defendants in state and federal courts and insurance carriers in civil litigation involving personal injury, negligence, premises liability, and subrogation. Since becoming a district court judge, I have presided over criminal, civil, landlord-tenant, and small claims matters while issuing search warrants, conducting arraignments, and resolving a broad range of legal disputes fairly and impartially.

QUESTION 3: I have dedicated my career to serving the public with integrity, fairness, and respect for the rule of law. My experience as a prosecutor, private practice attorney, and district court judge has provided a well-rounded understanding of our justice system from multiple perspectives. I approach every case with preparation, impartiality, and respect for every individual who appears before the court.

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JUDGES

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50TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT (CONTINUED)

Beyond the courtroom, I actively engage with the community through mentoring, youth outreach, and civic organizations to strengthen public trust in the judiciary. I remain committed to ensuring that every person receives equal justice, is treated with dignity, and has meaningful access to a fair and efficient court system.

CYNTHIA T. WALKER

QUESTION 1: I am one of three judges at the 50th District Court in Pontiac, where I have served since 2003. Between January 2010 and December 2025, I was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as chief judge. Our court handles civil claims for damages up to \$25,000 including small claims and landlord tenant disputes. We also handle misdemeanor criminal cases, traffic and municipal violations and preliminary exams on felony cases. My undergraduate degree in criminal justice and sociology is from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin where I currently serve on the board of trustees, and my law degree is from Valparaiso University Law School in Indiana. I am a member of numerous judicial and law-related organizations and associations.

QUESTION 2: Prior to becoming a judge, I worked as the court administrator for 50th District Court, as the city attorney for Pontiac, and as a staff attorney for the UAW Legal Plans in Saginaw, Sterling Heights and Pontiac. Immediately prior to that, I was a staff attorney with Legal Service of Eastern Michigan, providing legal service to seniors (regardless of income) in a 10-county area as funded by the Region 7 Area Agency on Aging. Committed to equity in the legal profession, I have participated in pipeline programs to develop student interest in the law and enjoy speaking at schools and churches on topics such as truancy, consequences of impulsive behaviors and decision-making.

QUESTION 3: I believe in treating every person who comes before me with dignity and respect, making sure that they are heard and hoping that they leave my courtroom feeling that they were treated fairly, regardless of the outcome. Those who have appeared in my courtroom can confirm that I am patient, composed and impartial. I am an active member of the Pontiac community and will always be grateful to the voters who have allowed me to serve in this role for the past 23 years.

51ST DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

CARMEN J. DEFRANCO

QUESTION 1: I have been an assistant prosecuting attorney for 17 of my 19 years of practice. I am currently a Major Crimes Prosecutor and my main responsibility is prosecuting capital cases and cases that are considered “high-profile” or media cases. I am also the head felony Drug Court prosecutor while also being part of the treatment courts team, including sobriety, mental health and Veteran’s courts. During my two years of private practice, I handled civil lawsuits, criminal defense, landlord/tenant and traffic cases. I do great deal of charity work within our community, especially through my memberships with the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Waterford FO Eagles, and the Pontiac/Waterford Elks.

QUESTION 2: My practice right now is exclusively criminal in nature, focused on Major Crimes, including everything from warrant review and charging through preliminary examination, motion practice, evidentiary hearings and jury trials of murders, robberies, carjackings and other high profile cases. As such, I represent the interests of the People of the State of Michigan, working to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity for justice.

QUESTION 3: I have dedicated my entire career to public service. I am in court almost everyday, fighting for justice for the victims of crime. I know first-hand how actions and decisions in a courtroom can affect not only the case, but the people involved in that case. The citizens of Waterford deserve to have a judge who has been in courtroom, making those split-second decisions everyday, not watching from the sidelines. My experience is unmatched in this race, having conducted almost 200 jury trials, hundreds of preliminary exams and evidentiary hearings and handling thousands of cases during my 19 years of practice. Equally important is my compassion and understanding that, when the case is concluded, there are still people who are affected by what happens within that courtroom.

PAMELA J. MONVILLE

QUESTION 1: I have 39 years of legal experience in civil, criminal, family, probate, landlord/tenant, small claims, and juvenile law. I am a licensed attorney in the State of Michigan and in the United States District Court - Eastern Division. My law degree is from Wayne State University (2002). I have a bachelor’s degree in political science from Oakland University (1999) and a paralegal degree from Ferris State College (1987). From 2002 -2005, as a general practice attorney, I represented youth and vulnerable adults as a court appointed attorney. Since 2005, my work has been solely for the judiciary assisting judges in resolving disputes, advising judges and court staff on the law and legal process, and assisting the chief judge in managing court employees and streamlining courthouse operations.

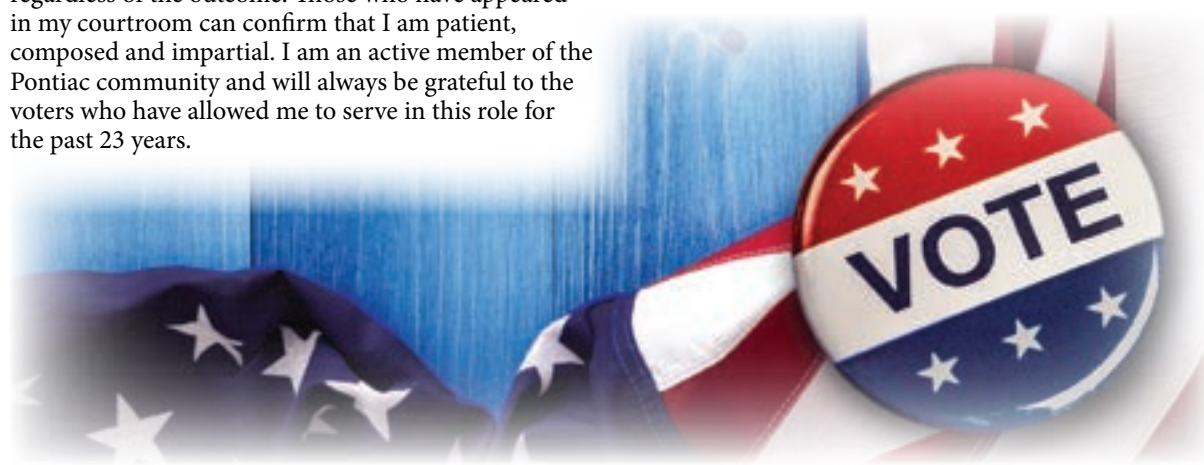
QUESTION 2: For over 20 years my attorney work has been in the independent non-partisan judicial branch of government resolving disputes and providing access to justice for litigants. For over ten years, I sat at the side of judges in the family division of circuit court as their right-hand legal advisor. The judges and I listened to testimony, evaluated credibility, and applied the law to facts received into evidence to resolve disputes timely. I put judicial decisions into written form. I also helped parties settle issues before trials. As a court administrator, I oversee court operations, draft processes for new legislation, facilitate outreach programs, address employee conflicts/concerns, negotiate with unions, and liaise with other county-elected officials to provide fair and efficient court operations.

QUESTION 3: District courts are known as neighborhood courts. It may be a person’s first contact with a judge to respond to the allegation of violating a law or for help in resolving a civil dispute in which they never expected to be involved. My attorney background is in the prevention and resolution of disputes. For over 20 years I have been trained to evaluate all sides of a conflict, getting to the root of the issues, so that arguments can be resolved peacefully. I believe in the rule of law and that people who willfully jeopardize the peace and safety of others should be held accountable for their actions This is what judges do daily. This is what I have been practicing for over 20 years.

52ND DISTRICT 1ST DIVISION INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Travis M. Reeds (Incumbent)

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52ND DISTRICT 2ND DIVISION INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

JOSEPH G. FABRIZIO

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Michigan State University, College of Lyman Briggs (B.S.) and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D., cum laude). I was elected as a District Judge of the 52-2 District Court in 2008. I am married with four beautiful children and am a lifelong resident of Clarkston. I have been active with Clarkston schools and youth enrichment programs, including Teen Court, Elementary School Mock Trial Program, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts and Clarkston Scamp.

QUESTION 2: Prior to my public service in the judiciary, I was a lawyer in a general practice law firm, handling cases and legal issues of all shapes and sizes. I am a licensed attorney with the State Bar of Michigan and with various federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court. I have served as a District Court Judge for almost 18 years and successfully manage a high volume of both civil and criminal cases. I preside over a drug and alcohol treatment court, focusing on reform and rehabilitation for defendants with substance abuse disorders in appropriate cases.

QUESTION 3: For six years, I was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as the Chief Judge for all four divisions of the 52nd District Court. I helped establish a district-wide mental health treatment court. I also helped implement significant and lasting changes in court operations to improve efficiency and access to justice. This included implementing an e-filing system, offering virtual hearing options for certain types of cases, and offering text and email reminders to court users for upcoming court dates and probation appointments. Due process requires that everyone be treated respectfully and be given a fair opportunity to present their cases. Above all, I regard judicial temperament to be the most important and defining characteristic for a judge.

52ND DISTRICT 3RD DIVISION INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

LAURA E. POLIZZI

QUESTION 1: Judge Polizzi was appointed in May 2024 and thereafter elected to the bench of the 52-3 District Court in November 2024. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from Oakland University and received her Juris Doctor from Western Michigan University's Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Judge Polizzi received the Joan Young Judicial Excellence Award from the Women's Bar Association. Judge Polizzi presides over 52-3's first Veterans Treatment Court, which assists veterans by addressing underlying causes of offending behavior; Judge Polizzi also presides over the Operation Drive, which aims to assist Defendants in restoring their driving abilities. Judge Polizzi is active in many legal and community organizations and regularly opens her courtroom to students to view proceedings.

QUESTION 2: Judge Polizzi currently presides over civil and criminal matters within the jurisdiction of the 52-3 District Court in Oakland County. Before taking the bench, she represented clients throughout Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, and St. Clair Counties, concentrating her practice in family, juvenile, and criminal law. She regularly served as a guardian ad litem in family and juvenile proceedings, advocating for the best interests of children and vulnerable individuals. Judge Polizzi also served as guardian ad litem in a specialty court for juvenile human trafficking victims involved in delinquency proceedings, providing legal advocacy to youth facing complex and challenging circumstances. These experiences afforded her extensive courtroom experience and a broad understanding of the legal, social, and personal issues affecting individuals appearing before the court.

QUESTION 3: Judge Polizzi's career has been guided by a commitment to justice, fairness, and compassion. Her years in practice provided a deep understanding of the District Court's role and its impact on individuals, families, and communities. A defining moment in her career was the loss of her brother, an Iraq War veteran, to opioid addiction at the age of 31. Also representing him in court, she witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of addiction, and the challenges individuals face within the legal system. This reinforced her belief that courts can promote accountability while addressing underlying issues contributing to criminal behavior. Working with veterans, juvenile human trafficking victims, children, and families has fostered empathy and strengthened her commitment to ensuring individuals are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect.

52ND DISTRICT 4TH DIVISION INCUMBENT

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

MAUREEN M. MCGINNIS

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Troy High School, the University of Colorado-Boulder, and Michigan State University Detroit College of Law. Prior to my election to the 52-4 District Court in 2014, I practiced family and criminal law for more than a decade at the Law Offices of Donald E. McGinnis, Jr., P.C. I also served on the Troy City Council and was selected by my colleagues to serve as Mayor Pro Tern. I have been active in the Oakland County Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, and numerous professional organizations. My community service includes mentoring youth, providing pro bono legal services, and supporting organizations such as Focus Hope. I currently serve as a District Court Judge for Troy and Clawson.

QUESTION 2: Before taking the bench, I practiced law in Oakland County for more than eleven years, concentrating primarily in family and criminal law. My clients included individuals and families facing a wide range of legal challenges, from divorce and custody matters to misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. My practice required regular appearances in district, circuit, and family courts throughout southeastern Michigan, with a primary focus in Oakland County. Since being elected to the bench in 2014, I have presided over criminal, civil, and traffic matters and currently oversee the court's Treatment Court program and Operation Drive program. These experiences have provided me with a broad understanding of the legal system and the diverse needs of those who appear before the court.

QUESTION 3: For the past twelve years, I have been honored to serve the residents of Troy and Clawson as a District Court Judge. I have worked closely with community partners through our Treatment Court program to promote accountability, rehabilitation, and public safety. If I am re-elected, I will remain committed to professionalism, maintaining a judicial temperament, and the fair administration of justice. I respectfully ask for the opportunity to continue serving our community.



COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

QUESTION 1: 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.

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that Oakland Community College should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?

OAKLAND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEMBER

JOSE F. ALIAGA

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MARIAN BLOCKER

QUESTION 1: Born in Detroit, Experienced educational leader with strong background in school improvement, charter school administration, and grant development. Proven success in multi-school systems, developing curriculum, and securing over \$100M in funding. Skilled in strategic planning, financial oversight, and federal budget management. Doctoral candidate - Wayne State University, (WSU) Master's Degree +30, Teaching Certification, B.A. West Virginia State College. Strategic planning and curriculum development Title I Finance Management Grant Writing and financial oversight. As a Trustee, I would bring a collaborative, fiscally responsible, and student-focused approach to the Board. I will help OCC continue to provide high-quality, affordable educational opportunities while preparing students for careers and purposeful contributions to their communities. I am seeking this position because I have dedicated my career to education, leadership, financial accountability, and student success.

QUESTION 2:

1. Declining enrollment - 15K less students than the previous decade. I will act to increase enrollment by advertising in multi-media. I will provide transportation and daycare, as needed. Variety of Scholarships and financial assistance will be offered to the underserved community.
2. Too Much Campus Space - With fewer students there is less need for large campuses. Campus programs will be combined, offering more online courses, and offering dual-enrollment and activities for high school students, while identifying industrial and business needs, and resources.
3. Financial pressure - Changing and fluctuating State and Federal resources. Declining student enrollment-revenue, may cause financial pressures in the near-future. I will act to find resources for more challenging and relevant programs in technology, AI, and climate change. I will seek private, state, and federal financing. I will offer more relevant online courses to drive enrollment and offer financial assistance.

MIVIDA M. BURRUS

QUESTION 1: MiVida Burrus is a nonprofit executive, community leader, author, mentor, and proud Oakland Community College alumna and former employee. She began her higher education journey at OCC, earning an Associate of Business Administration before earning a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and an MBA from Walsh College. As Senior Director of Development for Avalon Healing Center, MiVida leads fundraising, partnerships, and community engagement efforts that help strengthen services and expand impact. Her career includes experience in nonprofit leadership, executive coaching,

and strategic relationship building. MiVida is running for Oakland Community College Trustee to champion affordable education, strong workforce pathways, transparent leadership, and greater support for students balancing school, work, and family.

QUESTION 2: Affordable Education, Stronger Workforce Pathways and Greater Support for Students. As a trustee, I will continue to advocate for the lowest tuition increases and rates in the state. I will work with the administration to ensure that we focus on both student's financial need and college's administrative needs. I continue to work with the college to provide students with pathways that lead to a career of their choosing and encourage the college to explore both academic and technical opportunities for our students. And I believe as a support system, the college is a landing ground for community engagement and supportive services. I understand having professional and personal connections are important to success and fulfilling dreams. I will use my experience as a student, former employee and now Trustee to help me in my decision making and relationship building. It is important to me to have a healthy working relationship with staff, faculty and the administration.

JACQUELINE A. KELLY

QUESTION 1: I am the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of AsherKelly, an Oakland County law firm. For nearly 30 years, I have advised boards on governance, fiduciary responsibility, financial oversight, and acting in the best interests of the people they serve. I served on the Village of Beverly Hills Council, where I gained valuable experience balancing competing priorities and making responsible decisions about public resources. As the parent of a former OCC student, I have seen firsthand the vital role OCC plays in helping students achieve their educational and career goals. I am running for the OCC Board of Trustees because I want to use the experience, knowledge, and skills I have gained throughout my career to help ensure OCC remains a strong, affordable, and accountable institution serving students, families, employers, and our community. On a personal note, my husband of 35 years, an educator and coach, and I are lifelong Oakland County residents, where we have raised our two adult children.

QUESTION 2: I believe three priorities for OCC are: (1) ensuring OCC remains a college of opportunity for every student, whether pursuing a career-focused institution, an associate degree, a pathway to a four-year program, or continuing education; (2) keeping OCC affordable and accessible; and (3) providing strong governance, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. To advance these priorities, I would support programs that help students achieve their educational and career goals and expand opportunities for more members of our community to benefit from OCC. I would carefully review budget priorities and long-term financial planning and engage regularly with students, faculty, employers, and community stakeholders to help ensure OCC remains responsive to community and workforce needs.

ROBIN L. MCGREGOR

QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong advocate for working families, education, workforce development, and public service. I spent 35 years with Consumers Energy, working in a wide range of skilled and technical positions, including as a lineman, pipefitter, welder, welding inspector, and cathodic protection specialist. I also served for many years in union leadership, including nine years as president of my local and as the first woman to hold that position. Throughout my career, I worked to improve workplace safety, create training and advancement opportunities, negotiate contracts, and help establish a new job classification that created more than 800 union jobs. My commitment to education and community service is equally important to me. I served on the Waterford School Board from 2009 to 2016, where I worked on issues involving student achievement, district governance, Head Start, and the hiring of a superintendent. I have remained active in Oakland County through nonprofit, and community organizations

QUESTION 2:

1. Student Success, Retention, and Removing Barriers to Completion. My first priority would be making sure that students not only have access to OCC, but also have the support necessary to complete their education. Affordability is important, but tuition is only one of the barriers students face. Many students are balancing work, family responsibilities, transportation, childcare, food insecurity, mental health challenges, and other financial pressures while trying to complete a degree or certificate.
2. My second priority would be strengthening OCC's role as a workforce development leader for Oakland County. Community colleges are uniquely positioned to connect education directly to good-paying careers, and that role will become even more important as technology and artificial intelligence continue to change the workplace.
3. Financial Stewardship, Transparency, and Responsible Long-Term Planning. I would be making OCC remains financially strong, transparent, and accountable.

ALEXANDRA MORGAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion

DEBORAH SNYDER

Did not respond in time for inclusion



CITY OFFICES

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CLARKSTON MAYOR

Vote for 1: 2 Year Term

AL AVERY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

CLARKSTON COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 3: 2 Year Term

AMANDA FORTE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

SUE WYLIE

QUESTION 1: I am a 30+ year resident of Clarkston. I served on City Council for 7 years, and as the Mayor for 3 years. I want to continue to bring my years of experience to help the City.

QUESTION 2: The biggest priority is the increase in expenses that the City is facing, especially law enforcement and fire protection. The City contracts with Independence Township for law enforcement from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department. Oakland County increased what they charge Independence Township for Sheriff services and as a result, the City’s share of the services have increased. While, revenue to the City has increased, it has not kept up with the increased safety services costs. As a result, the City has a safety millage on the ballot for the November 3 election to help pay for this increase.

KEEGO HARBOR COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2027

AMIR DAIZA

QUESTION 1: I have been part of the Keego Harbor community for more than 50 years and bring decades of business, redevelopment, and leadership experience. I have owned and operated businesses in Detroit since 1981, Pontiac since 1988, and Ferndale since 2000. My background includes concert promotion, venues such as St. Andrew’s Hall and Clutch Cargo’s, restaurant ownership including Imperial in Ferndale, and restoring more than 10 historic buildings. I am running because Keego Harbor needs lasting change at City Hall—change in how we listen, communicate, spend taxpayer dollars, attract investment, and serve residents. I will bring independence, persistence, and a willingness to ask difficult questions. Every tax dollar should be watched carefully and spent with a clear purpose: improving safety, roads, neighborhoods, services, and opportunities that benefit residents and their families. City Hall should be transparent, accountable, professional, responsive, and focused on residents first.

QUESTION 2: 1)Transparency & Trust: Residents should know what City Hall is doing before major decisions are made. I will push for clearer agendas, easier access to financial information, earlier public involvement, and a simple online dashboard showing

major projects, spending, and progress. 2)Responsible Spending & Stronger Services: Every tax dollar should produce a clear benefit for residents and families. I will review spending closely, compare budgeted versus actual costs, require competitive pricing when appropriate, and prioritize public safety, roads, parks, neighborhoods, and essential services. 3)Economic Development: Keego Harbor needs to actively recruit businesses residents want. I will work with property owners, TIFA, and regional partners to fill vacant storefronts and specifically pursue a neighborhood grocery/produce market, while making City Hall predictable and welcoming to responsible investment.

NAOMI RIVERA

QUESTION 1: I’m running because the more involved I’ve gotten in Keego Harbor, the more I’ve seen opportunities where I genuinely think I can help. I’ve attended meetings, dug through city records and plans, applied to serve on TIFA, and talked with residents. I keep coming back to the same thing: we have good ideas, but I want to help move them into action. I hold an MSA in Leadership and a BA in Communication Studies. I’m a lifelong volunteer, military spouse, caregiver, advocate, and Department of Defense logistics and acquisition professional. I lead people, manage competing priorities and taxpayer-funded resources, interpret complex policy, and solve problems across organizations. At 32, I’m youngest candidate on the ballot. Age alone doesn’t qualify anyone to serve, but I believe Keego benefits when different generations and life experiences are represented. I’m qualified to do the work, and I would bring a perspective largely missing from our current leadership.

QUESTION 2: Connected Communication: Fix the website, organize records so information is easy to find, expand text/email alerts, and make it easier for residents to interact with City Hall. Environmental Stewardship: Protect our lakes by prioritizing stormwater, shoreline and water-quality needs, pursuing outside funding, and considering environmental impacts from the start of development and infrastructure decisions. Local Business & Economic Vitality: Support existing businesses, use TIFA and Main Street resources effectively, learn from successful peer cities, and actively pursue redevelopment opportunities with clear goals and timelines. For me these aren’t all separate issues but are part of making Keego Harbor future-ready. Being future-ready means not waiting until something becomes a problem to act. It means planning ahead, learning from what works elsewhere, and thoughtfully integrating practical technology that makes city services more efficient and accessible. More at naomirivera.com

KEEGO HARBOR COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 2: 3 Year Term

MIKE FLOYD

QUESTION 1: I was born and raised in the West Bloomfield Keego Harbor area and graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 2005. I have lived in Keego Harbor for over 15 years and currently own a home right in the heart of the city. I Joined the

Michigan State Police in 2016, where I was eventually promoted to a Detective Trooper working undercover on a narcotics team. In 2025, I retired to pursue growing and expanding my transportation business located in Keego Harbor, The Whiskey Wagon. We provided safe, unique and professional transportation for any and all events. I also started a non-profit side of the business called “The Wagon Warriors”, where we offer rides for mobility limited clients via our wheelchair lift on the bus, free of charge. I am running for city council because I love serving my community and the people who live in it. I believe my background in government work and being a local business owner makes me a great candidate for this position.

QUESTION 2: I want residents to feel seen and heard by a city council that is as accessible and transparent as humanly possible. Local government should always have one main goal in mind, which is to put its residents and their concerns first and foremost before anything else. Secondly, as a Keego Harbor business owner, I understand the impact a city council and its legislation can have on local businesses. Thriving businesses are the lifeblood of any small town, and they need to be supported and encouraged by a competent city council. I want to make Keego Harbor an attractive place for business owners to setup shop. Lastly, I want to help reshape and rebrand the image of Keego Harbor, while keeping the small-town charm and feeling intact. I believe we have an opportunity to create a powerful marketing campaign for potential homebuyers and businesses that give a fresh, attractive portrayal of our city. We have multiple vacant properties with the potential to generate a large amount of revenue.

RICHARD KOLLINS

QUESTION 1: Born in Detroit and lived in Oakland County my whole life. I offer my business and legal acumen, to first hearing the residents concerns, sharing to City Hall and reporting back facts as they are available. Experience highlights include, but not limited to: Corporate Accounting, ISO/QS9000 documentation, Process Development/Continuous Improvement, Just-In-Time Culture and Civil Mediation. My education includes: BBA - Business/ Finance, MSM - Management, Certificate in Paralegal & and currently working on a Masters in Legal Studies.

QUESTION 2: Overall, we must restore faith and civil dialog in our community by addressing and communicating the issues at hand. First, the old issues. Reporting factual documented events on the Roosevelt School so we can put this to rest. The animosity has created a hostile environment and we need to heal. A legacy commitment would go a long way. Second, the current issues. What can we do right now? Can the TIFA grant be used for the water drainage along Orchard Lake and Cass Lake Roads? This would improve development for business environment. Blight, Code Enforcement and Safety are within our reach. Third, there is talk about opening ‘Shops’ in this corridor, yet what kind of ‘Shops’? Realistically, do we need another salon, pizza, or think medical or legal? Then comes architecture - I support a ‘Community’ look opposed to a ‘Chrome and Steel’. Retain our culture and history without going full retro. What is happening to the Roosevelt property? I support a type of owner occupied townhouses.

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CORINE C. STRENG
QUESTION 1: My parents moved us to Keego Harbor soon after I was born in 1968. No matter where I have traveled in the world, Keego Harbor has always felt like HOME to me. My parents (Donald and Sharyl Lubbers) left me with a long legacy of service and leadership. I believe leadership should be powered by positivity, not by ignoring the challenges before us, but by meeting them with energy, honesty, and confidence in what we can accomplish together. The potential of our small lakeside community inspires me and I'm optimistic about Keego Harbor. Professionally, I'm a senior commercial leader with a demonstrated record of driving revenue growth, leading customer-facing teams, and building strategic relationships across the pharmaceutical and auto industries. For Keego Harbor I've served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, as Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission, and this Spring I was appointed to the City Council. I'm currently serving as the liaison to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

QUESTION 2: 1. Responsible Growth & Development: Welcome investment with a focused business attraction and retention strategy while preserving Keego Harbor's small-town character and natural resources. Streamline development reviews and comprehensively update our zoning ordinance so we encourage the right development rather than stand in its way. 2. Planning, Infrastructure & Community Standards: Turn our recently adopted Master Plan into action through a six-year Capital Improvements Plan aligned with the Cass Lake Road corridor vision. Address blight by increasing code-enforcement capacity, establishing a vacant-property registry, improving owner communication, and strengthening penalties for repeat violations. 3. Communication & Transparency: Build a more responsive, transparent City Hall. With experienced city management and modern technology, improve our website, social media and resident communications so citizens know what is happening, why decisions are being made, and how to engage.

ORCHARD LAKE
COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2027

SEAN J. O'BRYAN
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ORCHARD LAKE
COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 2: 3 Year Term

SUZANNE CRAWFORD
QUESTION 1: As a proud 29 plus years resident of Orchard Lake, I know how hard our city council works to ensure our community remains a beautiful place to live. If elected, I look forward to helping to move our city forward while preserving the natural beauty that makes Orchard Lake such a wonderful place that we are proud to call home. I earned my master's degree in Organizational Communication at Wayne State University and my Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. I have 10+ years of corporate and 30+ years of non-profit professional experience. Currently, I am employed at Oakland Community College. If elected to city council, I will work with my fellow council members to continue to enhance the quality of life for all of our residents, small businesses and visitors. I look forward to addressing your concerns & working to build a better community for all. The future is bright for Orchard Lake and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

QUESTION 2: The top three priority issues facing the City of Orchard Lake align with the City's Master Plan. That being, protecting the lakes, natural beauty and environment, maintaining the roads and infrastructure, and managing new development while preserving the city's charm. I would work with city and county officials to address these issues.

ANTHONY STEPHEN CASTIGLIONE (WRITE-IN)
Did not respond in time for inclusion

SYLVAN LAKE
COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

FEATHER BUCHANAN
Did not respond in time for inclusion

LUKE CASSAR
Did not respond in time for inclusion

MICHAEL ZUBRZYCKI
QUESTION 1: I'm Mike Zubrzycki. My wife and I have called Sylvan Lake home for 31 years. We raised our two kids here, and one of them recently bought a house in Sylvan, which tells you everything about how much this City means to our family. I've served on City Council, including a term as Mayor, and I work in business and finance, which influences how I approach every City decision, carefully and with an eye on what can actually be sustained long-term. I'm running again because I want Sylvan Lake to stay the kind of small, tight-knit city where my kids wanted to come back and raise their own families.

QUESTION 2: 1. Public safety: In a city this size, a well-staffed, well-resourced police department is what keeps us feeling like a neighborhood, not just an address. I'll keep making sure public safety is funded first, not last. 2. Aging infrastructure: Rising GLWA water costs and the state's lead-line replacement mandate are hitting residents' bills directly. I've worked to phase in rate increases as fairly as possible, and I'll keep working with the City Manager to chase outside funding so residents aren't left holding the whole bill. 3. Protecting the lake: As development pressure grows, I want to hold new projects to our existing density, height, and tree-canopy standards instead of waving through variances, because the lake and the character around it are exactly what my family, and so many others, moved here for.

VILLAGE OFFICES

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BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

ROCK ABOUD
QUESTION 1: I have been a proud resident of the Village of Beverly Hills since 1974 and have served on Village Council for the past 12 years. During my three terms, I have served as President Pro Tem, Public Safety

Liaison, Planning Commission and ZBA Liaison, and Chair of the Finance Committee. Professionally, I spent 22 years as a marketing executive with Epsilon and now work as a marketing consultant. I hold an MBA, BSBA, ASIS degrees from Lawrence Technological University. I also serve as member of the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council and as a voting delegate to SEMCOG and the Michigan Municipal League. I am running for another term because I believe my experience, business background, and commitment to Beverly Hills can continue to make a positive difference. I will focus on responsible financial management, infrastructure and

roads, public safety, preserving our neighborhoods, and maintaining transparent, accountable Village government. I bring practical leadership, strategic planning.

QUESTION 2: 1. Roads & Infrastructure: Maintaining our aging roads and infrastructure must remain a top priority. I would support a long-term capital improvement plan, prioritize projects based on need, and aggressively pursue county, state and federal funding to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

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2. Financial Sustainability: We must continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. I would support responsible budgeting, careful evaluation of spending, maintaining healthy reserves, and seeking grants and other funding opportunities while planning for future needs. 3. Public Safety & Quality of Life: Protecting our residents and preserving the character of Beverly Hills are essential. I would continue supporting NEXT, our police and fire services, responsible planning and zoning, and policies that protect neighborhoods, property values and the quality of life we enjoy. I would address each priority with experience, transparency, fiscal responsibility and a commitment to long-term solutions. RA

JEFFREY CAMPBELL

QUESTION 1: My name is Jeff Campbell, and my wife and I moved to Beverly Hills in 2020. I have lived in Oakland County for 23 years, and I never felt at home until we moved to Beverly Hills. Now, I want to give back to the community that has given my family so much support. Most of my career has been spent in public service. In 2022, I was named Beverly Hills Village Manager, a role that gave me valuable insight into the Village's operations, infrastructure, finances, and neighborhoods. I am also a licensed attorney with a master's in urban planning and served for more than ten years as Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director in Hazel Park. Beverly Hills is more than just my home. It is where my family and others have put down roots, neighbors look out for one another, and people come together around local events. I love the Halloween Hoot. I'm running for Village Council because I want to help protect those qualities while making sure Beverly Hills is prepared for the future.

QUESTION 2: Infrastructure - Preserving and improving our roads, water and sewer systems, sidewalks, drainage, and other aging public infrastructure must remain a priority for Beverly Hills. Supporting Effective Village Government – Village staff need the training, technology, equipment, and support necessary to do their jobs effectively. Village services directly affect the quality of life of our residents. I will support a responsive Village government that provides residents with high-quality services while continually looking for opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Fiscal Responsibility – Fiscal responsibility does not mean simply spending less. Fiscal responsibility means establishing clear priorities, carefully evaluating expenditures, planning for long-term obligations, and making sure residents receive value for their tax dollars. It also means looking beyond Village revenues whenever possible by pursuing grants, partnerships, and other outside resources.

JOHN GEORGE

QUESTION 1: My wife and I chose Beverly Hills as the place to plant roots and raise our kids in 2010. We have two Groves graduates and a Groves sophomore. My career has been entirely in Risk Management & Commercial Insurance. I first ran four Council in 2018 at the suggestion of a local business owner who felt a fresh perspective on Council might be beneficial to the community. After two years on Council I was chosen as Council President and have served in that role since 2020. My focus has been planning for the future and DOING the work. Some accomplishments from my time as President: - My "Covid project" was working toward sidewalk funding. That resulted in \$3M of grant

money for the current sidewalk project. - We've received \$600K in grant money toward crosswalks to increase safety on our existing & new sidewalks. - Wendbrook Park acquired with a \$1M grant & a \$1M gift to the Village. - Planning projects completed & in-process will make it easier for future councils to be effective. **QUESTION 2:** Infrastructure. Planning. Funding. INFRASTRUCTURE: Being thoughtful about roads, water & sewer needs is critical, as much of the village infrastructure is 60+ years old. We have focused on this and have started a regular cadence of budgeted water & sewer projects. PLANNING: Councils change, and time is wasted when new councils or administrations don't get a clean hand-off on work in progress. Having smart infrastructure and parks planning makes it easier for anyone who comes after us to be effective. We have been completing formal, long-term plan projects for the past six years that will be useful for the next 25 years or more. FUNDING: Most municipalities struggle with having more needs and wants than funds. Understanding how to maximize outside dollars, prioritize projects and plan effectively is the key to success and dovetails with Planning. The ballot question this fall to aid Road Funding is one example of proactive thinking. Bonus Answer: DEER, which is in process.

RACHEAL HRYDZIUSZKO

QUESTION 1: I grew up in Beverly Hills as did my Mom. After graduating from MSU with a degree in Conservation Forestry my Husband and I decided Beverly Hills was the perfect place for us to raise a family too. I became interested in our local politics and started attending meetings regularly in 2016, in 2018 I decided to run for Council. I have enjoyed serving this community for the past 8 years and hope to continue serving to make Beverly Hills a place my two children may choose to raise their families as well. When I'm not working on council business I spend my time working in my yard promoting ecological diversity, cheering on the sideline of my son's soccer games and my daughter's wrestling matches (Go Groves!), and connecting with neighbors about all sorts of issues they are curious about. I look for the balance of serving those like my grandma who lived here 75 years and my children who are the future of this space.

QUESTION 2: The subject we are hearing the most about from residents is the deer population. It is clear the community would like to see the population reduced and I'm in support of that but want to be sure it is done in a humane and respectful way. I believe the next biggest concern in a Village of our age is infrastructure. In the past 8 years, council has taken on some heavy lifts with repairs to bridges, roads, water, and sidewalks. We have employed a planning tool with grant dollars. Continued high focus on infrastructure upgrades with the use of that tool is imperative along with successful grant awards to stretch our tax dollars. This would also include trees. With more frequent strong storms and a very old tree canopy we need to focus on the future of our tree cover in the Village. Finally the thing that makes Beverly Hills wonderful are the people that live here. Continuing to provide meaningful opportunities for residents to gather and connect should always be top priority.

LEE PEDDIE

QUESTION 1: 20+ year resident of Beverly Hills. Married to Mark. Account Manager selling to DIY and Mass-Market Retailers. Graduate of Michigan State University. 28 year volunteer USCG Auxiliary.

Franklin Cemetery Board Member. Beverly Hills Village Council Member: 4 Terms; Village Council President; Planning Commission-appointed. I am running for Village Council to ensure we maintain our services and prioritize our goals. **QUESTION 2:** 1. Preserve and enhance public services and infrastructure in the Village. 2. Continue strong support for our Public Safety Department; something our residents strongly support. 3. Money matters: Work toward a balanced and efficient budget. Prioritize spending by soliciting proposals and bidding out all contracts.

DAVID TOBABEN

QUESTION 1: After a career in retail planning and management, we chose Beverly Hills as our place to retire. We have lived in multiple communities over the years, but brought our family here and have a vested interest in helping to make this community the best it can be. I will put to use the lessons learned over 40 years of building and executing plans, assessing priorities, tracking performance with full financial accountability, through to completion. **QUESTION 2:** Our top issues are - delivering on the needs and priorities for all residents not personal agendas that benefit a few, insuring sound and functioning infrastructure, and financial affordability for residents and the Village. Giving residents what they need begins with listening and hearing concerns. There is no room for pet projects. Infrastructure requires long term planning, and priorities, most need first, working toward most benefit that will generate future savings. This means thinking about tomorrow not just today. Never ending water rate increases are not sustainable for residents or the Village. We must rethink financing. Issuing bonds allows fixing and upgrading today, paying later with inflation devalued dollars. Repairing failures and breakdowns as they happen is the least efficient method of maintaining pipes and pumps, roads and streets.

DALE YOUNG

QUESTION 1: I have lived in the Village for 14 years, in East Beverly, Huntley Square, and West Beverly, so I appreciate the differences between the sub-communities in Beverly Hills. Professionally, I have been a purchasing manager, process consultant, program manager, and account executive. I plan to use my leadership experience to improve collaboration with the residents, streamline decision making to make Council more agile and responsive, and ultimately make the Village more affordable and a better place for everyone. I routinely attend Council meetings, so I understand how to repair the dysfunction through waste elimination, faster decision making, better community engagement, and increased transparency. Too often, I see that the current Council appears isolated and self-serving, advancing their own agendas while subverting the greater good. I pledge to work on behalf of the entire community, be accessible and welcoming to residents and businesses, and improve affordability. **QUESTION 2:** The top 3 priority issues are affordability, deer management, and improving the community engagement model. In 2010, the Village requested an urgent millage increase. Almost 20 years later, the financial health of the Village is strong, yet they plan to extend that millage forever. Now is the time to reduce expenses and eliminate the need for that millage.

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In addition, current Council refuses to take action to reduce the rising water rates. I will focus on improving affordability without new debt or millages. Regarding the deer, residents have highlighted the need for deer management for many years. We need a multi-year deer management plan that reduces the current herd size and then monitors and manages the population in concert with neighboring communities. Finally, I want Council meetings that are interactive, welcoming, and more productive. Council and Village Management should be more accessible, transparent, and collaborative with the public to improve satisfaction.

BINGHAM FARMS VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

ERIC MCALEXANDER
Did not respond in time for inclusion

BINGHAM FARMS VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

SIDNEY BLACKMAN
QUESTION 1: I am a semi- retired CPA and want to serve the community in which I have lived for seven years. I have been on the Michigan CPA Association, ethics and insurance committee. I have been an officer and a president of the Michigan Accountants Guild. I have also been on nonprofit religious Board of Directors and committees as an officer and also president. I was a CFO for a steel processing company for over 11 years. In that capacity, I was responsible for the financial operation and budgets. Prior to that I was a partner in a large regional CPA firm that merged with one of the national firms. I am married and have five adult children and 12 grandchildren, 9 of them reside within 20 minutes of our home.
QUESTION 2: 1) Maintain the beauty of our community by preventing overdevelopment. 2) Fiscal and budgetary responsibility. I would analyze the revenue and expenses of our Village on a daily and annual basis. The goal would be budgetary compliance. 3) Limit or avoid tax increases to reduce financial burden on our citizens.

D. E. HAGAMAN
QUESTION 1: 1, I am running for Village Council Trustee to continue serving as a valued, contributing member of the Village. 2, I have a combined 35 years of experience being Chairman of both the Planning Commission and Design Review Board. 3. I am currently a Trustee and President Pro Tem on the Bingham Farms Village Council and served as a member of the Roads Committee that came up with an equitable way to fund road projects. 4. I'm also a member of the Franklin, Bingham Farms Fire Dept. Strategic 5-year Planning Committee to ensure the Village has a viable and fiscally responsible department. 5. I have a proven track record of working with people to achieve results.

QUESTION 2: 1. To continue to work with the Franklin/Bingham Fire Department to create a 5-year plan to keep the department solvent and relevant to our community, seeking efficiencies and other sources of funding besides the Village tax base. 2. To work diligently to provide residents of Bingham Farms the necessary public services while maintaining a workable tax base. 3. To improve Village communications to its residents by expanding the Village newsletter to include current issues and pertinent information for upcoming meetings and utilizing eblast more efficiently.

KATHY MECHIGIAN

QUESTION 1: I've been a resident of Bingham Farms since 1979. My career spanned 31 years as a medical device sales rep and manager. I learned quickly as a young rep the importance of thorough preparation for each hospital meeting, product knowledge, problem solving, and plan execution. I believe these skills equipment me to represent the residents in our community, protect the natural beauty that surrounds us, and make sure all developments, both resident and commercial, adhere to our ordinances.
QUESTION 2: 1. Roads: we've learned road maintenance is an ongoing activity and having an Advisory Road Committee to monitor conditions and schedule repairs early will save the village money. 2. Lack of engagement with our residents: we have residents with amazing skills, work experience, education and credentials that we can benefit from. Creating volunteer resident advisory committees could be an effective means to utilize these skill sets. 3. Police Department and Fire Department annual budget increases: our council representatives have met with the Fire Commission and agreed to write a five year plan. This will provide the necessary information needed to budget for state of the art Public Safety for the Villages of Franklin and Bingham Farms.

CHAD MILLER
Did not respond in time for inclusion

FRANKLIN VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2028

PAMELA HANSEN

QUESTION 1: My husband and I moved to Franklin in 1993. I joined the Village Council in 2012 after serving on the planning commission for several years. I served as Village President from 2016-2020 and have continued as a trustee since then. The opportunity to be part of the Village leadership while representing the interests and priorities of Village residents has been an important part of my life in the Village. I'd like to continue to have a positive impact on sustaining our liveable and charming village.
QUESTION 2: The economic health of our Village Center continues to be a priority for me. Franklin residents want to be able to access basic services such as food, coffee, recreation and local government services as well as enjoy cultural events close to home. I am committed to keep working with other trustees and volunteer organizations to build a healthy downtown. Even though Villagers approved a police millage that enables us to assure continuing excellent police services, I think confidence in the Village Council is low. I will continue to support town hall meetings, listening sessions,

creative polling and other ways to ensure we hear and then act on residents' perspectives. Lastly, I learned the importance of maintaining the Village's character, one of the reasons people move to Franklin, during the roads and downtown streetscaping some years ago. I am committed to finding ways to preserve the historic charm and provide technology and services our residents want.

AMANDA ROSENBERG

QUESTION 1: I'm running for Franklin Village Trustee because I want to contribute to the community my family and I have chosen to call home. I will bring a thoughtful, collaborative voice to the Council that respects Franklin's history while remaining committed to responsible progress.
QUESTION 2: Strong Local Businesses: Small businesses are the backbone of Franklin. I understand budgets, operations, and what it takes to keep local businesses strong and invite new local businesses. Safe Neighborhoods: I support practical solutions that help residents feel heard, protected, and connected to the Village we call home. Accountable Operations: I believe Village government should be responsive, responsible, and focused on getting things done.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

KARI ALTERMAN

QUESTION 1: I spent thirty years as a professional in philanthropic and nonprofit leadership, and am now taking my skills to help others. I founded Good Name Advisors, where I work with families and organizations on legacy planning and values-based giving. I also facilitate local giving circles that bring neighbors together around shared learnings and causes. I was a founding executive committee member of the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit and serves on numerous boards, including the Zekelman Holocaust Center and Clover Hill Park Cemetery. I graduated from U of M with both an AB in History and an MSW. My husband and I have called Franklin home for 25 years. Franklin has a storied history, and it is important to both honor that and meet today's opportunities and challenges thoughtfully and clearly. I believe we need to work together with clarity and respect, modeling constructive dialogue and shared values moving forward.
QUESTION 2: 1. Budget. With the successful police millage approved, and some fiscal challenges in recent years, the village council should be looking at how we protect what we have, consider new opportunities for revenue, and be mindful of the characteristics that make Franklin unique. 2. Development. Our downtown has too many vacancies, and we need to consider what types of businesses we should be attracting, what are the needs of the village residents, and how do we balance between our historic character and today. 3. Transparency. While nearly all information is available to our residents for review, not all are aware of the issues and opportunities facing the village. We should work to encourage even greater civic participation, utilizing the incredible and diverse skills in our citizens to better Franklin.

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CASSIUS M. DRAKE

QUESTION 1: My wife, Jacqueline, and I have lived in Franklin for 17 years. We raised our children here, started a business here, and built our life in this community. Over the years I have served Franklin as a Little League coach, a member of my HOA board, and now as a Planning Commissioner. As a physician, I have spent my career caring for people through difficult moments and served as medical director of an award-winning emergency department, where calm judgment, teamwork, and leadership mattered every day. I am running for Village Council because what makes Franklin special is almost intangible, something felt more easily than defined: a sense of peace, safety, community, history, and belonging that draws people here and makes them want to stay. I want to help ensure that our children inherit a Franklin that still possesses those qualities. That means honoring what generations before us built while guiding the Village thoughtfully, wisely, and steadily into the future.

QUESTION 2: My first priority is protecting the sense of safety, trust, and continuity that allows Franklin to feel like home. That means supporting our police, fire, and Village staff with the resources and stable leadership they need. Second is financial stewardship and transparency. The Village’s recent financial loss is a reminder that public resources are a trust. I would strengthen internal controls, cybersecurity, oversight, and public reporting. With the police millage now approved, the next Council should carefully review the appropriate level of the general-fund millage and clearly explain how tax dollars are allocated. Third is thoughtful planning for Franklin’s future. Land-use and development decisions should respect our unique character, protect property rights, follow clear rules, and include meaningful public input. Franklin need not choose between honoring yesterday and preparing for tomorrow. Our responsibility is to carry the best of both forward with wisdom and integrity

JONATHAN JACOBS

QUESTION 1: I am an engineer and entrepreneur, born and raised in Franklin. After earning an engineering degree from Brown University and an MBA from Columbia University, I worked in architectural systems and interactive advertising in New York City. When my wife Sarah and I returned to Franklin in 1998 to raise our children, I brought that experience back to Michigan. I founded a digital agency, built a commercial and multi-family property management company, and in 2011 launched The Robot Garage, which has provided STEM and robotics programs to over 100,000 students. With our kids now grown, I want to give back to the community that shaped me. As a Village Council Trustee, I will bring an engineer’s analytical problem-solving skills and an entrepreneur’s pragmatic fiscal discipline to village decisions. I am a thoughtful listener committed to working with residents to navigate Franklin’s challenges while preserving its historic character and charm for people of all ages.

QUESTION 2: 1) COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT. I want to make it easier for residents to stay informed and have their voices heard. I will advocate for enhanced digital communication, better website navigation, and the gathering of more resident contact information to ensure transparency and openness and that the council reflects the true will of the village. 2) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OVERSIGHT. Following the new police millage, taxpayers deserve to know that every dollar is spent

thoughtfully. Drawing on my business experience, I will scrutinize expenditures and identify operational efficiencies to ensure dollars are spent wisely, aiming for tax relief without compromising core services. 3) DOWNTOWN AND INFRASTRUCTURE. As Franklin’s downtown is revitalized, we must balance economic vibrancy with its distinctive charm. I will push for proactive planning around traffic, pedestrian safety, and parking so growth complements our historic aesthetic and modern community needs.

GEOFFREY KING

QUESTION 1: For the last five years, my family has called Franklin home. We have fallen in love with the village, and I am running for re-election to ensure Franklin remains vibrant, safe, and thoughtfully managed for the future. My background bridges public policy, team focused leadership, and business analytics. After studying political science in college and competing in collegiate athletics, I built a career in tech sales centered on data driven decisions, lasting relationships, and curiosity. These experiences taught me to respect diverse opinions, remain accountable under pressure, and to execute with discipline. Serving as a Village Trustee since my appointment in December 2025 has given me a valuable perspective on what is thriving in Franklin, as well as where we can improve. I will leverage this experience to continue championing sound fiscal management, better governance structures, and transparent stewardship for our village.

QUESTION 2: 1. Fiscal Prudence & Long-Term Planning: Particularly after the passing of the recent police millage, our tax dollars demand rigorous stewardship. I will push for multi-year capital forecasting so we plan ahead for improvements that fit our community’s needs, while funding public safety efficiently without unnecessary millage burdens. 2. Walkability & Pedestrian Safety: Franklin’s roads should be safe for walking, biking, and strollers. I will continue to advocate for sensible pedestrian connections linking neighborhoods to our downtown core and school routes, alongside targeted traffic calming measures to improve safety on residential streets. 3. Transparency & Community Engagement: Currently, Franklin has limited ways to track and receive resident input, making it difficult for leadership to fully address village needs. I will champion modern tools for issue tracking, clearer communication from the village, and regular progress updates on key priorities.

HOLLY VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Vote for 1: 2 Year Term

APRIL BRANDON

QUESTION 1: I have lived in Holly for 9 years. My children attend Holly schools. I am a Gold Star mother, a Licensed Professional Counselor with a master’s degree in counseling, and the owner of Gold Star Counseling. I served 2 years on the Village Council as President Pro Tem, before being elected Village President in 2024. I also served 5 years as President of the Holly Township Library Board, have served on the Village Ethics Committee since 2023, and joined the Oakland County Citizens Advisory Council in 2025. I am seeking reelection because Holly needs a sustainable, publicly vetted financial plan that protects police, fire, DPW, and other essential services while addressing

our aging infrastructure. My counseling, business, and municipal experience have strengthened my ability to listen, manage conflict, analyze information, oversee budgets, and make difficult decisions. I will continue to lead transparently, base decisions on facts, and protect Holly’s historic, family-centered character.

QUESTION 2: Financial sustainability:Holly’s revenue is not keeping pace with the cost of services. I will continue working toward a publicly vetted, sustainable financial plan, evaluate restructuring and revenue options, including cityhood, and protect police, fire, and DPW from shortsighted cuts. Aging infrastructure:Our roads and water and sewer systems require investment. I will prioritize projects through a capital improvement plan, pursue every grant and funding opportunity, and support rates and funding strategies without placing unnecessary burdens on residents. Responsible development:Holly needs growth that strengthens the tax base without sacrificing its historic character or established neighborhoods. I will support appropriately located housing and commercial development, oppose data centers and incompatible projects, and make zoning decisions that place residents and neighborhoods ahead of outside developers. I will ensure major decisions are discussed publicly and based on evidence.

ANNA MATSON

QUESTION 1: I hold an MBA in marketing with certifications in project management, Google Analytics, and Lean Six Sigma. I began working retail at 16 and climbed the ladder while attending school. At one point I was a full-time store manager and a full-time student. After college, I built a business that evolved from photography into journalism. While unconventional, each experience has strengthened my ability to understand budgets and operations, research complex issues, and communicate clearly. Today, I am publisher of The Holly Post and serve on the DDA Design Committee. For years, I have attended local meetings, researched public records, and worked to hold local leaders accountable. My work now extends past Holly. I travel to other communities to uncover what elected officials are doing behind closed doors. I am running for Village President to bring those skills to the community and provide transparent, fiscally responsible leadership that puts the people first.

QUESTION 2: 1. Transparency: It’s not just a campaign slogan. Being transparent means making government accessible and understandable. I would provide plain-language explanations of major decisions, improve access to public records, and make it easier for residents to see where their money is going. 2. Planning & Budgeting: Too often, the Village operates out of emergency instead of planning ahead. We need long-term planning for our finances and infrastructure to anticipate needs, prioritize projects, and spend taxpayer dollars responsibly - that includes a comprehensive plan on how to tackle water rates and upgrades. 3. Culture: Political disagreements should never become personal battles. For too long, leadership has spent time going after political opponents instead of working on the issues that matter. I will respect every resident, including those who disagree with me, and focus our time and resources on solving problems.

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HOLLY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

HILARY ALLGEYER

QUESTION 1: I moved to Holly over 10 years ago and quickly became involved in the community through volunteering, fundraising, local events, and nearly 10 years of service with the Holly DDA. I served as Volunteer Coordinator, Organization Committee Chair, Executive Committee member, and Secretary. Professionally, I have experience in business management, finance, advertising, and small-business consulting, and I am pursuing a degree in Business Administration with a focus on management. I am running for Village Council because I believe residents deserve representatives who listen, research the issues, ask difficult questions, and make decisions based on facts. I would bring strong financial, organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills, along with years of firsthand experience serving Holly.

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are infrastructure, financial stability, and transparency. Infrastructure: Holly’s roads, water, and sewer systems need long-term planning. I would support a comprehensive capital improvement plan, prioritize projects based on need, and aggressively pursue grants and outside funding. Financial Stability: I would review spending, contracts, and long-term forecasts to protect essential services while reducing unnecessary costs. Tax increases should not be the first solution without fully exploring other options. Transparency: Residents deserve clear information and meaningful input. I would support open decision-making, competitive processes, accessible financial information, and decisions based on documented facts rather than politics or personal relationships.

SHANNON COLE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

AMBER KIER

QUESTION 1: I grew up in this community and I’ve now chosen to raise my family here. The well-being of this community is personal to me. I am a US Army combat veteran who served in Iraq and was awarded the Purple Heart. After my service I attended Western Michigan University and studied criminal justice and psychology. My professional background is finance. I have worked for over a decade as the finance officer for a scale company. In my role I manage vendors, am responsible for both accounts receivable as well as accounts payable, manage ledgers and bank accounts, and handle project management. I am familiar with audits, budgeting and bidding processes These are all skills I bring to the table as a council member. I believe we need people at the table who understand finances and that is the reason I’m running for reelection.

QUESTION 2: My first priority is to find a way out of our budget crisis. During my tenure I have oversaw the hiring of a new manager and clerk who uncovered hidden deficits and who were transparent to the public on how we got here. I will continue to find ways of revenue expansion and to take the advice of experts on how to best navigate this crisis. My second priority is infrastructure and how we fund it. Like many small communities we are facing aging

or crumbling infrastructure and a lack of funds to properly address them. I will continue to ask staff to pursue every grant opportunity as well as long term financing options for these projects. I think we also need to partner more with our county commissioners and state representatives to bring more state and county funding to our local communities. My third priority is conservation of our green spaces. Our green spaces are vital to our community and we must be good stewards to protect them for future generations.

ROBERT L. MONTGOMERY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

RAGEN ROCKWELL

QUESTION 1: With a Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of Michigan - Flint, my career has been dedicated to supporting, empowering, and strengthening youth and families through the nonprofit sector for twelve years, the public school system for seven years, and Oakland County Youth Assistance for twelve and a half years. Seven years with OCYA were devoted to providing part-time casework services to youth and families through Holly Area Youth Assistance. I’m honored to have the opportunity to bring my years of experience with advocacy, leadership, mediation, budgets, and continuing education to work for the Village of Holly Council. I am running for Holly Village Council to be a voice of and an advocate for the people. I’m prepared to put my critical thinking skills to work to solve the Village’s tough issues. Our residents have spoken both at the poles and in public comment, but they’ve often been ignored. I am running to put people before politics and to end this era of indifference.

QUESTION 2: Unaffordable water rates, the current \$600,000 budget deficit, and our roads (and infrastructure) that are in disrepair. Cancelling the READY TO SERVE fees from the water bills is the first step making our water rates more affordable, and it fulfills a promise that was made to residents years ago. The budget deficit can be closed by spending every tax payer dollar wisely and by avoiding deficit spending. Grants and additional funding will need to be aggressively pursued. There are also creative avenues of pursuing available dollars and saving money which have not yet been considered. Our roads and infrastructure need to be assessed according to a formal Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), so a formal CIP needs to be developed so that we are not reactively and wastefully throwing money at projects. We need to be pro-active and start doing things in a strategic, well-planned, and financially responsible manner. A formal CIP will help us to accomplish all of this.

LAKE ORION VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 4:

3 Highest Vote Totals: 4 Year Term
4th Highest Vote Total: 2 Year Term

DONALD CONNERY

QUESTION 1: I am running for Lake Orion Village Council to bring collaboration, professionalism, and a positive working relationship to the Council. I want to help build a stronger financial foundation today, so Lake Orion is prepared, prosperous, and positioned for

the future. This includes strengthening collaboration among Council members, Village staff, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and the Lake Orion Police Department. I am a 28-year resident of the Village of Lake Orion and bring 39 years of Information Technology leadership experience with AT&T and EDS. My career has included operations, engineering, architecture, mergers and acquisitions, and divestiture responsibilities. I bring a proven ability to identify both foreseeable and unforeseen issues, develop and implement both tactical and strategic solutions, and engage the right resources to achieve successful outcomes. I would bring that same leadership, problem-solving, and forward-thinking approach to serving our community

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities for Lake Orion are:

1. Effective, collaborative local government: I will promote respectful, professional relationships among Council members, Village staff, the DDA, and Police Department. Good government requires listening, transparency, collaboration, and working through differences while putting residents first. 2. Planning for Lake Orion’s future: I will support long-term planning for Village finances, infrastructure, development, and community priorities. Decisions should anticipate future needs, protect Lake Orion’s character, and deliver measurable results. 3. Fiscal responsibility and opportunities: I will identify unnecessary or duplicative spending, pursue grants and outside funding, and explore shared services with Lake Orion Township to reduce costs. I will work with the DDA to ensure approved developments move forward promptly, strengthening the Village’s finances and tax base.

MICHAEL FRAZIER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

RICK FRAZIER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

WILLIAM E. HUGHES

QUESTION 1: I’m an 8-year resident of Lake Orion Village and area resident since 1992. My primary reason for running for Village Council is to build stronger relationships between the residents and Council based on transparency, honesty and empathy. I bring 41 years of engineering and leadership experience at Stellantis (Director) & General Motors. Currently, I serve Oakland County Sheriff as a Marine Deputy and manage two other active businesses. Throughout my careers, my strengths have been in problem-solving, analyzing complex issues, bringing people together, and developing practical paths towards successful outcomes. I look forward to putting my experience to work for the Village of Lake Orion Village.

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities/actions for the Village of Lake Orion are: A) Prioritize the Village’s most important issues with meaningful input from residents, including infrastructure needs requiring long-term planning and funding. I will work to identify, prioritize and develop practical plans to address these issues. B) Transparency, honesty and empathy with residents – no exceptions. I will work to promote open communication, listen to residents, and ensure they have access to the information behind Council decisions. C) Responsible long-term fiscal planning,

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including contingency planning when appropriate. I will work to maximize grant opportunities and other available funding while protecting the Village's long-term financial stability.

MICHAEL J. LAMB
Did not respond in time for inclusion

NANCY F. MOSHIER
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ERIC PAPACEK
Did not respond in time for inclusion

TERESA RUTT
QUESTION 1: I have never had any political aspirations. I've never enjoyed politics, but eight years ago I was led to run for village council for the first time. It wasn't on my "to-do someday list." I'm a mom of two boys that I homeschool and work in Christian ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. However I believe in serving the community you are rooted in and I had been volunteering on the parks committee for a couple of years at the time I first ran. Eight years later, I wasn't sure if I was going to run again. If you want the truth - I haven't been excited about it. In that time my kids have gotten older, I've finished a masters in Theology, I travel internationally for work, and my family has sacrificed for me to serve the village, but I still love this community and want the best for it. I still believe I have something to offer as I bring valuable experience and knowledge to the role of council member having also served 2 years as president pro tem and 2 years as president.

QUESTION 2: 1. Having leadership that serves with integrity. 2. Leveraging the resources we have in partnership with the DDA to get the maximum value for our residents especially when it comes to infrastructure improvements. 3. Looking at the big picture to plan for the future and realize cost reductions for residents now. It is no secret that the current council is challenging. We need leadership that is committed to serving the community, not personal interests, and committed to serving with integrity. We also have an incredible partner in the DDA, and if we have a council committed to collaboration, we can maximize new revenues to control costs for residents when we look to the future to further water system upgrades, road projects, natural spaces, and more. Looking at the big picture requires us to align available funding with major projects, plan ahead, and bring new projects on board efficiently to share in the cost of infrastructure to reduce water and sewer fees.

NATE THERING
QUESTION 1: I am running for Lake Orion Village Council because I firmly believe our community deserves strong financial accountability, responsible representation of taxpayer resources, and greater collaboration represented on Council. I am proud to be running as part of a team alongside William Hughes, Justin Yurgens, and Donald Connery, aligned by a commitment to thoughtfully and transparently represent our community's best interests. This team offers a practical and community focused approach to the Council with heavy focus towards strengthening financial oversight, identifying opportunities to better utilize resources, and ability to make informed decisions around the key issues/weaknesses facing our community outlined below.

I believe our teams collective professional experience and commitment to collaboration enables and positions us for delivering these initiatives effectively and responsibly.

QUESTION 2: 1. Fiscal Responsibility/Financial Accountability. One of my top priorities would be ensuring that village funds are managed responsibly, transparently, and with the long-term financial health of The Village in mind. As costs to community members continue to rise, we must carefully evaluate spending, prioritize essential services, seek efficiencies, and make responsible decisions that provide the greatest value to residents. 2. Collaboration and Efficiency Among Council Members. I believe in respectful communication, collaboration, and putting the interests of the community ahead of individual agendas. Village residents simply deserve a represented council that works together effectively with the aligned goal to improve our community for its residents. 3. The continued increase around cost of services, maintaining infrastructure, and operating the village is a significant concern. We need to recognize these challenges without placing unnecessary financial burdens on residents.

JUSTIN YURGENS
QUESTION 1: I am running for Lake Orion Village Council along side 3 other candidates, William Hughes, Donald Connery, and Nate Thering, in hopes that together we can stop the mismanagement of the Lake Orion Village's finances. Together we believe we can stop the unprofessional conduct during regular meetings that has plagued our village government for the last two terms, and move quickly to make the hard decisions for our budget. I believe we can build a better relationship with the LO Township to combine services and save the village tax payer's money, along with cutting the waste to create a budget surplus that will help us with crushing debt, and the ability to pay for the unseen expenses as they come up instead of issuing special assessment districts and relating the cost back to the tax payer! I have owned and run my own businesses successfully for the last ten years, have BA in business management, and a successful back ground in business finance.

QUESTION 2: 1. Finances. A budget that has zero room for any more debt, or to pay for the emergencies and or unforeseen infrastructure expenses. It's time to cultivate a relationship with the Lake Orion Township and seek to combine services where we can, and it's time we finally look at the expenses in our budget line by line to eliminate waste. 2. Our current council has a few members that cannot follow any sort of order, and are extremely unprofessional. I will seek to restore a professional working environment that is conducive to working alongside the other council members and tax payers this council serves. 3. It's time to get help for our water bills in this village. The decisions that led to our current situation cannot be changed, but we can pick up the pieces and find help from our state government, and county government for the vital service.

LEONARD VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Vote for 2: 4 Year Term

YVONNE PELACHYK
Did not respond in time for inclusion

JENNIFER SWACK
Did not respond in time for inclusion

MILFORD VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Vote for 1: 2 Year Term

JERRY AUBRY
Did not respond in time for inclusion

MILFORD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

JENNIFER LYNN FRANKFORD
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ANDREW GROHOWSKI
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HARLEY C. MAXWELL
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ORTONVILLE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Vote for 1: 2 Year Term

DAN ESCHMANN
Did not respond in time for inclusion

KAY GREEN
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ORTONVILLE VILLAGE TRUSTEE (TERM ENDING 12/1/2028)

Vote for 2: Term Ending 12/1/2028

LINDA P. BROOKS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

AL HUBBARD
Did not respond in time for inclusion

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ORTONVILLE VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

DARCEL BUTZU

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MARGARET GOTTLOB

Did not respond in time for inclusion

ASHLEY MOULD

Did not respond in time for inclusion

JUSTIN SALISBURY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

OXFORD VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

REGINA T. NOCK

Did not respond in time for inclusion



WOLVERINE LAKE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER

Vote for 4: 3 Highest Vote Totals
4 Year Term

DAVID J. DUMONT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

PAMELA KAZNECKI

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MATTHEW RAMEY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

DISTRICT LIBRARIES

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FERNDALE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote for 1: Term Ending
12/31/2028

ERIN HOOPER

QUESTION 1: Information access is fundamental to an informed community and serving on the library board is my way of supporting that philosophy. I've been a member of the FADL Board of Directors since 2023 and am running to continue that service to our region's residents and students. In my time on the board, we've been able to expand collections, make programs accessible to every member of our community, and negotiate a fair CBA that works for both our staff and our tax payers. By day I like to think I make a difference by marketing my company's work in education facility design, helping academic institutions across North America achieve safe, sustainable learning environments that people want to be in. Before joining the architecture and construction industry, I spent nearly a decade as a reporter. I'm an Oakland University alumna with a B.A. in English and Journalism. The most important role I play, however, is that of mom to my daughters. My family has lived in Ferndale since 2012.

QUESTION 2: We've done tremendous work over the last four years at FADL and the recently passed millages ensure we can continue doing so in a safe, responsive building and with expanded resources and programming designed for all age groups and interests. My priorities are: (1) To protect our community's access to resources, information, and reading material, making sure our patrons have a safe and reliable place to explore their interests. (2) Use our precious capital improvement dollars to ensure the library's building, infrastructure and property are not only maintained but improved upon in a way that meets the needs of our community. (3) Careful investment in impactful programs and resources that evolve with technology, industry, and civic engagement while mirroring Ferndale's vibrant culture.

FERNDALE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

PAUL BEASLEY

QUESTION 1: As a resident of Ferndale and Oakland County for over 20 years, I've had the opportunity to build deep seeded roots within the community and this will allow me to help shape and support one of the great pillars of our community. I have served as an educator and administrator in higher education for more than 20 years and have been fortunate to contribute to and support the community at larger both in the classroom and throughout the region. My hope is to serve as a positive role model and a strong advocate for all.

QUESTION 2: If elected to the Ferndale Area District Library Board of Directors, one of my initiatives will be to elevate our inclusive and welcoming community by leveraging access to library resources and innovative programming under the leadership of the FADL staff. As a cornerstone of the community, the library welcomes highly diverse patrons and serves as a safe space for everyone. Furthermore, through shared governance and leadership with the library director, as a board member I will assist with developing a transparent plan to repair the physical infrastructure of the library.

DENISE COTE

QUESTION 1: Dr. Denise Coté is an accomplished academic librarian with twenty-five years of service at a large community college in suburban Chicago, where she specialized in open access publishing, electronic resources, and career education. Denise has extensive experience in teaching and learning, library budgets,

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and publisher licensing. She is running for the FADL board to expand the educational mission of the library and to improve the library’s online offerings.

QUESTION 2: Aside from the perpetual issue of library funding, the top three issues facing libraries are the erosion of trust in information resources, the decline in reading across all age groups, and the politicization of library services and collections. As a board member, my focus will be on the library’s educational mission, which will include critical thinking and problem solving for adults, and determining how we can best encourage reading and support readers. As a fellow librarian, I will strongly support FADL’s librarians in their mission to serve all library users equally.

MEGHAN G. EVOY
Did not respond in time for inclusion

FRANKLIN VILLAGE
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

KATE BARRON
Did not respond in time for inclusion

NEVRA KREGER
Did not respond in time for inclusion

SUSAN STEVENS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HAZEL PARK
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote for 2: Term Ending
12/31/2028

LORI MCPHEE

QUESTION 1: I am running for the Library Board because my local library was a key part of my childhood. My family participated in the summer reading program, rented videos, and received free admission to museums through programs like the Michigan Activity Pass and Museums for All. As an adult, I have over 7 years of experience in the nonprofit sector including grants administration and grant writing. I would like to use my professional experience to support our local library as a Library Board Member.

QUESTION 2: 1.) Limited funding - Our library’s funding constraints limit their ability to materialize new programming and make capital improvements. I plan to assist in fundraising and sponsorship efforts. 2.) Community outreach - Many community members are not aware of the wide range of programs and services offered at the Hazel Park library. I plan to help connect residents to all that our library has to offer. 3.) Youth services - Our library is a community hub for local youth. Many students spend time at the library after school and during the summer. The library offers a safe space for vulnerable youth to connect with each other and trusted adult staff members. I plan to focus fundraising efforts on the library’s youth programming

so they may provide expanded support to young people in our community.

RICHARD E. ROBBINS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HAZEL PARK
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote 3: 4 Year Term

STEPHANIE ATWOOD
Did not respond in time for inclusion
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ERICA BEDNARSKI
Did not respond in time for inclusion
Did not respond in time for inclusion

SALEM SOUTH LYON
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

LINDA HAMILTON
Did not respond in time for inclusion

LAURA S. HATCH

QUESTION 1: I have lived in the South Lyon School District since 1978. The first few years were in Salem Township then Green Oak Township. Currently I live in the city of South Lyon . I have been using the library since 1978. I have a BSW from Northern Michigan University and a master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. I’ve had a variety of social work jobs including psychiatric social work and medical social work. I am currently retired. I am running for the library board because I think the library is a very very important institution in our country and I’ve always wanted to be involved above and beyond using it for myself and family. It would be an honor to be elected to the board and be able to assist in the operations of this wonderful institution.

QUESTION 2: I am looking forward to learn about the issues facing the library.

HATTIE MAGUIRE

QUESTION 1: My love of books led me to a career in English education as a public high school English teacher for the past 26 years. I joined the library board in 2021 and have enjoyed my time serving my community alongside such a passionate group of library advocates. I would love the opportunity to continue or a second term.

Beyond my career in literacy education, I bring various leadership skills to the table as well: Legislative Debate Chair, Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association where I made policy decisions with a board of ten members governing statewide speech and debate activities; Education Team Member, South Lyon First United Methodist Church where we oversee educational programming with a team of approximately ten members; South Lyon Pumas Youth Lacrosse Board secretary, where we coordinate

coaches, registration, and team events. Leadership and public service experience coupled with my love of public libraries make me an ideal candidate for this role.

QUESTION 2: 1. Resource Allocation: The library board is responsible for overseeing how tax dollars are spent. As a board member, I believe my job is to listen carefully to recommendations of the library staff, consider and listen to the needs of the community, and make decisions as a team that best meet all of those needs. 2. Open access to information: A public library is foundational to our democracy. As a board member I believe it is my duty to ensure access to information is open and available to all residents in our community. As the current chair of the library’s policy committee, I have worked with the library staff and the other committee members to ensure our policies meet this need. 3. Continuing to be a space for all in our community: We are blessed to have such a beautiful, well-equipped library in our community. I believe we need to continue exploring ways to expand our services by thinking beyond traditional books: meeting spaces, programming, events, etc.

RUSSELL L. SIMS

QUESTION 1: I am currently on the board. I was asked to serve the remainder of a vacated position and elected by the board to do so. Afterwards, I was elected for a 4 year term which ends this year. I am retired, 72 yrs old, and had worked in Design & Engineering from 1980-2019. I hope to represent and have represented the patrons of the Salem South Lyon District Library to the best of my ability.

QUESTION 2: 1. The library’s budget is among the most critical. I will consider the use of tax payer’s money to fulfill the operations of the library in the best possible way while serving on the budget committee as I have for the last 4 years. 2. Maintaining the library and it’s facilities is crucial. I will continue to serve of the facilities committee to help ensure the library can operate smoothly and with the best possible amenities that can be offered. 3. The library staff is of the utmost importance to keeping the library running and welcoming to the public. I will continue to support the library staff and consider all the board’s recommendations concerning the staff going forward.



TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARDS

QUESTION 1: Provide biographical information, and explain why you are running for Library Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues facing your library, and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?

ADDISON TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2028

ALEX COULOMBE
Did not respond in time for inclusion

BRANDON TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 2: Term Ending 12/1/2028

KEELEY JONES
QUESTION 1: I have lived in Brandon Township since 2020. I am a home school educator and have been actively involved in volunteering with local non-profits and mutual aid organizations since 2023. Serving on the Library Board has been a fantastic way for me to utilize my skills and give back to the community in a meaningful way.
QUESTION 2: Overall we are fortunate to have a thriving library; I would say the top three issues we face are funding, community engagement, and protecting access. The best way to ensure the success of the library is to build trust within the community by maintaining transparency, advocating for public library access, and actively (and enthusiastically) engaging with our patrons. The more we are able to freely share information and knowledge, the more understanding and empathetic we can become.

JASON SOTZEN
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 2: Term Ending 12/1/2028

KARYN REA
Did not respond in time for inclusion

LAURA B. SYMONS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HOLLY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 3: Term Ending 12/1/2028

ABIGAIL BEERS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2028

CASSANDRA MAITLAND
Did not respond in time for inclusion

WEST BLOOMFIELD
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBER

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/1/2028

CORY NUMMER
QUESTION 1: I am a proud resident of West Bloomfield and have had the honor of serving on the Library Board for the past 2 years. I've worked in the library and museum field for over a decade, including 7 years at the West Bloomfield Library and 3 years at the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. I currently work as a curator managing large-scale historical displays for the Detroit Red Wings. This background has given me a deep appreciation for how public institutions preserve history, share knowledge, and engage the community. I am running for re-election to ensure our library remains a vibrant and accessible hub for all residents. My professional experience managing complex project budgets, executing community-focused installations, and collaborating with diverse teams directly translates to the board's mandate. I bring a practical, strategic approach to long-term planning, and am committed to providing the responsible financial oversight necessary to keep our library thriving.
QUESTION 2: The board is responsible for policies regarding the use of the Library and its resources; budget allocation between purchasing, programming, and staffing; and ensuring facilities continue to serve the public's needs. While working at the Library individuals occasionally complained about certain policies, however, based on my experience the current policies benefit the community as a whole. As needs of the community change, policies should be reevaluated accordingly. As resources become more accessible in the digital age, the Library can provide the most value through programs and activities. For example, the Library should continue collaborating with WB Parks to provide experiences that combine natural and intellectual components. Based on my Library experience, the most requested facility resources are: more study rooms, Maker Spaces, nursing rooms, designated Mahjong tables, and a cafe. The board should encourage the formation of committees to explore these possible enhancements.



OAKLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

QUESTION 2: 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?

ALMONT SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

ADAM ECKARDT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Vote for 2: 4 Year Term

SHERI ANKLEY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

JANAEA SMITH

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Vote for 2: Term Ending 12/31/2028

KATIE ROTARIUS

Did not respond in time for inclusion

JAMES WADE, JR.

Did not respond in time for inclusion

AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

JESSICA ENDERLE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

TERRY LANG

QUESTION 1: I have been fortunate to represent the Avondale learning community now for three consecutive terms (12 years). During that time, the Board of Education, through partnership with numerous stakeholders throughout Avondale, have moved from a deficit District to a thriving learning community both fiscally and educationally. Personally, my children, and now my grandchildren attend(ed) Avondale schools. I hold over 1,000 hours of continuing Board of Education training; holding a Master Diamond certification through the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

QUESTION 2: Like many Districts throughout Oakland County and the State of Michigan, as the State and Federal governments place increased responsibilities on Districts, we continue to struggle with keeping up with inflationary pressures for our highly qualified teachers and support professionals. Our Board has a close partnership with our bargaining units and continues to partner with them in a transparent fashion. As special education needs continue to rise for the State and District, our Human Resource and Special Education team utilize creative hiring practices to meet this need that grows every year. Finally, with the proliferation of artificial intelligence being used in education, our Board has adopted policies and continues to focus on responsible, balanced use of technology and digital citizenship. Maintaining balance between “traditional pen and paper” and ensuring our students are prepared for a technically advance workforce is a Board priority.

AMANDA MACCORMICK

Did not respond in time for inclusion

RICHARD PEAKE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

KATIE CHITTICK

QUESTION 1: I am running for School Board because I care deeply about education and understand its critical role in building a healthy community. As a resident and parent with 3 kids in the District for over a decade, I know the importance of good communication. I want to use my experience to make the Board’s decisions more transparent and accessible to District members. Through my volunteer work in the community, I understand how fortunate I am to have the ability to pitch in. I know many parents and caregivers face conflicting work/ life obligations that prevent them from doing the same. Our families are facing real challenges, and I want to ensure the District offers the support they need. I am a master-level social worker with years of experience in non-profit community service management and higher education. My skills include: navigating federal contracts, community development, and creating responsive programs. I value listening, believe in creative solutions, and want better!

QUESTION 2: 1) KidsZone & Program Expansion: Look at solutions to make the program better equipped to engage students, and larger in capacity. I would explore District resources to support expansion, including full day summer programs and other enrichment services. 2) Teacher & Staff Retention: Work with teachers, support staff, and ancillary service providers to inquire how best to offer support. The District needs to stay competitive in salaries and other related benefits to retain quality personal. 3) Safety & Well-Being: Work to ensure District safety is of utmost importance, both physical and behavioral. I feel it is imperative to address security infrastructure and behavioral/ mental health on a regular basis to assess for patterns and oversights; “safety” should be a standing agenda item considering needs and evidence supported best-practices change. Students and staff deserve a safe environment to support engaged learning. M-Step readiness tasks would be supported in each priority.

SARAH MOUNTAIN

Did not respond in time for inclusion

GREGORY SOLLISH

QUESTION 1: I am a proud Berkley Schools graduate, and, as I have moved forward in my life, I continue to realize the immense opportunities this district provided me. When my wife and I were looking to buy our first home, we knew we wanted to be in the Berkley School District. Now, as young parents we are thrilled our son is a future Roger Raccoon, Anderson Viking and Berkley Bear. But my desire to serve this community goes beyond my own family; I want every kid to be afforded the same opportunities I was and be prepared to meet the

challenges of the world after they graduate. Moreover, I have spent my entire professional life working in civic engagement and democracy research. Not only do I think my professional experience makes me well equipped to be an effective community advocate on the board, it aligns with my values. I believe public schools are the backbone of a thriving democracy, and I want to do the hands-on work to ensure the Berkley Schools helps every kid engage in the world.

QUESTION 2: 1. Ensure we have cutting edge curriculum to support the needs of our students and prepare them for the future beyond high school graduation. Whether that is post-secondary education, trade school, or professional life, we need to be researching and implementing curriculum that meets the needs of our students. 2. Oversee the implementation and long-term success of bond through careful planning and fiscal responsibility. This means continuing to build the new facilities voters asked for and ensure the budget is set to maintain them into the future. 3. Build on the excellent work of the district by continuing to attract the best and brightest teachers and making sure students and staff are our number one priority.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2030

TONI BASSETT

QUESTION 1: I am a family law attorney turned stay at home mom of 6. I went to law school to become an advocate for children. While my life took a different path, I became involved in PTA and started advocating for children in a different way. Through becoming an active and trusted member of my childrens’ school community, I discovered that although unintentional, some policies and practices were adversely affecting students. I decided to take my knowledge and advocacy skills and bring them to our board of education to ensure ALL children had an advocate when policies were being evaluated and voted into action.

QUESTION 2: The most prominent issue our school district is facing is budget and use of funds. If elected, I will be diligent in reviewing the budget. I will ask for complicated evaluations to be broken down so they are more easily understood and leaves no room for misunderstanding to arise about spending. A new emergent issue to our district is about technology. One being an appropriate use policy and the other being how much should our district be investing and supporting technology. If elected, I would like to do more in depth evaluations on all technology issues and hopefully pass well balanced and cost effective policies around technology. A third issue, affecting many districts, is enrollment rate. Our district is not unique in this issue. Currently, our district is trying to invest more into early childhood education in hopes to capture families at the preliminary stages of education. I would like to continue this work.

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BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

KEELY CRIMANDO

QUESTION 1: I am a Birmingham Public Schools parent, an Oakland County public-school graduate, and a longtime community volunteer with professional experience in finance, public policy, and community affairs. For more than a decade, I have worked in the mortgage industry, developing skills in financial analysis, regulatory compliance, problem-solving, and clear communication. I also serve on Oxford High School’s Career and Technical Education Advisory Board and have contributed more than 1,000 hours of community service through organizations including buildOn and Focus: HOPE. I am running because strong public schools are the foundation of a thriving community. I want to protect BPS’s tradition of excellence while addressing students’ evolving academic, social-emotional, and safety needs. I would bring financial literacy, policy experience, collaborative leadership, and a parent’s perspective to the Board. I will evaluate evidence, oversee resources responsibly with educators and students first.

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are academic excellence, student well-being, and responsible stewardship of district resources. First, I would support rigorous, evidence-based instruction while using achievement data to identify gaps, strengthen interventions, and ensure every student is appropriately challenged and supported. Second, I would prioritize safe, healthy learning environments by expanding access to mental health resources, strengthening school safety practices, and supporting responsible, age-appropriate technology and screen-use policies developed with input from educators, students, and families. Third, I would promote transparent and fiscally responsible governance. I would carefully review budgets, enrollment trends, staffing needs, and facility priorities to ensure resources are directed toward the classroom and decisions are sustainable. Across all three areas, I would listen to stakeholders, ask thoughtful questions, use reliable data, and clearly communicate decisions.

OMAR ODEH

QUESTION 1: I serve on the Birmingham Board of Education, sitting on the Finance Committee, and I’m running for re-election. I’m also a father with a son in the district, so this is personal, not abstract. As a manager at Ford, I manage budgets and build long-term strategy, skills I bring directly to the Board. I’m running to keep building on work already underway. On Finance, I’ve helped keep our budget strong while investing in what makes Birmingham great, from daily needs to bond funding for security. I’ve also prioritized early childhood education, including funding Midvale School, because early investment closes gaps, especially for students with special needs. I bring proven experience, not just interest: real budget work, real votes, real committee engagement. I pair fiscal discipline with strategic investment, and a parent’s firsthand view of how policy affects real kids. My approach is consistent: show up prepared, listen, and decide based on data and what’s best for students, not politics

QUESTION 2: I serve on the Finance Committee, and three priorities stand out. First, fiscal responsibility. Rising costs and aging facilities require transparent budgeting. I’ll pursue bond funding for security upgrades, not piecemeal fixes, while protecting academic investments. Second, mental health and academic support. Struggles show up in schools first, so we need sustained funding for counselors and social workers, staff trained to spot warning signs, and stronger intervention for students falling behind, while still challenging high achievers. This should be a budget priority, not an afterthought. Third, equitable access to early and special education. A child’s foundation is set early, so I’ll keep funding programs like Midvale School and properly resourcing special education, ensuring every student gets a quality education tailored to how they learn, not just the minimum required. My approach: rely on data, listen to our community, and keep Birmingham academically strong and fiscally sound

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

TAREQ FALAH

QUESTION 1: I am a Bloomfield Hills Schools parent, community member, technology executive, and current Board of Education Trustee, where I have had the privilege of serving in Board leadership, including as President. Professionally, I serve as a Chief Information Officer, leading technology, strategy, budgets, and organizational change. I am seeking re-election because I care deeply about the future of our schools and believe experienced, thoughtful leadership is critical as we navigate enrollment challenges, financial pressures, changing student needs, and rapidly evolving technology. I bring strategic thinking, fiscal discipline, technology expertise, and a willingness to listen to differing perspectives. I am proud of our district, but believe continued success requires us to evolve. My focus is strengthening our financial foundation, improving academic outcomes, attracting families, supporting educators, and preparing every student to “Belong Here, Excel Anywhere.”

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are academic outcomes, safety and belonging, and long-term financial sustainability. First, we must ensure every student is challenged, supported, and prepared for life after graduation. I will continue advocating for measurable academic goals, evidence-based instruction, and accountability for student growth and achievement. Second, students learn best when they feel physically and emotionally safe and know they belong. We must maintain strong safety practices while building school cultures where every student feels known, respected, supported, and connected. Finally, various financial pressures threaten our ability to sustain excellence. We must align resources with enrollment, make disciplined financial decisions, and invest in programs and opportunities that attract families to Bloomfield Hills Schools. These priorities are interconnected: strong schools must be academically excellent, welcoming and safe, and financially sustainable.

PAUL KOLIN

QUESTION 1: I have had the privilege of serving on the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education for 12 years, including serving as Board President and Treasurer. During my time on the Board, I have worked to provide strong governance, fiscal responsibility, accountability, and a consistent focus on improving opportunities and outcomes for every student. Professionally, I am a Senior Manager with KPMG, where I advise organizations on complex global workforce, tax, policy, and operational matters. My career has required me to manage complex issues, analyze data, oversee significant financial matters, work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, and hold teams accountable for delivering results. Those same skills are directly relevant to effective School Board governance. I am running because I believe there is still important work to do. I am proud of what our district has accomplished, including passing a comprehensive Strategic Plan, successfully managing a significant bond program.

QUESTION 2: 1. Academic Achievement and Measurable Student Outcomes
Our highest priority must be ensuring every student is challenged, supported, and prepared for success. We must continue improving academic achievement, establish measurable outcomes, and ensure Bloomfield Hills Schools compares favorably with Michigan’s highest performing districts. 2. Fiscal Responsibility and Aligning Resources With Priorities. Strong educational outcomes require responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. With changing enrollment, rising costs, and significant facilities investments, the Board must ensure resources are directed toward priorities that have the greatest impact on students while maintaining long term financial stability. 3. Safety, Security, and Trust
Students and staff deserve a safe and secure learning environment. We must continually evaluate security, emergency preparedness, and student well being. Trust must also be strengthened through transparency, accountability, meaningful

BRYNN STEVENSON

QUESTION 1: I spent 20 years in law firm operations streamlining processes, resolving complex challenges, and aligning diverse stakeholders. I hold an MBA from Michigan State University’s Eli Broad College of Business and have a proven record of community-driven leadership. As a parent of a student in special education, I advocated to establish our district’s Peer-to-Peer program and hire our Autism Specialist. As president of Bloomfield Hills Robotics (2025–2026), I transitioned the program into an independent nonprofit, opening access so any student could participate, not just those “in the know.” With state education facing deficits, we must be strategic. Simply cutting staff and increasing class sizes harms students. As a well-funded district, we must separate “must-haves” from “nice-to-haves.” I will bring disciplined operational oversight, re-negotiate contracts, and protect our classrooms so every dollar spent directly matches the educational quality our children deserve.

QUESTION 2: 1. Protecting Frontline Staff & Smart Spending: Deficits should never be balanced by cutting educators, eliminating support staff, or bloating class sizes. We must provide rigorous oversight, separating “must-haves” from “nice-to-haves,” re-negotiating vendor contracts, and reducing overhead to keep

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resources squarely in classrooms. 2. Educational Quality Drives Test Scores: Standardized test scores matter, but chasing them directly misses the mark; improving total educational quality naturally lifts scores. We must champion key classroom investments—retaining paraprofessionals, reading specialists, and student supports, while safeguarding special education & enrichment. 3. Transparent Three-Way Communication: Effective leadership requires breaking down silos. We must improve dialogue across three fronts: engaging frontline staff early in policy decisions, providing predictable updates to parents, and offering clear transparency to tax payers.

RYAN WALKER

QUESTION 1: Bio: Bloomfield Hills parent of three children, all attending Bloomfield Hills Schools. Over the course of your term, you'll experience the district simultaneously as an elementary, middle and high school parent. Nearly a decade coaching youth sports in the community — mentoring kids and building relationships with families. 20+ year career in media and technology.

Currently a senior business leader working on complex partnerships and negotiations. Relevant skills: Bring together stakeholders with different interests. Manage complex, multi-million-dollar negotiations. Data-driven decision maker. Comfortable asking questions, digging into complicated issues and communicating them clearly. Long-term strategic planning. Collaborative leadership rather than needing to be the loudest person in the room. **WHY:** Strong schools make strong communities. Leadership is stewardship. My objective is to leave people and institutions better than I found them.

QUESTION 2: 1. Academic Excellence & Preparing Students for What's Next - Every BHS student should leave prepared for whatever comes next: Maintain rigorous academic standards and measurable outcomes. Ensure BHS continues to lead in college preparation, AP opportunities, and all trades/career paths. Intervene early when students fall behind. Recruit, retain and support outstanding teachers. 2. Student Safety & Well-Being: Physical security and emergency preparedness must remain priorities. Regularly evaluate plans rather than assuming yesterday's standards are sufficient. Maintain strong relationships with local law enforcement. Mental health: counselors/support staff, early identification and prevention. Digital safety is increasingly part of student safety 3. Trust, Transparency & Responsible Governance. Communicate complicated district decisions in language families can understand. Create meaningful opportunities for parent/community input. Listen before making decisions. Be transparent.

BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

JEFF HALL

Did not respond in time for inclusion

HERB ROBINSON

Did not respond in time for inclusion

TIM A. WHALEN, JR.

Did not respond in time for inclusion

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

ELIZABETH E. EGAN

QUESTION 1: I have served on the Clarkston Community School Board for 16 years. I have earned the Presidents Award from Michigan Association of School Boards for my work in Advocating for Public Schools and student success, attending conferences and completing Board certification classes. I am an Educator for the Plastics Industry foundation and visit Middle and High school classrooms to make Industry and Career connections in several states and Canada. I taught private piano lessons for over 20 years. I believe learning is a life long pursuit and passionate about inspiring students to find their sucess in beyond high school.

QUESTION 2: Decling student enrollment across Michigan affects all school districts, including Clarkston. Our current board strives to attract families to live here by creating an educational culture of compitive academics in the classroom, extra curricular activities on our campuses, tracking student growth, hiring and retaining the best educators. Financial stability is another priority for our district. Our board maintains a fund equity balance to cover operating expenditures during the time period we wait for state aid payments. Understanding the Michigan budget cycle and planning programs that have the highest impact in student achievement is imperative to optimize student success within our given resources. Our district is the largest employer in Clarkston. Hiring a competitive teaching staff is a priority. We strive to hire the best teachers, invest in professional development, and have a unique collaborative process with our CEA to provide fair and competitive salaries.

KRISTINE FERRELL

Question 1: My name is Kristine Ferrell, and I am a Clarkston parent, community volunteer, Realtor, and graduate of Oakland University with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in Applied Leadership Skills. My husband and I have three children in Clarkston Community Schools. I am in my 7th year on the Springfield Plains Elementary PTA Board, having served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. I also serve as Vice President of the Clarkston Foundation and Vice President of my HOA. These roles have given me experience in budgeting, policy, fundraising, governance, communication, and working with differing perspectives. I am running for School Board because I care deeply about our schools and want to give back to a community that has given so much to my family. I would bring thoughtful leadership, financial responsibility, collaboration, and a commitment to safe, strong schools where students and staff can thrive.

Question 2: My top three priorities are safety and security, strong schools and student success, and supporting our staff. Safety must remain a top priority. I would support strong safety protocols, appropriate resources and personnel, and continued collaboration with law enforcement to ensure students and staff feel safe and protected every day. Strong schools require resources and opportunities that help every student reach their full potential. I would prioritize resources

that directly impact classrooms and student success while being a responsible steward of district funds. Finally, our teachers and staff are the heart of our schools. I would listen to their needs, support efforts to attract and retain the best employees, and promote a culture where staff feel valued and supported.

STEPHEN J. HYER

QUESTION 1: I'm a lifelong Clarkston resident and a proud Clarkston High School graduate (1997) with a degree from the University of Michigan (2000). My wife Kelly and I are raising our two children, Stephen (11th grade) and Vivian (8th grade), in the district I've served since 2001. I'm a local business owner, leading IGD Solutions and owning Club Pilates, and I founded SASA, a nonprofit that engages students in STEM and education advocacy. I'm running to keep putting Clarkston kids first. Across more than two decades on the board I've served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and I'm a past President of the Michigan Association of School Boards. That experience, with my background in business and technology, means I bring steady leadership, financial discipline, and a collaborative, student-focused approach. I know this district, its staff, and its families, and I'm ready to keep delivering results for our students.

QUESTION 2: *Deliver our bond responsibly. I'll make sure the new Clarkston Junior High and our facility improvements are completed on time and on budget, with regular, transparent updates to taxpayers. *Student academic growth and achievement . I'll keep academics strong while supporting students' mental health, safety, and well-being, using data to guide decisions and giving teachers the resources they need. *Fiscal responsibility and engaging parents. I'll protect taxpayers through disciplined budgeting and transparent decisions, while investing where it matters most: our students and staff. And I'll keep parents informed and involved as true partners, with open communication and accessible board meetings so every family has a voice. Please visit my website at www.stevhyer.com to learn more about me.

JACLYN SIVERS

QUESTION 1: I believe our schools should be safe, financially responsible, transparent, and focused on preparing every student for success. My professional career has centered on children, public safety, and building partnerships that strengthen our communities. I currently serve as the School Liaison and Juvenile Justice Division prosecutor for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office where I work to build bridges between law enforcement, the Prosecutor's Office, schools, families, and community partners. My work focuses on school safety, delinquency prevention, and collaboration to address challenges facing young people before they become more serious problems. I am also a former Clarkston BOE Trustee, giving me firsthand experience with the responsibilities and challenges of serving on a school board. I understand that board members must make difficult decisions that balance educational priorities, student needs, staffing, safety, & taxpayer resources. I would be honored to serve again.

QUESTION 2: School Safety/Community Partnerships: I would prioritize student and staff safety while strengthening communication and

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collaboration with our local township, police, fire, and emergency services. Strong partnerships and coordinated preparedness are essential to keeping our schools safe. I would emphasize prevention as protection as well as reactive plans. Transparent, Accessible Parent Communication: Parents should be able to easily find the information they need without navigating multiple platforms. I would advocate for simplifying and consolidating communication channels, improving transparency, and making timely, relevant information easier for every family to access. Data-Driven Financial Decision-Making: I would support responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars by using clear data, measurable outcomes, and long-term financial projections to guide budget decisions. Every investment should demonstrate value and support student success while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2028

COBY MOSCOWITZ

QUESTION 1: I've been a resident of Clawson for nearly five years and am Founder and President of the NexGen Archery Foundation, a nonprofit which has raised over \$56k to support collegiate archers with scholarships, grants, and equipment. Professionally, I do competitive intelligence consulting, analyzing how organizations compare with peers. I was appointed to this trustee seat in June 2026, and I'm running to continue the work. Education is the backbone of our country, and with college growing costlier and more competitive, there's urgency to prepare students for what comes next. I'm still early in public service, but experience has to start somewhere, and I'd rather step up than sit back. I want Clawson to be among the best districts, producing top students and retaining top staff. As a smaller district, we can personalize learning to help each student find their path. I'd bring leadership, budgeting, fundraising, and analytical skills, plus an open mind eager to learn.

QUESTION 2: Declining enrollment: Our size is our strength. Staff and administrators know every student and can help them find the right path beyond K-12, whether college, trade, or a family business. I'd work with the superintendent/administration to market our personal approach to attract and keep families. Keeping enrollment strong also protects funding, since state dollars follow each student. Funding: I'd champion transparent, balanced budgeting and pursue grants and partnerships so we aren't defaulting to new millages. When a millage is truly needed, I'd help residents see it isn't just higher taxes; it sustains the schools that protect our property values, since strong schools raise resale value. Teacher vacancies: Keeping great teachers is just as important as filling open positions. I'd prioritize both, pairing active recruitment with real retention through mentorship, meaningful support, grow-your-own pipelines, and a culture where impactful teachers want to stay.

WILLIAM ZAGLANICZNY

QUESTION 1: William Zaglaniczny. I am an 8-year Clawson resident and proud father of three children (ages 7, 4, and 1) attending Clawson Elementary and the Early Childhood Center. With a B.S. in Finance from Oakland University and an MBA/MS in Finance from Walsh University, I work for Oakland County,

providing small business loans to support the local economy. I am running for the Clawson School Board because I have a long-term stake in the district's success. With my children attending Clawson Public Schools for the next 15+ years, I am deeply committed to ensuring academic excellence, safety, and strong support for educators. I bring advanced financial expertise, fiscal responsibility, and an understanding of complex budgeting. My daily work with Oakland County demonstrates my ability to collaborate and advocate for community growth. As an active parent, I provide a firsthand perspective on the district's needs. QUESTION 2: I have identified the following three issues for Clawson Public Schools: 1. Prioritizing Resident Children: The district gives priority to out-of-district students who often do not stay long-term. I will change enrollment policies to prioritize resident children first, ensuring local tax dollars invest directly in Clawson families. 2. Supporting Teachers and Staff: Earlier this year, teachers went four months without a contract, hurting morale. I will advocate for timely negotiations, competitive pay, and strong support for staff, knowing a district is only as strong as the educator in front of the classroom. 3. Improving Transparency: Communication gaps exist between the board, educators, and families. I will implement proactive updates so parents understand why decisions are made and have meaningful opportunities to provide input. I will use my advanced financial background to ensure fiscal responsibility while tackling these urgent priorities.

CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

DANIEL A. EWALD, JR.

QUESTION 1: My name is Daniel Ewald Jr. I have a BA in communications from Wayne State University. I grew up in Troy but have made Clawson my home since 2007. I have worked at BCBSM for the last 25 years. My wife Amy and I have a freshman daughter at CHS.

QUESTION 2: 1. Fiduciary responsibility. 2. District Policy

SCOTT E. MANNING

QUESTION 1: My name is Scott Manning and I serve as the Senior Pastor of the Clawson and Rochester Hills St Luke's United Methodist Churches. I have a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Master of Divinity degrees. I have spent my life working in educational and nonprofit institutions and for the past 22 years as a clergy in Michigan. I have previous experience serving on boards of education. During the early 1990s I served on a board of education in the central Michigan area during a time of great financial constraints and then in the 2010s I served on a board of education in southwest Michigan. In total I have had the opportunity to serve 9 years on two previous boards of education, learning the needs of students and community. I believe this experience brings an understanding of educational governance, policy development, and community bridge building that is necessary for schools to function and serve students and community, alike.

QUESTION 2: First priority is always the quality of education in the classroom. As a board member

I understand my role in policy development and working with the administration to ensure that we are providing the resources in the classroom and the faculty necessary to maintain and increase the standards of education and opportunity for our students. Another priority is continuing to improve the facilities our students have for learning and growing in community. The district has made strides in the improvement of facilities so that learning may take place and it is important that we continue to care for our infrastructure so that students and the wider community are safe and have place to learn, grow, and come together as community. Longterm vision and planning. When a board engages with administration, staff and faculty, and community in long term visioning and planning, quality of education and staff/community relations can be strengthened. This includes multiyear calendaring.

SAMANTHA HANSER MAYNARD

QUESTION 1: I am a 20-year resident of Clawson and have served on the Clawson Board of Education for nearly 5 years. I was recently elected Board President by my peers and I have also served as Vice President. My husband and I have a son who just began his Sophomore year at Clawson High School. He has been a student in the district since Kindergarten so we've experienced firsthand all the district has to offer. I'm a passionate advocate for public education and believe that it is vital to a strong society, giving all children access to a quality education regardless of their background. Clawson is a truly special place where community is important and we see that reflected in our school district. In my career as a Marketing professional, I align various stakeholders with clear communication, attention to detail, and collaboration to help our clients achieve their business goals. Those skills, combined with a passion for public education make me an effective board member and asset to the community.

QUESTION 2: Three main issues or focuses for our district are student success, declining enrollment and funding. My focus is always on outcomes for our students. We want the absolute best for our community's kids whether that means college, trade school, or employment. I'm proud of our focus on curriculum and resources for our students and will continue to advocate for the resources our students need to succeed. Like most districts, Clawson faces the issue of declining enrollment. I will continue to drive enrollment by showcasing our wonderful educators, caring administrators and staff, and beautiful new facilities! I'm proud to have worked to pass the bonds that made the improvements possible and serve on the board who helped guide them to life. School funding is an ever-present issue, particularly for small districts like Clawson. I will continue to advocate fiscal responsibility and making the most of our limited funds while maintaining fair compensation for our amazing staff.

JACQUELINE STANLEY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

TED VERNER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

CHERYL BLAU

QUESTION 1: "When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower." (A.D. Heijer). Today's K-12 students live in a world we could hardly imagine when we were their age. If we keep teaching the same ways we always have, we will fail to adequately prepare our current students for successful lives and careers in the 21st century in which we now live and in which they will spend their entire lives. These past 6 years, our FPS team has worked together to redesign teaching and learning to better meet the current needs and future lives of today's students while still ensuring they learn and master their foundational skills in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies including Personal Finance, Civics, and appropriate use of Technology. I am running again for our FPS Board of Education to provide our community with the stability and consistency our students deserve as we continue preparing them for success in their 21st century personal and professional lives.

QUESTION 2: New district policies, initiatives, and curricula must be put in place to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our schools along with improving community communication. To keep students safe, we must also balance our academic expectations with the overall well-being of our students, implementing instructional models that support our students' physical, emotional, and psychological health as well as their academic progress. Expanding our CTE vocational education options is part of this process, providing our students with more than one pathway to success and enabling more students to graduate from high school career-ready. With a masters and doctorate in education, a masters in psychology, expertise in best practices in teaching and current brain research on learning, 40 years of classroom teaching experience, and 35 years of involvement in our community, I am eager to draw upon my skills and knowledge for the benefit of our community's students, parents, and teachers.

VERNA FELDER

QUESTION 1: I am a Farmington Hills resident, education leader, published author, and community advocate with more than 20 years of experience serving children and families. I hold bachelor's and master's degrees, a K-12 administrative certification, and a family engagement certificate from HarvardX, Harvard University's online learning platform. I am a proud parent of three Farmington High School graduates. I am running for the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education because every student regardless of race, religion, culture, ability, or economic background, deserves academic excellence, a safe and welcoming school, and a fair opportunity to succeed. Every family deserves to be heard, respected, and included in decisions affecting their children. I will work to close achievement gaps, strengthen student mental health support, and build trust between schools and families. I will bring educational leadership, accountability, compassion, and a commitment to decisions that serve every student.

QUESTION 2: 1. Academic Achievement and Equity: I will use student data to identify achievement gaps, support early intervention and strong instruction, and advocate for resources to reach the students and schools with the greatest needs. 2. Student Mental Health and Safe Schools: I will advocate for greater access to counselors and mental-health services, staff training, early identification of students needing support, and positive school environments where every student feels safe and valued. 3. Family Communication and Engagement: I will promote consistent, transparent communication, meaningful opportunities for parent input, and stronger outreach to families whose voices are often overlooked. I will hold the district accountable by reviewing family feedback, participation, response times, academic progress, attendance, and school-climate data.

RON RECINTO

QUESTION 1: I was appointed to the Farmington Public Schools Board in July 2025. I am a communicator and journalist with decades of experience in storytelling and engaging communities. I have worked in leadership roles in internal and external communications and executive support at General Motors, Owens Corning, and the University of Arizona. As a journalist, I worked at Yahoo News and the Detroit Free Press. I'm currently a Communications Coordinator for the City of Farmington Hills. I am an active member of the community, serving as a treasurer and coach with the Farmington Soccer Club. My wife and I have lived in Farmington Hills for more than 20 years, our two children attend Farmington Public Schools. I have a Master's Degree from Boston University and a Bachelor's Degree from Wabash College. I want to continue the work our Board has done on our district vision and improving the learning and growth culture in our schools. I want to improve communication in all aspects through the district.

QUESTION 2: First, improve student achievement and growth with a focus on both overall achievement and closing gaps among student groups. This is one of the key goals we review annually. It's a topic we hear from the public, teachers, administrators and parents. We need to measure success through the Board of Education goals for student growth and proficiency in math and literacy aligned to district benchmarks. We also need to improve communication in all aspects throughout the district. This means authentic, timely and clear channels between schools and parents, teachers and students and parents, between the Board and administration, etc. And, we need to improve the retention and recruitment of high-quality educators, especially those that best connect with our community and students. I would encourage the district to continue to work on keeping unique talent in our district by continuing programs aimed at building teachers from the former students in our district. We need to be competitive.



SANTORIA SHEPHERD

Did not respond in time for inclusion

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2028

EMILY ROSSMAESSLER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

BRIAN ELTRINGHAM

Did not respond in time for inclusion

CARRIE LORD

Did not respond in time for inclusion

RYAN J. REECE

QUESTION 1: I was born and raised in Michigan and am a parent of students in Fenton Area Public Schools. In October 2025, I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education, and I am seeking the community's support to continue serving. Since my appointment, I have gained valuable insight into the complexities of school board governance and have pursued extensive professional development recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards. As an emergency physician, I bring experience remaining composed under pressure, objectively evaluating complex issues, working collaboratively, and using data to identify needs and guide decisions. My commitment to Fenton is longstanding, from teaching students CPR and AED use to volunteering at events such as Field Day. I am running to help advance academic success, support excellent educators, and ensure every student has the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

QUESTION 2: Academic Success: Fenton has demonstrated strong academic performance, but continuous improvement must remain a priority. I will support measurable goals and data-informed decisions while ensuring teachers and students have the curriculum, technology, training, interventions, and resources needed to succeed. Attracting and Retaining Staff: Student achievement depends on highly qualified teachers, administrators, and support staff. I will promote a culture of excellence where employees feel respected, valued, and supported. I will advocate for competitive compensation, professional growth opportunities, and the tools staff need to excel. Enrollment: Declining birth rates, cost of living, and broader demographic trends are affecting enrollment. We must retain students and attract families by sustaining excellence in academics, athletics, extracurricular programs, student services, and facilities. We must also clearly communicate the opportunities and value Fenton schools provide.

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FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: Term Ending
12/31/2028

SANDRA NATASHIA DUKHIE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

AMY CEGLAREK

QUESTION 1: I have been a Ferndale resident for over 30 years. All 3 of my children attended Ferndale schools K-12 and now my grandchildren attend FPS. I worked for FPS starting as a lunch aide and ending my tenure as a Special Education Teacher Consultant and Transition Coordinator. My current employment is with Oakland Schools as. Special Education Consultant. My two passions are education and the Ferndale community and I believe I will serve on the FPS Board with distinction.

QUESTION 2: To recruit and retain talented staff. To make sure our district is prepared for the PA 146 (k-12 literacy and dyslexia law) and its requirements. To ensure that the district continues to provide programs/ classes that are relevant to students needs and wants while within the framework of MDE curriculum guidelines. To make sure all our school district community members feel heard and valued.

PAUL MARK DE LA VERGNE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

LUKE MILLER

QUESTION 1: My name is Luke A. Miller, and I have spent more than 20 years working in education, nonprofit organizations, and community leadership. I have served students, families, and communities through roles in education, administration, technology, facilities, operations, and workforce development. I currently serve in leadership at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, overseeing facilities, technology, budgets, vendors, capital projects, events, and partnerships that support students and staff. I am running for the Ferndale Public Schools Board because I believe deeply in the power of education to create opportunity. I believe every student is capable of success, but students do not all need the same tools or support, or reach milestones at the same time. I want to help ensure every student has what they need to succeed. I would bring practical leadership, strong listening skills, problem-solving experience, and a collaborative approach to the Board.

QUESTION 2: Student Achievement & Opportunity: Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, but students do not all need the same support or reach milestones at the same time. I would support using data to identify needs, strengthening academic support, and expanding career, technical, arts, athletic, and workforce opportunities, highlight local businesses. Financial Stewardship: Strong schools require responsible financial management. I would use my

experience managing budgets, grants, vendors, and capital projects to support transparent budgeting, long-term planning, pursuing outside funding, and ensuring resources are focused on student needs. Safe, Well-Maintained Schools: Students and staff deserve safe, welcoming, well-maintained schools. I would support proactive maintenance, responsible facilities planning, appropriate security measures, and long-term capital planning so we address problems before they become emergencies while protecting the district's resources.

JESSICA NEWMAN

QUESTION 1: I am an organizer, policy advocate, lawyer, lifelong Michigander, and proud product of our public school system as a graduate of West Bloomfield Schools and Michigan State University. I currently serve on the Ferndale School Board, an appointed position I've held since October 2025. Professionally, I've spent nearly two decades in political and labor organizing, and am the co-executive director of the Michigan Education Justice Coalition, where I help lead a statewide organization that advocates along staff, community, labor, parents, and students for fully and fairly funded schools that provide the highest quality education to every student. Most recently I served as the Director of Politics & Policy at United for Respect, where I advocated for better working conditions for our country's over 5 million retail and warehouse workers. I previously worked for the Bernie Sanders 2020 Presidential Campaign, the Michigan Nurses Association, and the Communications Workers of America.

QUESTION 2: 1. Fight for expanded progressive revenue for the entire k-12 system and resist any effort to divert public dollars to privatization, including opposing the Trump Voucher Scheme and actively pressuring our leaders to opt out. 2. Expand funding, programming, and improve administration of special education services. 3. Push back against big tech and surveillance in schools by resisting policing and tech/AI creep into the classroom, and setting strong board level policy on screen time and appropriate technology use. All of these priorities require organizing stakeholders from across the community, from administrators to parents to teachers to students to broader community members. If we want to change the priorities of the district and shape funding allocation, we must directly engage the community in the conversation and encourage the use of public comment to organize for our positions.

JONATHAN TURNER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

JOE HALL

Did not respond in time for inclusion

BEVERLY HINTON

QUESTION 1: I grew up in Hazel Park and I am an alumni of Hazel Park Schools. My four children graduated from HP. I was a PTA Volunteer for a very long time and was employed by the School District for 25 years. I taught Head Start preschool and I was

a Community School Representative. I received the Hazel Park Schools Humanitarian Award and several Distinguished Service Awards. My skills would be serving 12 years on the school board, Level 5 Diamond Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards, 36 certification classes and 701 hours of additional education hours. I'm running because I am passionate about education, kids and my community.

QUESTION 2: 1. Students are my first priority. Classroom needs, career preparation, safety , technology etc. are all part of student success. To achieve the above and more I would come prepared to meetings and vote with Students in Mind. 2. Finance continue to provide oversight of taxpayers dollars. I will continue to ask questions to ensure we can hire and retain qualified staff, pay all of the bills and see that funds are allocated to the success of our students and community. Hazel Park should be a school district parents choose for their child. 3. Infrastructure. We need, as a community, to update and maintain our buildings. Most were built in the late 50,s and 60's. I would advocate using our recent new building assessment as a guide as where to begin.

JASON HODGSON

Did not respond in time for inclusion

DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE

QUESTION 1: I moved to Hazel Park in 1999, and all five of my children attended and graduated from Hazel Park High School. I hold a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in leadership. I've spent 35 years in education—as a teacher, reading coach, and substitute teacher, including 25 years serving Hazel Park students. I've also served four years on the Board of Education. While I did not attend Hazel Park schools myself, I have dedicated much of my life to this community and its students. I've experienced Hazel Park as a parent, teacher, coach, and leader, giving me a unique perspective that I bring to the board. I've completed 93 credit hours of Michigan school board training and traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for public education. I'm running for re-election, because I'm not finished. I want to continue working on enrollment, improving student attendance and behavior, rebuilding our sense of community, and advocating for every student in Hazel Park.

QUESTION 2: 1. Test scores. We need to identify learning gaps early, provide targeted reading and math interventions, and give teachers the resources and support they need. We must use data to measure progress, set clear goals, and hold ourselves accountable for results. 2. Attendance. We need to understand the reasons behind chronic absenteeism and work with families to remove barriers to getting students to school consistently. Building strong relationships with students and creating a school environment where students feel safe, supported, and connected will also make a difference. 3. Student behavior and school climate. Students and teachers deserve schools that are safe, respectful, and focused on learning. We need clear and consistent expectations, appropriate consequences, early intervention, and the resources necessary to support students who are struggling with behavior. Teachers should be able to teach without constantly dealing with disruptions.

OAKLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS

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BRYAN LORION III

QUESTION 1: As a parent of three young children who will attend Hazel Park Schools, this is personal for me. I want to help ensure that our students have the resources, support, and opportunities they need to succeed, while also making sure taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly. I have spent the past eight years building a career in project management, including three years working for the federal government. In that role, I was responsible for managing project scope, schedules, and budgets, while working with a team toward common goals. I believe those skills would translate well to the School Board. Board members have a responsibility to look at the big picture, ask difficult questions, listen to the community, and make informed decisions that put students first. I would bring a practical, collaborative approach to the position and work to build consensus rather than division.

QUESTION 2: The three priority issues I believe the school district is currently facing are fiscal irresponsibility, neglected infrastructure, and academic proficiency. I would address fiscal irresponsibility by ensuring that district finances are managed responsibly and that taxpayer dollars are being used where they have the greatest impact on students. The primary purpose of school funding should be to provide students with a safe, effective environment in which they can learn and succeed. I would support prioritizing funding for classrooms, teachers, student programs, educational resources, and necessary building improvements. ng academic achievement. It requires strong teachers, effective curriculum, engaged families, appropriate resources, and accountability throughout the district. My goal would be to support policies that bring those pieces together and keep the focus on student success.

MONICA RATTEE

QUESTION 1: I'm running for reelection because I believe every child deserves to feel seen, supported, and like they belong. I know what it feels like to wonder if you're enough, and that has shaped the way I see and advocate for our students. Serving on our school board has become more than a position to me; it's a purpose. My commitment to our students also extends beyond the boardroom. I work hard for the Hazel Park Promise Zone, a nonprofit providing our students with a tuition-free pathway to post-secondary success. Creating opportunities for our kids isn't just something I talk about; it's something I work for. I'm not perfect, and I don't have all the answers, but I care deeply. I'll keep showing up, listening, speaking up, and fighting for what our students deserve. I'm asking for four more years, not for the title, but for the opportunity to keep putting students first, building a stronger district, and making sure every child knows they matter and that someone is in their corner.

QUESTION 2: The three priorities facing our district are transparency, accountability, and trust. Without these, how can we truly do what is best for our students? Our community deserves honesty about the decisions being made and why they are being made. We have to stop allowing drama and decisions that take resources, opportunities, or focus away from our kids. Our energy should be spent building this district up, not tearing it down. Transparency builds trust, and accountability means being willing to look at our decisions and ask, "Are we making things better

for our students?" I promise to keep asking those questions, keep speaking up, and keep pushing for positive change. I won't stop fighting for a district our students deserve.

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

LIZ CUNNINGHAM

Did not respond in time for inclusion

LISA OAKS

Did not respond in time for inclusion

JENNIFER YOUNG

Did not respond in time for inclusion

HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

KYLE B. LLOYD

Did not respond in time for inclusion

DENISE PISTANA

QUESTION 1: I have served on the board for ten years and wish to continue working for our students, staff and community. I believe that strong schools equal strong communities. I am a good listener who appreciates feedback from all stakeholders. As we continue to make decisions for our district, we need to keep in mind what is in the best interest of the people we serve. I believe that I have the experience and passion to continue contributing. I have been a district resident for 34 years. I've been married to Jay for 35 years and mother to a Huron Valley graduate. I work in the community as a dental hygienist and have been a member of Commerce UM Church for 30 years. I am currently the board secretary and have served as V.P. and Treasurer. I chair the Teaching, Learning & Technology committee. I am Co-chair of the Huron Valley Educational Foundation and President of the Huron Valley Community Coalition. I am actively present and involved in the success of our community and school district.

QUESTION 2: Safety & Security : If we don't have these, then everything else we do will not matter. The improvements we have made investing in cameras, technology, securing buildings, staffing and support, as well as expanded mental health services have all been worthwhile investments. Curriculum & Collaboration: We have engaged our educators and staff and focused on consistency and reliable information when making decisions or changes. We have held forums and shared updates with our parents and community. Financial Stability: We have responsible oversight of our taxpayer dollars. We have completed major capital projects without increasing the millage rate. We have invested in athletic facilities and art resources for our students. By regularly reviewing our financial priorities and working within our budget, we have created opportunities for our students. We need to continue with our transparency and keep creating platforms for our students, staff and community to engage in with the board.

THOMAS WISEMAN

QUESTION 1: After ten years of serving on the school board the most important decision that I make is always "what is best for our students" I am asking for continued support because I believe in our community, I believe in our students and staff and I believe that they deserve leaders who continue to listen ,learn and put our students first. I have demonstrated that over the last ten years. I believe that quality schools equal a quality community. I have been a resident of HVS for 43 years Married to my wife Gail for 52 years. We have three children that graduated from HVS and presently have four grandchildren who attend schools within HVS . I have a Bachelor Degree from Western Michigan a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Oakland University and a Maters Degree in Accounting from Walsh College. I am also a CPA liscenced in the State of Michigan . I previously was a teacher, counselor and Assistant Superintendent of Schools during my 43 year career. I have relevant experience.

QUESTION 2: Safety and Security: continued investment with expanded security measures such as cameras, safe and secure entries , countinued professional development in safety protocols of staff . making certain that the mental health of our students also is addressed. Responsible Governance: continuing with careful oversight of district resources to ensure investments are responsible, transparent and focused on student needs. Intentional and strategic planning for the future :continuing our five year strategic plan that was adopted by the Board of Education and the development and adoption of an additional strategic plan once the current plan expires in 2028. Focusing on student needs. Continued growth and increase opportunities for our students: HVS believes in providing quality opportunities for all as we build for the future one student at a time. I believe that as a member of the board we need to work directly with staff and parents to provide state of the art , relevant curriculum.

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

PAUL J. CASSISE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

JEFF FABER

QUESTION 1: For 25 years, Jeff dedicated his career to Lake Orion Community Schools, serving as a teacher and in various leadership roles. Since 2004, he and his family have proudly called Orion Township home. His wife, Karyn, shares his commitment to education, working as a developmental kindergarten teacher at Carpenter Elementary. Jeff and Karyn are the proud parents of five children, four of whom are Lake Orion alumni: Aidan (2013), Olivia (2017), Amaya (2020), and Cameron (2023). Their youngest, Leighton, continues the family's Dragon legacy as a student at Waldon Middle School. Now enjoying (semi) retirement, Jeff is honored to give back to the community as a member of the Board of Education. His deep passion for public schools and unwavering

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dedication to students, staff, and families inspire his work to ensure Lake Orion's tradition of excellence continues to thrive. Jeff has served at a Trustee on the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education since December 2024

QUESTION 2: 1. I will continue to advocate for LOCS students and public schools to be the best that they can be! At the state and federal level there is currently too much emphasis on standardized testing, which doesn't paint the full picture of a student's experience or knowledge. 2. Public school finances remain a hot-button issue. Funding can be volatile depending on which elected officials are in office putting districts in the challenging position of having to reduce staff, eliminate programs, and/or close buildings. We need consistency and reliability in fundings so that districts can plan for such changes in advance. 3. Staff retention and recruitment is key. We want the best professionals teaching our students and making them feel supported and safe. Lake Orion is a great community to live and work, and we will continue to strive for the best!

HEATHER SINAWI

QUESTION 1: My family and I have lived in Lake Orion for ten years. I was a licensed foster parent before and during our time here in Lake Orion & have adopted my four girls. My experience as a foster & adoptive parent gives me a unique lens. I am a highly motivated problem solver. I am invigorated by looking at an issue from every angle and aiming towards solutions, rather than keeping things stagnant or unresolved. I am also an effective communicator. I believe in setting a good example for our community in the contentious culture we sometimes find ourselves in now a days. I believe public schools are crucial to the fabric and future of our youth and our communities.

QUESTION 2: Continuing to earn the trust of our community. Providing our special populations with the spaces & experiences they need to thrive. We are in need of funding for capital projects. Passing our current or future bond will help us continue to provide a safe and innovative school experience.

JAKE SINGER

QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong Lake Orion area resident and a 1990 graduate of LOHS. My wife and I raised our family here. Both of our daughters graduated from LOHS. I want to continue giving back to the community that has given so much to us. I earned a bachelor's degree in finance from MSU and a MBA from OU. I have worked 30+ years in cost analysis and business development in the auto industry. During my 8 years on the Board, I have also completed 20+ courses and hundreds of hours of professional development related to school board service. I am running for reelection to provide an excellent education for our students while being responsible with the resources entrusted to LOCS by the community. My education and professional experience allow me to bring a strong financial and analytical perspective to the Board. One of the most important responsibilities of a Board member is making sure taxpayer dollars are used effectively with the long-term needs of the district in mind.

QUESTION 2: 1. Responsible Budgeting. The November bond is critical to the district's long-term financial planning. If approved, it will allow LOCS to continue using state aid and general fund

dollars primarily for educating students while bond dollars fund major needs such as technology, buses, and facilities. I will continue to advocate for careful oversight of district spending, and clear communication with the community about how taxpayer dollars are being used. 2. Appropriate Facilities. The 2026 Bond addresses two critical facilities needs. A space specifically designed for the learning needs of PHASES students in the post-high school special ed program and spaces for high schoolers to get hands-on career focused learning in fields like medical technology, robotics and the skilled trades. 3. Declining enrollment. Despite all the new building in the area, enrollment is projected to decline due to smaller family sizes. The Board has to make sure facilities are used efficiently.

THE LAMPHERE SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

ROBERT T. BORNGESSER

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

EMILY SWAN

QUESTION 1: I am a product of public education having graduated from Kimball High School, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. I have training as a grades 6-12 educator and taught briefly before realizing that teaching was not my calling. I have been a resident of Madison Heights for 19 years and a parent for 14 years. My two children attend Lamphere Schools. As a parent and member of the school board, I have a vested interest in making sure that our district provides a quality education to its students. I understand the difficult and valuable job that district employees are doing and want to make sure they are supported. Personal qualities that I would bring to the position include my ability to think logically and not make snap decisions based on emotions, strong communication skills, and experience working with people of diverse backgrounds and ages. This is currently my third year on the school board. I am proud of the work we are currently doing and want to continue.

QUESTION 2: 1. Making sure our schools are a safe place to learn and work. We can do this by staying up to date on security protocols and providing training to students and staff, as well as providing mental health support to all. 2. Providing a quality education to our students. Test scores are only one measure of student success; we must provide support for students who are struggling as well as encouraging and challenging our students who are achieving above their goals. We need to continue supporting our teachers with up-to-date curriculum and professional education. 3. Maintaining aging buildings. We have done an audit of our buildings and know that we need to make significant updates in our infrastructure. We have had two bond proposals fail; I am hopeful that the proposal this fall is approved by voters. Everyone learns and works better when they are in a comfortable environment.

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2028

WAYNE L. MOORE, JR.

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

MARK L. KIMBLE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

GLORIA THOMPSON

Did not respond in time for inclusion

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

PAUL D. COOK

QUESTION 1: I am seeking another 6-year term on the Novi Board of Education where in this climate Leadership and experience matters: During my years serving on the Novi School Board, I have served as an "Board Officer" who was elected by my peers to various leadership roles including President, Vice President, Treasure and Secretary. My two sons are educated in the Novi Community School District. One is graduated and is in his second year of college; the other is a Senior at Novi High School. He is the starting running back on the football team, and the Wildcats' placekicker. My priorities are simple – but extremely focused: 1) Students 2) Teachers 3) Community. All students deserve the best education we can give them. Over the years, I have played an integral role in achieving this objective, and I want to continue to make it a reality. That's why I'm asking voters for another term on the board

QUESTION 2: My top priorities are (in no particular order) 1. Successfully executing our Long-term Master Plan. I played a critical role in guiding our Administrators to create and develop a Master Plan. Most school districts don't even have a Master Plan. It's another reason why Novi Schools perform significantly better than most anyone else. We now have a guiding framework for our future. 2. Being a trusted steward of OUR taxpayer dollars. Our stakeholders have been very generous to support multiple bond proposals over the years. We face difficult general budget and resource decisions in the short-term, and I have the experience and institutional knowledge to ensure that our STUDENTS face minimal academic obstacles during these fiscally demanding times. 3. I have led initiatives that effect ALL students. Not only for the highest performs in the district, but for those with dissabilities. Through, the implement of all abilities playgrounds, all children can participate with their peers.

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CASSIE LOPEZ-JENG

QUESTION 1: I'm Dr. Cassie Lopez-Jeng. I grew up in Novi, graduated from Novi schools, and now work as a public health professor. I'm proud to be raising my own children here. Now that they're just starting elementary school, I am personally invested in the future of education at Novi. As an educator, I work hard to meet my students where they are and to give them the skills they need to reach their goals. As a parent, school volunteer, and PTO Board member, I know for a fact that our teachers do the same thing every day. I pledge to ensure that all of our teachers and staff have the support and tools they need to truly educate our kids. I'm committed to bringing my professional expertise as a public health professor to the school board, through community engagement, a prevention mindset, data-driven decision making, clear communication, population- and systems-level approaches, and closing gaps to support every single individual's success. Learn more at drcassiefornovi.com.

QUESTION 2: 1. Real World Preparation: Our curriculum needs to adapt so that our kids are equipped to succeed in the future that faces them. One of my priorities is rigorous academics built on strategies proven by research and backed by experts, paired with more focus on critical thinking, adaptability, and soft skills necessary for college, career, and adulthood. 2. Digital Safety Matters: We need to take a safety first approach to technology and digital citizenship. One of my priorities is more mindful technology limits and precautions, paired with age-appropriate digital literacy, to ensure our students learn to safely navigate and master a digital world. 3. Comprehensive Well-Being: Our community is strongest when our students, teachers, and families are supported in all dimensions of health and wellness. One of my priorities is supporting a culture of care and compassion, with integrated support for everyone and more responsive systems and structures to address the holistic well-being of all.

KATHERYN MAGUIRE

QUESTION 1: I am a long-time resident of Novi and proud parent of a 2026 Novi graduate. Our family moved to Novi in 2008 because we wanted Katelyn to have a top-tier educational experience in a diverse environment. I'm running for Novi School Board to ensure that all students continue to have a well-rounded, top-tier educational experience. I'm also running to advocate for student wellness as a key part of student success. I have extensive leadership experience in the district, having served as president of the Novi Educational Foundation and founding member of the Novi Theatre Boosters parent organization. Professionally, I am a professor at Wayne State University, where I teach students the art and science of communication. As a teacher myself, I'm running to support the educators who foster student success in every Novi classroom. I was also a department chair and because of that administrative experience, I'm running for school board to champion transparency and fiscal responsibility.

QUESTION 2: 1. Given that federal and state funding is not keeping up with district financial needs, one issue facing the district is the lack of resources for the district to fulfill its mission. If elected, I would scrutinize every expense that fails to connect directly to student success or inhibits an educator's ability to support all students (including those with special

needs). 2. The lack of resources has implications for our ability to recruit and retain educators which is another issue in the district. Since great teachers make great students, I would invest in our educators and rely on their expertise instead of buying expensive, pre-packaged curricula. 3. A final issue is the harm students face with social media in an AI-dominated world. Students are caught between the need to be AI- and media literate and the negative consequences of too much screen-time and online bullying. I would support policies that increase student accountability and emphasize appropriate use of technology.

DANIELLE R. RUSKIN

QUESTION 1: As a resident of Novi for over 20 years and the parent of three Novi High School graduates, I am honored to seek re-election to the Board of Education. My experience as a small business owner and team leader has prepared me to continue serving our district with a focus on collaborative leadership and fiscal integrity. My commitment to our schools is centered on three core pillars: Proven Collaborative Leadership: I have a consistent track record of working constructively with board members, administrators, and the community to achieve positive outcomes. Student and Staff Advocacy: I prioritize student success and well-being while ensuring our teachers and staff have the support they need to excel. Fiduciary Responsibility: I remain dedicated to transparent, ethical financial oversight to ensure district funds effectively benefit our students and taxpayers. I look forward continuing to serve our community by supporting a safe and exceptional education for all students.

QUESTION 2: I recognize that you have a significant choice to make in this election, and I appreciate your engagement in the future of our school district. My commitment to our community is built upon three strategic priorities designed to ensure educational excellence: Future-Ready Innovation: I will work alongside the administrative team to support strategic planning that integrates emerging technologies, expand STEAM initiatives, and enhance career and college readiness programs to prepare students for a rapidly changing workforce. Teacher Retention: I plan to continue to prioritize competitive compensation structures alongside robust professional development to ensure our educators have the tools and support they need to succeed. Fiscal Responsibility & Safety: I will continue to work to ensure funds directly support student outcomes with modernizing infrastructure and safety protocols across all schools while maintaining a responsible fund balance to ensure a strong future.

incredible passion of those committed to its success. I also recognized that strong schools are built on strong relationships. As a licensed mental health professional, I understand that trust and psychological safety are essential to thrive. I want to continue serving as a trustee because I bring the perspective of both a parent and a mental health professional. I am committed to thoughtful leadership, collaboration, and expanding access to mental health resources for students, families, educators, and staff. I believe lasting success begins with healthy people, and I would be honored to continue contributing to that work.

QUESTION 2: In my opinion, the three greatest challenges impacting our school district are limited resources, educator well-being and organizational trust. Access to adequate resources is extremely important. Our schools are expected to provide the appropriate tools and support to create effective learning environments. Locating community resources that take the pressure off of our general fund and provide revenue for the district is imperative. This can be done through applying for grants and creating community partnerships. Additionally, educator well-being cannot be overlooked. Teaching is an emotionally demanding profession, and chronic stress and burnout are common. Supporting staff with wellness initiatives and creating a healthy workplace culture helps educators remain engaged and able to provide the high-quality education students deserve. Finally, working to heal the mistrust that has developed within the district is imperative. Transparency and facilitating open dialog are key.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

MELONIE T. BARNES

Did not respond in time for inclusion

DESHAWN JACKSON

QUESTION 1: My name is Deshawn Jackson. I am proud to say that I was a public school teacher for 20 + years. I have a Bachelors Degree in Music Education and a Masters Degree in Education Administration. I served as a music teacher for several years before I was switched to 3rd grade (in which I became the lead 3rd grade teacher), until my departure. I also served as a technology coach in which I was able to train other teachers on best practices in technology within the classroom. I am running for school board to be an advocate for children, teachers, and parents. It goes without saying that a school board leader should advocate for children. Being an advocate for teachers is another one of my goals. I know and understand their plight and how they are the frontlines when it comes to educating our students. Finally, I want to be an advocate for parents. I believe we can assist them by offering parent workshops and informational meetings to ease possible intimidation with teachers and admin.

QUESTION 2: We have a few issues we are facing. One of them is student enrollment. This is something that many Michigan schools are struggling with.

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However, we must find our way to break through that barrier. Through research, I've learned that many children within our district are attending the neighboring schools. We must present a come back/ stay home campaign in the upcoming school years. We must highlight the wonderful things our district has to offer and we must improve student achievement which is one of the inequities. We also have a budget issue that must be nurtured back to health. When districts are in this situation, hard decisions must be made. I will assist in making decisions concerning the budget that will cause non to minimal deficits within the classroom until the budget is healthy again. These issues have occured in the past in many districts and can be fixed. I believe with the right strategy we can get it done.

ERIC LOVE, SR.
Did not respond in time for inclusion

HEATHER PERRYMAN-TANKS
QUESTION 1: Heather Perryman Tanks is my name. I've been a resident of Oak park for 48 years now. Both parents are and were educators. The school system is for our children to learn and to grow into young adults. What I've learned is that people are in the system for different reasons. My heart is here for the children and community only. There is no alternative for me. It's imperative that we protect that. I will always speak up for right. Never wrong.
QUESTION 2: Enrollment- I will insured we will find all measures to improve it every year. Culture- to insure that our moral stays at the highest standard. Respect is always key Test scores- it's important to throughly evaluate and research the ways to bring our scores above standards.

ANDREA ROGERS
Did not respond in time for inclusion

DENISE SIMMONS
QUESTION 1: I am running for School Board because I believe every child deserves access to a high-quality education, a safe and supportive learning environment, and the opportunity to reach their full potential. I am committed to serving our students, families, educators, and community with integrity, accountability, and a strong sense of responsibility. Throughout my personal and professional life, I have developed a deep appreciation for the importance of education and the role it plays in strengthening individuals, families, and our entire community. My experiences have taught me the value of listening, working collaboratively, solving problems, and treating people with respect—even when there are differing opinions. I am seeking a position on the School Board because I want to contribute to the continued success of our schools and help ensure that decisions are made with students' best interests at the center. My focus is special needs.
QUESTION 2: If elected to the Oak Park Board of Education, my three highest priorities would be improving academic achievement and student outcomes, strengthening special education and support for every student, and ensuring fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability. I believe these priorities are interconnected. Students cannot succeed academically if they do not have the

appropriate support, and schools cannot provide those supports effectively without responsible planning and stewardship of public resources.

OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

ANN ACHESON
QUESTION 1: I am a parent, attorney, community volunteer, and current Oxford Community Schools Board trustee. As a judicial staff attorney, I bring strong analytical skills, sound judgment, and experience navigating complex issues and difficult conversations. I am running for re-election because I fiercely believe in public education and our responsibility to put students first. My Board service has focused on effective governance, student achievement, fiscal stewardship, safety, transparency, and rebuilding trust. Oxford has invested in my development through MASB trainings and conferences, and I am committed to putting that knowledge to work for our district. I bring steady, collaborative leadership grounded in listening, accountability, respectful dialogue, and consensus-building. Important work remains, and I am not finished serving. I would be honored to continue putting my experience, training, and passion to work for Oxford's students - - putting students first, every decision, every day.
QUESTION 2: Oxford Community Schools' top three priorities are addressing our serious capital and facility needs without bond or sinking-fund resources, continued implementation of the Strategic Plan, and continuing the healing necessary to strengthen student achievement. 1. We need decisive, responsible leadership to protect classroom resources while addressing aging facilities, safety, security, technology, and other long-term needs. 2. We must continue to strengthen and translate the Strategic Plan into measurable progress and hold ourselves accountable for results. 3. Most importantly, improved academic achievement must remain central to our efforts for continued healing by ensuring every student feels safe, supported, connected, and heard.

RANDALL P. KREGER
QUESTION 1: I am a retired educator with over 30 years of experience as a teacher, building administrator and coach in both public and parochial school settings in Saginaw County. In addition, I have had the opportunity to serve as an adjunct faculty member as Saginaw Valley State University for the College of Education and Department of English. Working with and learning from students to understand them as individuals in an effort to help them gain self confidence and become successful in their personal educational journey has been my vocation and passion. It is with this same zeal that intend to serve the students of Oxford, giving them the best opportunity to gain personal and long term success through a quality education.
QUESTION 2: In short, our district's primary concerns are funding, school security and a strong educational base for all of our students. Students are the main focus for the school district and the concerns I have listed are in the early stages of being addressed.

Oxford Community Schools in partnership with community residents, local leaders, businesses and students has developed a strategic plan to meet these needs. This plan has defined goals supported by sound educational practices and able to be assessed with clear metrics. It is my intent to work closely with all of our stakeholders to meet the goals that have been developed. We are still a community in the process of healing and I feel the plan that has been put in place will help us in the process. The board of education needs to clearly communicate these needs and results to build new trust within the community so we may give our students the best opportunities to create a successful future for themselves.

CHRIS NEWBY
Did not respond in time for inclusion

TONYA POTTS
QUESTION 1: I am a parent of two students in the district and the spouse of a district employee which has inherently kept me directly connected to our school community over the last decade. Our district benefits from board members who are invested in the well-being and success of our students. I know I can bring that commitment consistently. I can commit the time, energy, and thoughtfulness that this role requires and I would find the work meaningful and purposeful. I have been a Doctor of Physical Therapy for 20 years. That role has required me to be analytical and goal-oriented, while also being an educator, a listener, and an encourager. Most importantly, it has taught me to remain focused on the person in front of me—even when resources are limited or there are competing priorities. Within my career, I value clearly defined roles, goals, policies, and procedures and enjoy developing/improving those systems. I have Board experience happily serving with the NOCC for over a year.
QUESTION 2: 1. Our district is desperate for homeostasis and continuity. We have faced some very big and very important matters to tackle and the key players keep changing. An environment where people feel supported to do their best work and want to stay is vital. Using our strategic plan as a compass for our values, the district and community can work collectively for success toward our common goals, creating more focused direction, pride and ownership. 2. Community access to information. I would work toward providing easier and more complete access to data in effort to answer calls for transparency. It would also be worth investigating what can be made more visible that currently takes extra time, effort and energy to access. 3. Community involvement. A strong cohesive community builds strong schools. I would invite everyone, particularly critical voices, to actively participate in the betterment of our schools. There is a role suitable for everyone, I'd hope to facilitate that.

RON RENAUD
QUESTION 1: I am an Electrification, Charging, and Energy Storage Technical Lead Engineer, helping develop and bring electric vehicles to production. My automotive career began as a Chrysler technician before I founded and operated my own repair business. I later worked in advanced vehicle development, including prototype builds and production support

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for the 2005-2006 Ford GT. I hold a patent in autonomous vehicle technology, with three patents pending. I also earned two associate degrees from Oakland Community College, graduating summa cum laude. I am running because our community deserves leadership that listens, values every voice, and makes decisions with transparency and accountability. Parents, students, educators, and residents should have meaningful input before decisions are made. My goal is to ensure respectful dialogue, open communication, and proper governance while giving Oxford families a stronger voice in shaping the future of our schools.

QUESTION 2: Financial Accountability — Our district's financial decisions must be transparent, responsible, and clearly communicated to the public. Taxpayer dollars should be managed with care, clarity, and oversight. • Leadership & Administrative Accountability — Past decisions made by district leadership must be evaluated honestly. We need accountability for outcomes, performance, and the long-term impact of administrative choices. • Educational Performance Accountability — Student achievement and educational outcomes must be measured, understood, and improved. Our district must be accountable for delivering strong, effective education that prepares students for success.

MATTHEW RIDDLE

QUESTION 1: I am a husband, parent of two Oxford graduates, Operations Manager, and Oxford community member. My strengths include understanding and analyzing data, bringing logic and reason to any topic, being an active and compassionate listener, and maintaining kindness and level-headedness. I moved to Oxford as a teenager and moved back with my wife when we got married. I am OHS class of '95 and she is class of '94. Our first date was her senior prom right here in Oxford! My oldest graduated from Oxford in '22, MSU in '25, and Columbia University in '26. My youngest graduated from Oxford in '23 and is a senior at Alma College. Oxford schools directly helped them achieve their goals and I believe every student deserves that opportunity. I say all that to show that I love Oxford and I am running because I believe our students need someone truly looking out for them. I will work to put students first, listen to students, parents, and our community, and lead with transparency and accountability.

QUESTION 2: The primary focus should always be academic achievement. We need a strategic plan to return Oxford to being a top district. We must hold parents accountable for student attendance and guide students to use technology as an aid, not a crutch by exploring a return to low-tech methods for foundational subjects like reading, writing, and math while still allowing students to use technology to enrich their learning, not replace it. We must address the district's financial needs. No one likes taxes, and I support eliminating waste and increasing accountability, but Oxford must be properly funded to meet student needs and manage safety, infrastructure, and technology. Oxford deserves a school board that works with the district while still holding it accountable. Our community was greatly impacted by the tragedy. We must continue healing while encouraging students to excel using a trauma informed approach that shows they are heard and cared for, while maintaining clear academic expectations.

NATHAN VANDECAR

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MICHAEL WHITNEY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2028

MARCUS BOWMAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MAURICE MAHONE

Did not respond in time for inclusion

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

TROY FITZGERALD CRAFT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

GILL GARRETT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

MAICOL RIVERA TORRES

QUESTION 1: I am Maicol Rivera Torres, a Pontiac community advocate, entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and longtime supporter of youth. I am running for the Pontiac School Board because I believe every student deserves a safe, welcoming school where they can learn, grow, and reach their full potential. As a former special education student, I understand personally how important it is for students to receive the support, respect, resources, and opportunities they need. My experience includes operating a local technology business, leading a nonprofit, developing youth employment and internship opportunities, working with families and community organizations, and managing budgets, technology, programs, and partnerships. I will bring a business-minded approach, independent thinking, accountability, transparency, and a willingness to ask difficult questions. Most importantly, I will listen to students, parents, educators, staff, and residents and work collaboratively to rebuild trust and improve outcome

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are student achievement and attendance, safe and supportive schools, and accountability and community trust. First, we must improve academic outcomes and attendance. I will push for measurable goals, early intervention for struggling students, stronger special education services, tutoring and career/technology opportunities, and partnerships that help remove barriers keeping students from school. Second, students and staff deserve safe, respectful learning environments. I will support effective anti-bullying measures, mental-health and behavioral supports, appropriate staffing, and consistent safety procedures while making sure students and families are heard. Third, we must rebuild public trust through transparency and responsible stewardship. I

will closely review spending, contracts and performance data; ask questions before voting; strengthen public reporting; and expand meaningful parent, student, staff and community participation. The Board must measure

MARCUS TERRY

Did not respond in time for inclusion

LARA MARIE TOWNSLEY

QUESTION 1: I am a Pontiac School District parent, entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and community advocate who is deeply invested in the future of our children and our district. I am running for School Board because I believe Pontiac students deserve representation that prioritizes their academic success, social development and emotional well being. I bring experience in leadership, organizational management, community engagement, advocacy, partnership development, and navigating complex challenges. As a mother in the district, I understand firsthand the importance of accessible communication and meaningful parent involvement. I am committed to improving academic outcomes, advocating for student-centered decisions that consider the whole child, and empowering parents to better advocate for and support their children. I adovate like a mom. I fight like a mom. And if I am elected, I will govern like a mom-- putting our students first and always.

QUESTION 2: The three priority issues I would address are academic achievement, student well-being, and parent engagement. 1. Improve academic outcomes:I would begin with an honest analysis of district testing and performance data, evaluate curriculum and student supports, and establish measurable goals for improvement. I would also advocate for stronger special education supports and accountability for delivering services outlined in IEPs and 504 plans. 2. Advocate for student-centered decisions: Every major decision should answer, “How will this impact our students?” I would ensure academic success, social development, emotional well-being, and stability are considered. I will ensure budgets and expendiatures are in alignment with student prioritization and success. 3. Empower parents: I would improve access to timely information, strengthen district communication, and establish regular parent listening sessions so families can participate meaningfully in decisions affecting their children.

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 1: Term Ending 12/31/2028

LAURIN GRACEY-PARKER

QUESTION 1: I grew up in Rochester, and after spending time in other communities for work, my husband and I returned to the place I've always called home. I earned degrees in English and Political Science from the University of Michigan and worked as an IT business analyst at DTE, helping business and technical teams solve problems and navigate complex decisions. I serve as board secretary of my

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HOA, volunteer with the PTA, previously coached basketball through RARA, and participated on the RCS Facilities Planning Commission. As the mother of a Rochester Adams graduate now studying STEM in college and a child in elementary school, I have seen RCS from different points in the educational journey. I'm running because I want every student to have the opportunities my children have had, and I would bring careful listening, clear communication, sound judgment, financial responsibility and a collaborative approach to the board.

QUESTION 2: RCS is a strong district, and the challenge is to build on that strength while adapting to changing needs. Three top priorities are expanding academic opportunities, responsible financial and facilities planning, and supporting excellent teachers and staff. I would use achievement data and family input to strengthen instruction and access to special education, advanced learning, and college and career pathways. I would approach enrollment changes, limited resources, and aging facilities with careful budgeting and long-term planning that considers students, neighborhoods, and taxpayers. I would listen to employees and support competitive compensation, professional development, and policies that help them stay focused on students. Across each area, I would seek diverse perspectives, make thoughtful decisions, and communicate clearly with the community.

DEANNA HARLESS

QUESTION 1: I am a proud parent of two Rochester Community School students, a former teacher, and a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® with a strong commitment to our students and community. As a parent and active community member, I experience firsthand the importance of a school system that supports students academically, socially, and emotionally. My professional background in education and financial planning provides a unique perspective. As a former teacher, I understand the realities of the classroom and the need to support educators in meaningful, practical ways. As a financial planner, I bring experience in budgeting, long-term planning, and responsible financial oversight, ensuring that decisions are made with both accountability and sustainability in mind. I am an active volunteer in our schools and community. These experiences have reinforced my belief that strong schools are built through collaboration, trust, and open communication between families, educators, and leadership.

QUESTION 2: RCS is an amazing school district with a strong community behind it. However, if we want to both keep our school district strong as well as prepare it for the future, we must appropriately focus our attention. The top issue for me is academic excellence. In recent years, our test scores have trended downward, even as GPAs have trended upward. We cannot continue this trajectory if we want to prepare our students for real world success. As a board member, I would ask the administration to look at how we can reverse this trend. Second, our district must have proper financial priorities. Every day, I help families set financial goals and figure out how to achieve those. This is something the board needs to do as they set the direction for the district. Third is transparency. In recent years, the district has fractured trust with the community through concealing information that should be public, silencing minority voices, and more. I would be a voice for all families in the community.

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

MICHAEL FRINK

QUESTION 1: As a graduate of Rochester Community Schools who still has family members attending the district, I am dedicated to help the district be the best it can be. I have almost 10 years of School Board experience in a neighboring Oakland County district. Having recently returned to the Rochester Community, I believe my experience will benefit this district. I have helped lead a district through devastating financial issues, the Covid-19 years and a comprehensive bond initiative. I have served in all officer positions on a School Board, including the last 3 as President. I understand the roles and responsibilities of a School Board as well as the limitations. I have worked with multiple superintendents and know the importance of effective oversight and clear direction. As a returning Rochester resident, I believe my unique perspective will benefit all.

QUESTION 2: Improving internal Board cohesion and cooperation leading to thoughtful, concise and clear decisions built on consensus. Full financial transparency for our community to fully understand how their tax dollars are truly spent. Full review of policies and procedures to ensure full compliance and to address the many issues brought up by the communittee.

LAWRENCE D. HALUSHKA

QUESTION 1: I have spent over 12 years in college studying engineering, psychology and divinity while raising 5 children, coaching 2 sports for over 30 years at all levels including High School Division 1 & 2, counseling hundreds and helping to improve companies through strategic development. I am generally the fixer who assesses problems, identifies core issues, listens and then creates a clear plan to resolution. I have done it with individuals, businesses and competitive organizations where true team building was central and strong opposition was expected.

QUESTION 2: The school district has rather infamously lost trust locally, regionally and beyond. It has developed a reputation for steadily declining in its ability to execute the base mission of childhood education. The apparent operating system of the board majority for the last years has become to centralize power in an individual of the board, namely the president, and then make itself unaccountable to anyone. Major decisions have been and continue to be made that all move in the same direction - towards secrecy and against properly established norms of transparency. Boards of Education throughout the United States have operated well under the same organizational guiding principles for many decades. I intend to return us to this structure. We will conduct ourselves pursuant to federal and state constitutions, legislation such as The Revised School Code & The Open Meetings Act, with Robert's Rules and Board Policies as standards of conduct.

LISA HALUSHKA

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Rochester Community Schools, and my five children are all graduates of Rochester Community Schools. Over the last several years I have noticed a downward trend in test scores, academic rigor and performance, transparency from administration and the board and school board accountability. I have the experience, skills and passion to help reverse that trend and make Rochester Community Schools the most educationally excellent school district in the state and country. I am an attorney whose practice has focused on child welfare law. I was a law professor and dean of a local law school. I am a former school board president and school superintendent of a public school academy. I have been part of the greater Rochester Community and Rochester Community Schools since 1971. I understand the importance of open and respectful discourse, and an honest and open relationship between educators, students and parents.

QUESTION 2: The top three issues facing our school district are a lack of transparency from the board, and downward trends in academic achievement and enrollment. I've observed the board censure one of its members for sharing already public information about a millage with voters. I've watched the board change their rules so that the board president can restrict other trustees from sharing their ideas or asking questions. I've seen the board engage in closed session decision making without reports back to the public. I will change the rules so that each trustee may express their views. When parents make public comments, they will get responses. I will ensure that strategic planning focuses on academic achievement with measurable goals that will improve academic outcomes. And when trust is reestablished between parents and the board and academic outcomes trend up, RCS will be the most attractive educational option for parents of our school aged children to select, improving enrollment.

SHERRY WYNN PERDUE

QUESTION 1: I am a parent, OU faculty member and administrator, longtime Advanced Placement consultant, researcher, nonprofit leader, and current Rochester Community Schools trustee. For more than 30 years, I have worked at the intersection of K-12 and higher education, building bridges between schools and communities, research and practice, and people with different perspectives. I am running to continue serving RCS because strong schools depend on thoughtful, transparent governance that keeps students at the center. I bring experience in educational leadership, curriculum and assessment, strategic planning, collaboration, and evidence-informed decision-making. As a trustee, I listen carefully, ask questions, respect professional expertise, and work to build consensus. I am committed to responsible stewardship and to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and excel.

QUESTION 2: RCS is a strong district, but we cannot become complacent. To maintain excellence, we must: 1) Help all students reach their potential. Families choose RCS for its academic rigor—and for programs and supports, from comprehensive special education to AP coursework, that help students succeed. We must use outcomes, community input, and expertise to ensure learners are supported and challenged. 2)

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Invest in the people who make excellence possible. We must recruit, reward, and retain outstanding teachers, administrators, and staff; maintain class sizes that allow educators to know, challenge, and support students; and balance our commitments with responsible fiscal stewardship. 3) Strengthen communication and public trust. The Board must model clear, respectful communication and help the community understand how and why decisions about leadership, staffing, programs, and resources are made. I support transparent explanations, two-way engagement, and long-range stewardship.

JAMIE RAWCLIFFE

QUESTION 1: I am a parent of a current student in the district and a recent graduate. I have spent the past 14 years volunteering in the schools with PTA, serving in many capacities. Most recently, I spent 6 years serving on the Rochester Community PTA Council, which oversees all 20 school PTAs in our district. Through that work I have learned a lot about our district and the individual schools. I have also formed relationships with parents in all the schools, as well as principals, administrators, teachers, secretaries, etc. These relationships and this knowledge of our district will be invaluable to me in serving on the school board as we work to continue to keep students at the center of all we do in Rochester.

QUESTION 2: The biggest priority is continuing to meet the needs of all learners, especially in a changing educational landscape. From our most advanced learners to our special education students, and everyone in between, we need to continue to evaluate how students learn best and work to meet those needs as best we can, whether that's virtual learning, alternative schedules, hybrid schedules, increasing CTE opportunities as well as dual-enrollment. As technology increases and becomes more prevalent, as well as the use of AI, ensuring we determine the most appropriate uses of technology in our classrooms and with our students. Finding the right balance between using technology to benefit our students, while not losing the core focus on teaching and student interaction in the classroom. Financial sustainability is also an important issue. Ensuring we can continue to offer a wide variety of programs and opportunities to students while also ensuring we can recruit and retain top teachers.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

DEBORAH ANDERSON

QUESTION 1: As a veteran school board member, I bring valuable experience and institutional knowledge to the district, while always continuing to have an open mind to new ideas and opportunities for positive change. I have lived in Royal Oak since 1980, and my two daughters received an excellent education in our district. I hope I'm able to keep working toward ensuring every student in Royal Oak can expect to receive that same high quality of education. I'm actively involved in several community organizations, including the Royal Oak Schools Foundation and the Historical Society, and I believe that the schools and the community are intertwined in creating a positive place in which to live and learn. I am running for the board again because I feel I still have a lot to offer our

district and our community, and I'm excited about the possibilities of the upcoming bond vote, which would bring much-needed improvements and enhancements to our schools.

QUESTION 2: The top priority is always making sure our students are receiving a high-quality education. I have been on the district's curriculum committee for many years and have been able to ask those leaders questions about parental and board concerns as well as keeping up to date with new developments. Continuing to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars is crucial to the district's long-term success. Each month, the board attends the finance and facilities meetings in which we discuss upcoming financial decisions as well as matters relating to the condition of our buildings. All of our meetings are open to the public, and we encourage participation so that more members of our community become knowledgeable about these vital matters. Student and staff health and well-being remain a top priority. During this past year, we've partnered with Care Solace, which helps families and staff to find the mental health and substance use treatment that would work best for them.

MICHELLE COOK

QUESTION 1: I am running for re-election to the Royal Oak Schools' Board of Education to serve the community I've called home for the past 26 years. My experience as a teacher and as a parent of a child in the district lends useful perspectives to the makeup of the board and helps inform my decision making. In addition, my years of serving as union president of my teachers' union (HFT Local #1052) gives me insight into labor issues. I currently serve as Treasurer and am on the Curriculum, Arts & Preservation, Policy, and Student Representatives committees. I take my responsibility seriously to ensure that our students have an excellent education that prepares them for a bright future. We have taken many steps as a district to accomplish this goal. As a trustee, I've been honored to be a part of this work for the last four years. I am hopeful that the voters will put their trust in me to continue to serve the Royal Oak Schools' community for another term.

QUESTION 2: 1. In order to meet the diverse needs of our students, we must continue to evaluate our curriculum and the services we have in place to support our students. I will continue to support district initiatives to update materials and practices in crucial areas such as math, literacy and technology. 2. All students should have a supportive and inspiring environment to learn in. Passing the bond will enable us to further expand our early childhood center, provide spaces throughout our schools to better support special needs, improve our athletic fields, and make our schools more functional and welcoming overall. 3. Our wonderful staff are crucial to the success of our students. I will continue to advocate for offering competitive wages and a workplace where employees feel they are appreciated and their input into decisions affecting their jobs is valued so that we can recruit and retain top notch staff.

MELISSA DODORO

QUESTION 1: • Royal Oak resident 18 years
• Mom of four children under 10 years old
• Graduate, College for Creative Studies
• Small business owner
• PTA President at Oakland Elementary

• Member of the RO Park & Recreation Advisory Board
I love our schools and our community, and I'm deeply invested in the success of all students. I'm a big believer in service and feel that the active role I've played in our schools along with the personal experience and expertise I bring, will help us build toward an even stronger school district for our children. Education is about more than just curriculum. It's about the community we create within and around our schools. I will be a listening ear and a voice for all our school families and the community as a whole. I am passionate about bringing people together around a common goal and I will work every day to build on Royal Oak Schools successes while finding solutions to challenges we face. This is not just for my kids, but for success for generations to come.

QUESTION 2: Literacy: We can and must teach every child to read at or above grade level via increased investment in teacher development and extra support to meet student needs. This must be a budget and policy priority as our kids' success depends on it. Equity: Every student deserves the resources and support they need to thrive. That looks different for different students and different schools. We must constantly evaluate our policies to be sure they are equitable for all. As policies change, families need to be involved and we need to be communicating with them early and often Communication: Strong lines of communication between school leaders and parents needs to be a constant priority. Fostering meaningful engagement, ensuring parents know exactly who to go to for a given issue, and providing more opportunities for public interaction with the board and superintendent will better serve our community, and most importantly, our students.

LIZ DUPEE

QUESTION 1: I am a Royal Oak parent of two, gardener, and community advocate running for the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education. As a mother of two children who have attended all levels of school in the district, I understand deeply how school board decisions affect families. Professionally, I've spent my career fighting for laws that have kept people in their homes, made it possible for people to vote, and increased workers rights. I've also served on government and nonprofit boards for the last 9 years, learning to work in collaboration with community and leaders alike. These experiences have strengthened my ability to analyze complex issues, ask critical questions, and make thoughtful and courageous decisions grounded in the real needs of the communities I've served. I am running because I want to bring that energy to the school board. I would be a collaborative and prepared board member who is focused on keeping students at the center of decision-making.

QUESTION 2: 1. Education. Our schools prepare students for both the world they live in now, and the one they will walk into after graduation. Together, we have the responsibility to prepare students to thrive across differences. We can reinforce the boundaries and hierarchies of the past, or we can leverage our excellent education to prepare students to thrive no matter where the world takes them. 2. Community. I would push for more transparency about how decisions are made, opportunities for families and educators to weigh in earlier, and clear explanations of board decisions. Good leadership requires the courage

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to listen, even to difficult feedback, and to adjust when and if we've gone wrong. 3. Money. Pandemic relief funding has ended just as costs to continue to rise. I would push for disciplined prioritization: Compensation to attract and retain our excellent staff and teachers, safe and welcoming facilities, and robust resources for students who need additional support.

BELEM MORALES

QUESTION 1: My name is Belem Morales, and I am an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal law and divorce litigation. As a Mexican American who grew up in an immigrant family, I learned firsthand that education is the ultimate equalizer and the foundation for long-term success. My spouse and I are proud to raise our two boys, ages 9 and 6, who attend our local schools. I am deeply committed to our district's educational community, I am a former member of the Royal Oak School Foundation, where I collaborated with local leaders and educators to unlock and enhance opportunities for our students. I am running because I believe our school system must challenge every child academically while providing an equitable framework of support that leaves no student behind. With the community considering the \$165 million facilities bond, our district is at a critical turning point. If elected, my priority will be ensuring this investment has a sharp focus on modernizing STEAM programs.

QUESTION 2: 1. Strict Fiscal Oversight and Strategic Focus for the \$165 Million Bond. 2. Expanding Equitable Academic Support and Closing the Achievement Gap 3. Rebuilding Administrative Transparency, Collaboration, and Teacher Morale. As a litigation attorney, my entire career is built on dispute resolution, open communication, and bringing opposing sides together to build a consensus. On the board, I will work to restore a human-centered approach to district governance. I will push for transparent policy-making processes, actively listen to our frontline educators without fear of retaliation, and establish regular, open communication forums between parents, teachers, and administration to build a unified roadmap for our children's future.

TRINA TOCCO

QUESTION 1: I'm Trina and I've been living in Royal Oak for over 10 years with my two children that both attend Royal Oak Schools. I am from Michigan though have also lived in several other places before settling back in MI. I have degrees in Nonprofit Administration and Supply Chain Management. My resume is filled with various advocacy and organizing jobs - the one I'm most proud of is that I spent 5 years as the Michigan Education Justice Coalition Director. I'm running for the Royal Oak School Board because I have experience with education policy and funding. I also want to provide my time and talents to encourage the policies and practices of Royal Oak to be more inclusive so that kids like mine see themselves reflected far more in what they are learning and the adults around them in the schools. Finally I also think that more can be done to engage and connect with families and the community so that we can widen the circle of who is part of decision making.

QUESTION 2: 1. Ensure a safe and welcoming environment for students, families and staff. 2. Close the achievement gap (aka academic performance) between white students and Black students. 3. Lack of transportation options such as bussing. There

needs to be intentional practices put into place such as screening curriculum to ensure inclusion. We also need to be more intentional about inviting family members into schools during the school day so that families feel more connected to what is going on in the buildings. I think the school board can be a vehicle to support policies that encourage deeper commitment to a welcoming school environment. Transportation has long been an issue and it will require some hard choices related to the budget. I would propose doing a participatory budgeting process so that more families can weigh how to balance funding in the district. Finally while we are on the path to district bussing, I'd like to see more work done to support carpools via an app.

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

MICHELE LAKE

QUESTION 1: I'm a South Lyon Community Schools parent and current Board of Education trustee. I was appointed to the Board in 2025 and am running for a full six-year term to continue serving our students, families and community. Professionally, I spent more than a decade in advertising and communications, including serving as an Account Director at Doner. My career taught me how to manage complex projects, balance competing priorities, communicate with diverse stakeholders, and make thoughtful decisions based on facts and data. I also serve as Secretary of the South Lyon Area Democrats and am a member of Leadership Oakland, experiences that have strengthened my commitment to civic engagement and community service. I'm running because I believe strong public schools are foundational to a strong community. I bring experience, curiosity, strong communication skills and a willingness to ask difficult questions while working collaboratively.

QUESTION 2: 1. Student success, inclusion and equity: Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed and to feel safe, welcomed and valued at school. I support strong academics while addressing attendance, student well-being and educator needs. I would use data and listen to families and staff to identify disparities and ensure students are treated equitably and have access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. 2. Safe, high-quality schools: Students and staff deserve safe, healthy learning environments. We need to provide strong oversight of the bond program, promote transparent communication about spending and timelines, and ensure concerns are addressed using reliable, independent evaluation and mitigation related to the proposed Project Flex data center near our schools. 3. Financial sustainability: I support transparent, data-driven budgeting, and carefully evaluate the long-term impact of major decisions.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

JENAE' S. ANDERSON

QUESTION 1: I am a wife, mother of two children, who are enrolled in the district. I am an attorney with 16 years' experience in Family Law litigation and 2 years' experience in Administrative Law. I am running to retain my seat on the Southfield Public Schools Board of Education to continue my passion to advocate for children through setting policy. I am an avid reader of policy, procedures, and protocols, which are all necessary for governance. I have the unique skill set to read policies and interpret them as they are written and then interpret the policies as applied. I have mediation training that gives me the ability to work with my colleagues, teachers, students, and the public to make clear and concise policies to govern the district. I have the ability to convey information in a clear and concise manner to ensure ideas and policies are communicated efficiently and effectively.

QUESTION 2: Enrollment: I would propose a more aggressive marketing campaign to inform the public of our academic ranking status and programs. Marketing: Southfield Public Schools offers many programs for students. Expanding the marketing campaign highlights the achievements of the district and thereby attracts potential third-party vendors as well as students to enroll in the district. Accountability: I would ensure that all policies, procedures, and expectations are communicated to staff, stakeholders, and families timely. I would also ensure that all staff, stakeholders and families are able to meet expectations as outlined. I will be a proponent of measuring accountability by outcomes, such as annual test scores and scholarship awards.

AYO JOHNSON

QUESTION 1: Hello my name is Ayo Johnson. I was born in Decatur, Alabama. I moved to Detroit, Michigan at just 3 months old and was raised in the city. As an adult, I made Southfield home and have proudly been a resident for over 15 years. My passion for children and education has been a lifelong commitment. For more than 10 years I worked as a daycare provider. I have also tutored and mentored children and adults of various ages. I graduated with honors from Detroit Business Institute and Wayne County Community College, earning a degree in Science. I am currently continuing my commitment to education at Arizona State University, pursuing dual bachelor's degrees in Forensic Science and Family and Human Development. I have 19 years of healthcare experience. I currently work for Corewell Health in the surgical department. I am ready to bring accountability, compassion and a fresh perspective to the Southfield School Board. Motivated. Goal- Driven. Direct. Dedicated to Our Children and Our Schools.

QUESTION 2: 1) Declining Student Enrollment: If elected to office I would find out why students don't want to attend school. Is it from lack of enjoyment? Bullying? No compassion from teachers or staff? My goal is to Make Schools Fun Again. Come up with programs or a curriculum that will make the students

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want to return to the classroom. 2) Budget/Finances: I will concentrate on the \$345 million capital facilities bond. What are we investing these funds into? Are these new schools/ buildings safe for our children? Do they have the materials or new technology for our children to succeed in today's society? These are the questions we need to provide answers to. That is my goal. 3) Test Scores: Why is it that some Southfield Schools in the district have higher test scores vs others? Are they not getting the same study materials? Is it the quality of education they are receiving? Is it lack of motivation? I will research and study these questions and provide quality results if elected into office.

AMANI JOHNSON

QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong Southfield resident, proud Southfield Public Schools graduate, and six-year member of the Board of Education. After graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in Public and Nonprofit Administration, I returned home and continued a path in public service that included experience in local and state government. In 2020, at 23, I became the youngest person elected to public office in Southfield history. I ran for School Board because Southfield invested in me, and I wanted to give back to the district that helped shape my future. Since taking office, I have helped expand academic and career pathways, helped to pass our historic \$345 million bond to modernize our schools, and led efforts to build more sustainable, fiscally responsible facilities. Today, I serve as Democracy for All Director at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. I'm running for re-election to build on our progress and ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

QUESTION 2: Improving Student Achievement: Reading and math scores are moving in the right direction, and University High has risen from #40 to #14 among Michigan public high schools. I'll keep investing in what works, reviewing achievement data, and holding district leadership accountable for closing gaps. Making SPS the First Choice: Enrollment is growing for the first time in over a decade. I'll build on that progress by expanding after-school programs, athletics, arts, clubs, career pathways, summer enrichment, and and strengthen opportunities for students to help shape programming. Making Every Dollar Count: Our community entrusted SPS with a \$345 million bond. I'll closely scrutinize contracts, costs, and timelines to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. Building Sustainable Schools: SPS spends about \$3 million annually on energy. I'll work toward 100% clean energy, greater efficiency, and sustainable buildings that lower costs and reinvest savings in students.

WENDY WEBSTER JACKSON

QUESTION 1: I am a physician, small business owner, and a parent of a special needs child, entering Southfield schools. I understand the hard work needed to succeed and I can use my focus and tenacity to bring a vision of success to the students.

QUESTION 2: 1. Decreased enrollment, adopt programs that would attract and retain our Southfield residents and others, to our schools. 2. Lack of vision, I have a clear vision of what we can do, to have our schools, in the top of Michigan. 3. Decreased finances, I want to increase our private sponsorships with local and national businesses.

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

VITAL ANNE

QUESTION 1: Background: 20+ year Troy resident and proud parent of two TSD graduates(K-12). M.S. in Biomechanics from Purdue University and B.E. in Mechanical Engineering. Leadership: 6 years on the Troy School Board, currently Board President. Experienced in governance, strategic decisions, collaboration, and community engagement. Professional Experience: 30+ years in engineering and IT, spanning design, safety, quality, program management, and product strategy. Skilled in strategic planning, problem-solving, risk management, data-driven decisions, & leading complex initiatives. Volunteering: Extensive involvement through PTO, athletics, orchestra, STEM coaching, mentoring, and volunteering, providing firsthand understanding of students, families, and community partnerships. Why: Running for re-election to use my leadership, expertise, and community experience to maintain Troy's exceptional schools, strengthen long-term planning, and help every student thrive and reach their full potential.

QUESTION 2: Fiscal Responsibility: Financial stewardship is a key School Board responsibility. For 26-27, we reduced spending by \$12 million and plan further reductions to balance the budget, while minimizing impact on students, teachers, and classrooms. Excellence for Every Student: Troy is a high-performing district, with students performing two years above the national average. I will strive to maintain excellent academic standards while ensuring underserved and special needs students receive the support needed to succeed. Technology & Student Well-Being: Technology continues to shape how students learn, grow, and develop. I will strive to understand benefits and drawbacks and support policies that promote effective technology use while protecting student growth and well-being. I will strive to ensure every student feels valued, included, and that they belong. Open Communication: Foster open communication with families and local businesses to build partnerships and support student success.

WALT COOK

QUESTION 1: I am the father of a 2nd grader in the district and a husband of 21 years. Professionally, I am an education policy researcher and economist with over 16 years of experience. Currently a program evaluation officer at a local private foundation, I previously served as Director of Research for Detroit Public Schools. I hold both an MA in Economics and an Executive MBA, plus additional doctoral training in education policy at MSU. As a Troy resident, district parent, and education professional, I am running to strengthen our students' academic outcomes through strategy, data, and accountability. I believe deeply in the promise of public education. Because our resources are limited, every investment must be backed by solid research, aligned with our strategic goals, and managed with disciplined fiscal stewardship. Having attended nearly every board meeting for the past 2.5 years, I have the district insight needed to hit the ground running on January 1st. www.walt4tsd.com/about-walt

QUESTION 2: Academics: Troy is an exceptional district, but we must continue closing achievement gaps by raising floors, not lowering ceilings. We need to elevate educator expertise in curriculum planning, maintain robust community input, and fully fund special education, including gifted programming. Culture: Every student must feel safe, valued, and ready to learn. We should use regular climate data to guide improvements and invest in social-emotional learning that fosters resilience and empathy. We must ensure all students and staff feel safe and respected. Finance: Because state funding depends on enrollment, we must prioritize student retention and improve strategic fiscal planning to maximize the impact of scarce resources. In addition, robust community engagement, open budget transparency, and a board committed to asking tough, essential questions are vital to restoring trust, protecting classroom priorities, and ensuring long-term fiscal health.

MARY GUNN

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Madonna University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and have spent more than 40 years as a Registered Nurse and healthcare professional, including leadership, management, and supervisory responsibilities with Beaumont/Corewell Health. I have also served as a college instructor, teaching and mentoring students, and have participated on multiple professional committees throughout my career. I am running for the Troy School Board because I believe strong schools are essential to the future of our children and our community. Troy has a tradition of academic excellence, and I want to help ensure that our schools remain focused on providing every student with the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. I believe students must always come first. Parents should be respected as partners in their children's education, teachers should have the support and resources they need to maintain strong classrooms, and taxpayers deserve transparency, & accountability.

QUESTION 2: Academic Excellence and Student Achievement: If elected, I would focus on measurable student outcomes in reading, math, science, writing, and civics; support programs that help struggling students; and ensure that advanced learners continue to have opportunities to grow. I would also listen closely to teachers about what they need in the classroom. 2. Safe, Orderly, and Supportive Schools: School safety must include strong building security and emergency preparedness, but it also means maintaining orderly classrooms, addressing bullying and disruptive behavior, and making sure students who are struggling can access appropriate support. As a Board member, I would work with administrators, teachers, parents, and public-safety professionals to continually review safety procedures and make sure policies are consistently enforced. 3. Transparency, Parent Partnership, and Fiscal Responsibility: Parents should be treated as partners in their children's education, and taxpayers deserve to know

MICHELE MALESZYK

QUESTION 1: After careful consideration, I have made the difficult decision to suspend all campaign activities for the Troy School District Board of Education. I entered this race because I believe our

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school board should remain focused on students, families, educators, and the needs of our entire community and not partisan politics. I believe strongly in nonpartisan school board governance and in ensuring that every candidate and every member of our community is treated fairly, regardless of political affiliation. With other candidates in this race now receiving partisan endorsements, I am no longer able to continue my campaign under these circumstances. Participating in a race where partisan organizations are formally endorsing candidates conflicts with the principles of nonpartisan local school board governance. Therefore, I am suspending all campaign activities and removing myself as a candidate for the Troy School District Board of Education.

QUESTION 2: My commitment to Troy students and families does not end with my campaign. I will continue to advocate for transparency, accountability, strong literacy instruction, appropriate support for students with learning differences, and an educational system that puts students first. I have suspended my campaign and will not be participating in any campaign activities.

BEAU TAYLOR

QUESTION 1: Two years ago, I moved to Troy because my son wasn't getting what he needed at our previous district, and Troy could give him that. I've been genuinely impressed with how well this district runs. But as the executive who took Detroit's streetlights from 40% out to 99% on, I've learned that in any strong organization, the hardest work is the last mile: the individual kids still falling through the cracks after everything else is acceptably working. I wasn't diagnosed with ADHD until I was 47; for decades I thought something was wrong with me. I don't want any Troy student to wait that long to be seen. I bring 20+ years of executive leadership, an MBA from NYU Stern, and a decade running my own agency on a flat budget, no revenue increase, while still delivering real results. My parents were career public educators. Every child, every school, every opportunity isn't a slogan. It's how I think.

QUESTION 2: (1) Finding the last 1%: averages hide the kids who need us most. Literacy is one area where we, and the rest of the state, must focus: Michigan's evidence-based reading law takes full effect in 2027, and I'd push Troy not just to enact it, but to embrace it, with individualized paths for kids who learn differently. It also means partnering with organizations that can augment extracurricular activities, allow us to potentially invest in programs like cricket and robotics. (2) Finances: structural gaps lie ahead. I built a decade of balanced budgets without revenue increases. I partnered with Labor, including IBEW Local 17 to extend opportunity. I'd bring the same approach to Troy: long-term restructuring using our Labor partners as resources; and not simply relying on cuts and adversarial bargaining to balance the budget. (3) Staying ahead: I want our district to be on the forefront of innovation, from advanced classes to individualized learning paths for those that need it.

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: Term Ending 12/31/2028

ERIN JOHNSON

QUESTION 1: I am a mother of two kids and have lived in the Walled Lake School District for 15 years. My husband and I moved here because of the schools. I spend a lot of time in the school volunteering and working with our PTA. I see the wonderful work our teachers and staff do and I want to take a bigger role in supporting them. I spent the last 15 years climbing the corporate ladder as an HR consultant. Providing strategic HR solutions to leaders at all levels. I had both internal and external customers. As a school board trustee you need to balance the administration and what the community wants. The best way to do that is building trust. Its listening and taking time with proactive communication. Our public schools need people who believe in them and want to keep lifting our kids to their highest potential.

QUESTION 2: Student Safety- Making sure students and staff are working in buildings that are well maintained. Buildings that make our students and staff want to come to school each day and be proud of their space. We need to keep our teachers and students physical and emotional safety. Financial transparency- School funding is complicated. We need to keep lines of communication open and share proactively the state of district financials. This needs to be done in an easily digestible format. Student and Teacher Success – Studies show that the most engaged and thus productive employees feel support and allowed to take care of their own well being. If we expect our teachers to take care of our children we need to take care of them. Once this happens we can focus on the whole child. Their test scores are important but they need to have full bellies, and tools to manage their emotions. A place that feels safe.

RON LIPPITT

QUESTION 1: I am running to retain my position on the Walled Lake School Board to continue my role as a stabilizing, sensible asset to our students, staff, and community. When I first started speaking at School Board meetings in 2023, it was in the aftermath of an election cycle which saw three Board members ascend to the Board whose policies were anti-public school, anti-science, and toxic to those already marginalized in our school community. Because of that, I sought and won appointment to the Board in May, 2024, and ran for a four-year partial term which I narrowly lost in November, 2024. I was reappointed to the Board in July, 2025 for a partial term which runs through December, 2026. I intend to continue my role as a pro-public school, pro-teacher, and anti-hate Trustee for Walled

QUESTION 2: There are several urgent issues which impact employees delivering quality public education. Among these are: 1. A national teacher shortage: Obviously, a huge topic with several factors to be examined locally. Our teachers remain the lifeblood of our district. Recruiting, retaining, and empowering our teachers must be a requirement of my board service. 2. Our budget: Paired along with declining enrollment, the incredibly thin margins with which

the district must achieve its goals will be daunting. It will require strength in goal setting, strategy, and the conviction to make the tough decisions which serve our district. 3. Divisive partisan politics: There are many ways to cut this, but here's one which I'm particularly sensitive to: Losing talented district assets because of the stress involved with navigating today's political climate. That's something we cannot allow. The greatness of our district continues to lie in our teachers, administrators, staff, and students.

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

RYAN HOPPE

QUESTION 1: As a business owner, youth hockey coach, former graduate from walled lake schools, and parent of two sons in Walled Lake schools. I come with firm roots in our district expanding over generations and want nothing more than the best for our community. My wife Kadie and I both are graduates of this district and Like many of you, we want the very best for our children and their future. While I come from a business background as opposed to a more traditional education background, I believe such a background actually will help me in delivering the best version of the WLCSD Board of Education possible. My business background helps with budgeting, negotiation skills, and creating operational systems to work towards solutions. I am a strong visionary which helps me come up with ideas for growth but I also am great at maintaining operations and holding accountability. I'm running because WLCSD families deserve better. Our families deserve a Board of Education that works with them. **QUESTION 2:** Our district is lacking three huge opportunities for our children which is trade school support, competitive growth in sports, and restore reading/writing methods ahead of the 2031 mandates. 1.) Trade school and Non-degree career - I plan to expand education pathways across the district. I would like to have more classes offered within the schools. While we partner with OTC, the waiting list is extremely long and students do not all have an opportunity to attend. 2.) Sports growth is important because it helps students grow friendships, healthy lifestyles, and allows a positive environment. If I am elected I would request we have an individual role of an athletic director that is properly interviewed for our needs. 3.) Restore reading/writing methods ahead- I would address bringing back phonics, tutoring assistance for students, and more funding for teachers training.

AMANDA LEVINE

QUESTION 1: My family and I are active members of the community with two young children in Walled Lake schools. I am a graduate of MSU from the College of Education and I am the daughter of a para professional. I have been volunteering in our district for the last 5 years and have developed close relationships with other parents, teachers, administrators, paras, PTA members and students. I have seen the needs of our schools firsthand; I have

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approached teachers and administrators to see what their needs and concerns are to find where and how I can help. I was nominated by our staff and PTA and received an award from the PTSA this past spring, acknowledging my volunteer work. I often attend and speak at our board meetings in addition to our monthly PTA meetings. I have spoken on behalf of the teachers of Walled Lake when needed to solidify their contracts. I am the co-chair and coach of an afterschool program which promotes healthy habits, physical fitness and social and emotional learning.

QUESTION 2: Student safety, ensuring families have open communication with their schools, providing mental health support, building security, and providing education for students and families on digital wellness. Financial transparency, providing our staff and community with the information we deserve to know. Student and Teacher Success, setting up our schools with the support, both inside and outside of the classrooms.

MICHAEL SMITH

QUESTION 1: I am a proud graduate of Walled Lake Schools – from Head Start to High School. My wife and I reside in White Lake, and we have two children in the district who attend CHS and WLN. I have dedicated over 20 years to public service in numerous local governments that have provided me with the foundation to lead with accountability, empathy, and integrity. I've experienced life as a student, parent, coach/mentor, PTA member, and current elected school board; and I want to help preserve the strength of our district moving forward. I am running for re-election because I want to continue to be a voice that cultivates a community that values collaboration, achievement, and success for all our students and educators. I will be a champion of education, focusing on financial transparency, ensuring open lines of communication, proper mental health support, safety, and a balance between modern technology use, programming, and curriculum opportunities that meet the needs of every child, every day.

QUESTION 2: 1. Financial Transparency. During our strategic planning and budgeting process, we must be forward-thinking and transparent with our needs and funding use. We need to welcome the knowledge and experience of teachers, administrators, parents, and students and commit to collaboration, inclusion, and respect for all stakeholders. 2. Safety and Wellness. We must ensure that families have timely and open communication with schools and staff, and that students are provided with mental health support and special services if needed, and to provide education tools on healthy digital wellness to respond to new technologies. 3. School Achievement and Success. We must provide schools with proper support for lifelong learning and development through collaboration efforts with administrators and teachers that prepare students for life after school in whatever path they choose. We need to find the right balance between modern technology and programming opportunities for every student, every day.

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

KELLY HAMILTON

QUESTION 1: I'm Kelly Hamilton, a proud mom of three children in the Waterford School District, a lifelong Waterford resident, Realtor, and small business professional who has spent years serving local families and bringing people together through community events. I'm running for the Waterford Board of Education because I care deeply about this district and believe our schools are strongest when parents, teachers, staff, students, and the community feel heard and respected. I don't believe a board member should come to the table assuming they already have every answer. I believe good leadership means listening, asking thoughtful questions, understanding the facts, and being willing to have honest conversations when something isn't working. For years, I've served Waterford by bringing people together, listening to families, solving problems, and finding ways to give back. Running for the Board feels like a natural extension of that commitment.

QUESTION 2: Teacher and School Board Collaboration: Teachers and staff are the ones living this work every day. I want them to know their experience matters, their perspective is valued, and their voices are part of the conversations that shape our schools. I want the board and our educators to always remember that they are working towards the same goal; to help our Waterford students succeed. Parent and Teacher Collaboration: Parents have every right to be frustrated, but real change happens when that frustration turns into involvement. I want families to bring their concerns off social media and into the room-ask questions, share ideas, show up, and help shape the decisions that affect their kids. Resources and Student Support/ and staff are being asked to meet a wider range of student needs than ever before. That includes academic challenges, behavior, mental health, special education, and everything in between. If we expect educators to give students their best, we also need t

MICHAEL RISTICH

QUESTION 1: I am a former Riverside Racer, Della Lutes Eagle, Pierce Pirate, and Kettering Captain. I attended Western Michigan University before earning my PhD from Wayne State University. I am a faculty member and program director at Michigan State University. My twin sons attend Waterford Mott High School, where they play in the orchestra and soccer program. My wife is a longtime district employee. I was appointed to the WSD Board of Education in 2019 and elected to a six-year term in 2020. I have served on the Hess-Hathaway Park Advisory Board, the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Board, and the Head Start Parent Advisory Board at Stepanski. I also coach for Liverpool Football Club. I am committed to ensuring that the Waterford School District is a healthy, dynamic, and engaged institution that supports the success of our students and families. I understand that board service is about constructing shared goals and ensuring an environment where all stakeholders work towards those goals.

QUESTION 2: Above all, our focus should be on

providing an exceptional educational experience for WSD students and their families. This means ensuring our students have access to engaging and challenging curricula, ample opportunities to explore futures beyond K-12, and successful athletics and arts programs. Drawing on the district's newly-adopted strategic plan, I will see to it that we continue our investment in curricular materials and high-impact teaching practices while also providing and supporting meaningful extra and co-curricular opportunities in both the arts and athletics. I will also work with administration to ensure we communicate those opportunities clearly and in a timely manner so that our students can take advantage of all that we offer in the Waterford School District. Certainly, we need to make sure that we continue to attract, develop, and retain exceptional teachers and staff. We have a lot of positive momentum in WSD, and I am eager to keep us moving in the right direction.

TYLER SONCRAINTE

QUESTION 1: My name is Tyler Soncrainte. I'm a 26-year-old lifelong resident and Waterford School District graduate. I'm running because I believe our community needs new perspectives, fresh ideas, and leadership focused on building a sustainable future. Waterford is changing. Our township's senior population is projected to reach 60% by 2030, while our school district has lost an average of 150 students each year for more than two decades. Too often, great teachers also leave for other districts. We cannot afford to accept the status quo. Young families, first-time homeowners, and my generation deserve a stronger voice in the decisions shaping Waterford's future. As a small business owner, nonprofit employee, and having experience in education, along with completing nationally recognized political leadership trainings, I bring practical experience and a commitment to responsible, effective leadership. I'm running to bring a fresh perspective and help build a stronger future for Waterford.

QUESTION 2: Three priority issues facing Waterford are staff and student retention, declining funding, and insufficient resources to meet student needs. We must retain quality teachers and staff while maintaining an environment where families want their children to learn. I would support efforts to make Waterford a competitive district for educators, increase professional development opportunities, and create stronger communication between staff, administration, and the board. Declining state funding requires responsible budgeting and careful prioritization. I would prioritize classroom instruction and student services while identifying opportunities to improve efficiency and ensure taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. Finally, I would work with educators, administrators, parents, and community partners to identify gaps in academic, special education, and mental health resources and pursue additional funding opportunities. Every student and staff member deserves the support needed to succeed.

KRISTEN WAGNER

QUESTION 1: I am seeking re-election to the Waterford School District Board of Education to continue the positive work we have been doing over the past six years. As a board, we have been able to accomplish several goals to better serve our students, families, and staff. Together we have made significant

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investments in our curriculum, increased academic opportunities, and expanded extra-curricular activities and we have seen the positive impact of these investments on the academic growth of our students. A fierce advocate of public education, I believe strongly in collaborating with all our stakeholders to create exceptional educational experiences for the students we serve and I am excited to do this through our updated strategic plan with our administration, community, and staff. I am a proud parent of a WSD student and two WSD graduates, and I myself graduated from Waterford Mott High School. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.

QUESTION 2: #1 - Funding. I will continue to advocate at the state and federal level for adequate and equitable funding for all public school districts so we can meet the growing needs of our students and prepare them for successful futures. I will continue to push for the need to change our funding models. #2 - Recruiting and retaining teachers and support staff. Funding is a critical piece of this, but we also need to support initiatives that create opportunities to continue our staff's own career growth. In Waterford one way we have been able to do this is through the "Grow Your Own" grants and I will continue to support the district in seeking out these opportunities. #3 - Creating positive learning environments where our students can thrive. I will continue to support investing in the needs of our students, making sure they have the tools needed to successfully meet their academic goals and provide them with opportunities to grow and learn.

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

STACY GOLD BRICKMAN

QUESTION 1: I am an incumbent trustee of the West Bloomfield School Board and have served as Board President for the past eight years. As a 24-year West Bloomfield resident with 12 years of school board service, I bring extensive knowledge of our district and community. Endorsed by the MEA. I hold the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Master Platinum Award, Data Specialty Award, and currently serve as Vice Chair of Government Relations. I also serve on several district committees, including Policy, Curriculum Council, Behavior Task Force, Global Equity, and Interest-Based Bargaining. These experiences have provided me with a broader understanding of the challenges facing public education and the importance of advocating for our students and schools at the local and state levels. I believe in our students and our staff. I believe in maintaining high academic standards, responsible stewardship, equitable opportunities, safe environments, and the willingness to dream big for every student.

QUESTION 2: The top three priority issues facing our district are closely connected to declining enrollment and unreliable funding, challenges facing school districts across Michigan. Since Proposal A, much of Michigan's school funding is based on enrollment, making it increasingly difficult to maintain the programs and services our communities value. At the same time, the School Aid Fund is supporting

an expanding range of initiatives, including free Pre-K, school meals, and community college, making sustainable K-12 funding more important than ever. Our Board must ensure resources remain aligned with our strategic plan and focused on: 1) Increasing student growth and achievement. 2) High quality programming, curriculum, and student support. 3) Attracting and retaining students, educators and staff. Our responsibility is to plan for the future, advocate for reliable school funding, and ensure every dollar is aligned with our strategic plan and, most importantly, the needs of our students.

JOHNNETTE EGGERT

QUESTION 1: As a parent and resident of the West Bloomfield community, I'm running for WB School Board because I strongly believe our children deserve quality education, strong leadership and a community that values them. Our children, are future leaders and we must care about them. If we collectively are focused on our students, their families, our teachers and staffs, we will provide a school district of excellence for generations to come. I'm from a family of educators and born on a school campus in Monrovia, Liberia West Africa. Before I was 18 years old, I was teaching and the school registrar at my late parents institution in Liberia. I have been involved in education (working for many decades as substitute teacher here in Michigan) and politics all my life. I hold a Political Science Degree from the University of Detroit Mercy, serves my community as a volunteer in many different roles and a small business owner. I want to be the voice of common sense for our students, parents, and teachers.

QUESTION 2: I will say academic and our students achievement- keep and support the current teachers and staff while also hiring great substitute teachers- and managing funding & resources of the school district. If blessed to be elected, I will put our students and excellent learning as my top focus as in doing so will attract more families to our school district. Make sure our educators/teachers are well funded in the classrooms at all times (by working with members of the school board to locate funding, services, opportunities etc that will provide help to them) & our school district is providing clear & full transparency on how funds are allocated that benefits the students and the community as a whole. I will work hard to make sure that our students receives quality education, be ready for college upon graduation, and are career minded knowing that they are our future leaders. Strong Leadership, Community Values, and Student-Teacher Focused Results is what I look to bring to our school board.

KENNETH FERGUSON

QUESTION 1: I am Ken Ferguson, a 20-year West Bloomfield resident and proud father of two WBSD graduates and one current student. I am also a career special education teacher. After retiring in 2023, I moved to Japan to serve our military families. Now, I am home and ready to once again serve our community. In 2016, I ran for school board because I believed our Board needed the perspective of a parent and frontline educator. I was honored to be elected and served six years, advocating for students, supporting families and educators, and gaining valuable experience in responsible leadership. Today, I return with even more to offer - prior Board service, decades of student advocacy, a deep understanding

of diverse learners, and knowledge of the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of school boards. Most importantly, I am committed to all our students, families, and educators. I am ready to put my experience, knowledge, and commitment to work for WBSD families once again.

QUESTION 2: Student Achievement & Success: We must continue preparing every student for a changing local and global workforce. That means maintaining rigorous opportunities for our highest achievers, preparing students entering the workforce after high school, and providing consistent support for those still deciding their path. Financial Sustainability & Transparency: As Trustee from 2017-2022, I helped our district increase fund equity from single digits to more than 18%. As Treasurer for three years, I took deep dives into our finances and helped make difficult decisions to maintain a healthy fund balance, ensure accountability, and protect our district's future. Enrollment & Retention: Future financial strength and success depends on enrollment. We must find new ways to connect with and attract families to our community. New buildings are important, but our commitment to supporting and respecting the diverse families of W. Bloomfield, Keego Harbor, and Orchard Lake makes us a destination.

KYANA SMITH

Question 1: I have been a West Bloomfield community member for 18 years, a parent of five, and a public educator for 26 years. My career has progressed from paraprofessional to special education teacher, school and district administrator, and executive educational leader. I currently lead early intervention and special education programming in Michigan's largest school district and I've served WBSD as Director of Student Support Services. I hold a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Special Education from Wayne State University. I am running because I believe leadership is a public trust. I bring educational expertise, organizational leadership, fiscal and program oversight, and an understanding of how governance decisions affect students, staff, and families. My commitment is Every Student. Every Family. Every Dollar. I will bring experience, transparency, accountability, thoughtful questions, and a commitment to keeping students at the center of the Board decisions.

Question 2: Student Achievement & Opportunity: Ensure every student is seen, supported, challenged, and included. The Board should monitor multiple measures of achievement and growth, identify gaps early, set measurable expectations, and hold the superintendent accountable for results. Transparency, Accountability & Community Trust: Strong districts require strong relationships. I support meaningful engagement before major decisions, clear two-way communication, and accessible academic and financial information. Every family should have opportunities to be heard and understand the reasoning behind Board decisions. Fiscal Sustainability & Enrollment: Enrollment and fiscal health are closely connected. The Board should monitor enrollment and financial trends, establish clear fiscal priorities, ask informed questions, and hold the superintendent accountable for implementation. Every dollar should support student opportunity that leads to students achievement and long-term district sustainability.

CITY PROPOSALS

CLARKSTON POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the city be authorized to increase the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, by the amount of 7.0 mills (\$7.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value of property in the city) for the period of July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2031, inclusive, to fund a continuation of police protection, fire fighting, fire protection, and emergency response services; it is estimated that approval of this proposal would result in a new authorization to collect a total of \$ 457,116 in the first year for the stated purposes.

CLAWSON PROPERTY DISPOSITION PROPOSAL 26-1

Description: Shall the City Council of the City of Clawson, Oakland County, Michigan, be granted the authority and approval from the City of Clawson voters to sell or dispose of real property described as follows: 121 Renshaw Ave, Clawson, MI 48017, more particularly described as: Tax Parcel I.D. #'s: 25-03-103-004, 25-03-103-005, 25-03-103-006, 25-03-103-013, 25-03-103-014, and 25-03-107-035; and that the proceeds from such sale or disposition of the real property described above be approved for use on the sustainment and improvement of senior services in the City of Clawson? Explanatory Statement The Renshaw Senior Apartments, located at 121 Renshaw Avenue, is a 15-unit residential building owned and operated by the City of Clawson. Under the City Charter, City-owned property valued above the charter threshold cannot be sold without the approval of a majority of electors voting on the question at a City election. This proposal asks voters whether the City Council may sell or otherwise dispose of the Renshaw property. If approved, the proceeds of any sale would be directed toward the sustainment and improvement of senior services in the City of Clawson. Approval would authorize, but would not by itself complete, a sale; the City Council would still determine the terms, process, and timeline of any disposition, including arrangements affecting current residents. A “YES” vote grants the City Council the authority to sell or dispose of the Renshaw property, with proceeds dedicated to senior services. A “NO” vote denies that authority, and the City would retain ownership and continue to operate the property.

FERNDALE CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

Description: Shall the City of Ferndale, Charter, Chapter IV, Registration, Nomination and Election, Section 5, Resignation of Commissioner [Council member], be deleted and repealed?

FERNDALE CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

Description: Shall the City of Ferndale, Charter, Chapter III, Vacancies in Elective Offices, be amended to so provide?

NOVI CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

Description: Shall Section 9.1 of the Novi City Charter be amended to authorize a millage for capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), with such funds not to be used for operations or payroll, in the amount of 1.0 mills (being \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, starting with the July 2027 levy and resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$5,412,997 in the first year if approved and levied, to replace an expiring capital improvements millage?

ORCHARD LAKE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTIONS

Description: May the City of Orchard Lake Village sell the city owned vacant parcel of land located at 4039 Pontiac Trail, Parcel ID 18-15-428-017?

PONTIAC ROAD AND ROAD FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series, payable in not more than thirty (30) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of constructing, acquiring, furnishing, and equipping road and related improvements throughout the City, including but not limited to reconstructing, resurfacing, rehabilitating, and otherwise improving existing streets, including pavement, base, and

subbase work; constructing, reconstructing, and improving sidewalks, curb ramps, curbs and gutters, and driveway approaches; constructing, acquiring, furnishing, and improving storm sewers, stormwater drainage, and related facilities; constructing, acquiring, furnishing, and improving street lighting; constructing, acquiring, furnishing, and improving traffic signals, traffic-control devices, signs, and pavement markings; constructing, acquiring, furnishing, and improving related facilities, including the water supply and sewage disposal system as necessary; and paying costs necessary or incidental to the improvements including interests in land, easements, necessary rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto and paying the costs of issuance incidental to the issuance of the bonds? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in 2027 is 3.360 mills (\$3.36 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.400 mills (\$2.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

ROYAL OAK CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR RENEWAL OF PARKS, FORESTRY, RECREATION, PLAYGROUNDS AND ANIMAL SHELTER MILLAGE

Description: Shall the City Charter of the City of Royal Oak be amended to renew the levy of Seven Tenths (0.70) of a mill per year for five (5) years, for the purpose of providing funds for parks, recreation and playgrounds, including animal shelter purposes, beginning in 2027? If approved, it is estimated that 0.70 mil would raise approximately \$2,925,250 when first levied in 2027. Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

ROYAL OAK PROPOSED SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL

Description: Shall the increased limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in City of Royal Oak of Two Tenths (0.20) of a mill per year be renewed for five (5) years, 2027 to 2031, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing funding for services, activities, and programs for “older persons” pursuant to the authority provided by Act 39 of PA 1976, specifically MCL 400.576? This levy constitutes a renewal of authority to levy a millage which expires with the 2026 levy. If approved, it is estimated that 0.20 mill would raise approximately \$835,664 when first levied in 2027. Shall the proposal be adopted?

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP FACILITIES BOND PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow an amount not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds in one or more series for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping Township Facilities, including (1) a Fire Station and (2) a Township Police Department building, and conducting all other site work as necessary or advisable, purchasing equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these projects? The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.2350 mills (which is equal to \$0.2350 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and personal property in the Township); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.4380 mills.

BRANDON TOWNSHIP POLICE SERVICES RENEWAL MILLAGE

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Brandon be authorized to levy up to 3.9509 mills for a period of eight (8) years, 2027 through 2035, inclusive, to finance police protection services? This proposal, if passed, will renew the previously authorized millage adopted in November 2018, as rolled back by the Headlee Amendment, and expiring in December 2026. Approval of this proposal would permit a tax of up to \$3.95 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township. It is estimated that this proposal, if adopted and levied, will result in authorization to collect up to \$3,228,587 in the first year.



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP PATHWAY BOND & MILLAGE

Description: For the purpose of acquiring and constructing one or more paved non-motorized pathways within the Charter Township of Commerce and the Village of Wolverine Lake as described in the Township's and Village's Parks and Recreation Master Plans, including their design and other related improvements, shall the Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan borrow a principal amount not to exceed \$18.6 Million dollars and issue Unlimited Tax General Obligation bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed 10 years from the date of issue? The estimated new millage to be levied in the first year of the levy is 0.5986 mill (\$0.5986 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds over 10 years is 0.5989 mill (\$0.5989 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

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CITY PROPOSALS

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE

Description: This is a proposal to renew the 1.85 fire millage and increase the millage by 0.47 to support fire department operations, which provide emergency fire and medical services to the community. The 1.85 millage would collect an estimated \$2,178,354 in the first year of levy. The proposed 0.47 millage increase would result in an average of \$67 increase in property taxes per the 8,247 parcels in the township, for an additional collection of an estimated \$553,420 in the first year of levy. Shall the Charter Township of Highland be authorized to renew the expiring voted 1.85 mills (\$1.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced by the required millage rollbacks, for fire and emergency medical services, and impose an increase of up to .047 mills (\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a total levy of 2.32 mills (\$2.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value), as an increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for six (6) years, 2027 through 2032, inclusive, collecting an estimated \$2,731,774 total in the first year of the levy? A small portion of the funds collected from only the 605 DDA properties will be distributed to the Highland Downtown Development Authority to support business and economic development.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE POLICE OPERATING MILLAGE

Description: Shall the expired Police Operating Millage, which at the time of expiration in December 2025 had been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 2.8282 mills (\$2.82 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be replaced by a new additional millage of up to 3.2 mills (\$3.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, starting December 2026 through December 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of continuing to provide police protection and law enforcement services within the Township, which may include funding for related operating, personnel, capital expenditures and School Resource Officers? If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$7,781,495.86 in the first year of levy. As required and determined by law, a small portion of the total millage revenue will be captured and disbursed to the Independence Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA). The total capture by the DDA and CIA is collected solely from properties located within the DDA and CIA boundaries, respectively.

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew the current Headlee reduced levy of up to 0.6809 of one mill for a period of ten (10) years beginning with the December 2027 levy for the purpose of providing funds to be used for the support of parks and recreation within the Oakland Township; including for the management, maintenance, acquisition, operation and improvement of Oakland Township parks, recreation areas, park trails, facilities, programs, recreation, and services; and to acquire new park land for Oakland Township? Approval of this proposal would renew the tax limitation levy of 0.6809 mills on all taxable property in Oakland Township. Approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of approximately \$0.6809 per \$1,000 of taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect up to \$1,462,309 in the first year if approved and levied in full.

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP SAFETY PATH MILLAGE RENEWAL

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew the previously approved safety path millage, which was approved by the voters in 2016 at 0.17 mills, at its rolled-back rate of up to 0.1580 mills for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the December 2027 levy and continuing through the December 2036 levy, inclusive, to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of a network of safety paths, trails, and boardwalks to provide healthy recreational opportunities and safe routes to schools, parks, and neighborhoods in the Township, and for the acquisition of property and right-of-way for such purposes? Approval of this proposal would authorize the Township to levy up to 0.1580 mills, which is approximately \$0.1580 per \$1,000 of taxable value, on all taxable property in the Township. This proposal is estimated to raise \$351,302.00 in the first year the millage is authorized and levied. Revenue from the millage will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION EXPIRED POLICE OPERATING MILLAGE

Description: In 2020, Charter Township of Orion voters approved a police operating millage of 3.5000 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value). After required millage rollbacks, the millage was reduced to 3.4113 mills (\$3.4113 per \$1,000 of taxable value) when it expired in December 2025. After applying the 2026 rollback, the millage has been reduced to 3.3761 mills (\$3.3761 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Shall the expired millage be replaced by this new millage to continue and renew at the 2026 rolled back rate of up to 3.3761 mills (\$3.3761 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to be levied for four (4) years, beginning December 2026 through December 2029, inclusive, on all taxable property within the Charter Township of Orion, excluding taxable property within the Village of Lake Orion, for the purpose of continuing to provide police protection and law enforcement services within the Township, including related operating, personnel and capital expenditures? If approved and levied in full, this millage is estimated to raise approximately \$8,753,504.65 in the first year of the levy. As required by Michigan law, a small portion of the total millage revenue may be captured and disbursed to the following local units of government authorized to receive tax increment revenues: the Orion Township Corridor Improvement Authority and the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The amount disbursed to these authorities is required by law and is collected solely from properties located within the authorities' boundaries.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION PROPOSAL 1 - EXPIRED FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATING MILLAGE

Description: In 2020, Charter Township of Orion voters approved a fire and emergency medical services operating millage of 3.0000 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value). After required millage rollbacks, the millage was reduced to 2.9164 mills (\$2.9164 per \$1,000 of taxable value) when it expired in December 2025. After applying the 2026 Headlee roll back, a renewed millage would be reduced to 2.8846 mills (\$2.8846 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Shall the expired millage be replaced by this new millage to continue and renew at the 2026 rolled back rate of up to 2.8846 mills (\$2.8846 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied for four (4) years, beginning December 2026 through December 2029, inclusive, on all taxable property

within the Charter Township of Orion, including the Village of Lake Orion, for the purpose of continuing to provide fire protection and emergency medical services, including Advanced Life Support, and related operations, wages, benefits, equipment, facilities, and other capital expenditures?If approved and levied in full, this millage is estimated to raise approximately \$8,079,234.79 in the first year of the levy. As required by Michigan law, a small portion of the total millage revenue may be captured and disbursed to the following local units of government authorized to receive tax increment revenues: the Village of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, the Orion Township Corridor Improvement Authority, and the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The amount disbursed to these authorities is required by law and is collected solely from properties located within the authorities' boundaries.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION PROPOSAL 2 - NEW ADDITIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MILLAGE

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Orion be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to .4000 mills (\$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable property within the Charter Township of Orion, including taxable property within the Village of Lake Orion, to be levied for four (4) years, beginning December 2026 and expiring in December 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of increasing fire department and emergency medical service (EMS) staffing, including wages and benefits, improving emergency response capability, and funding capital needs, including fire apparatus, equipment and station improvements?If approved and levied in full, this millage is estimated to raise approximately \$1,119,907.94 in the first year of the levy. As required by Michigan law, a small portion of the total millage revenue may be captured and disbursed to the following local units of government authorized to receive tax increment revenues: the Village of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, the Orion Township Corridor Improvement Authority, and the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The amount disbursed to these authorities is required by law and is collected solely from properties located within the authorities' boundaries.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RENEWAL OF FIRE OPERATING MILLAGE #2

Description: Shall the existing authorized Fire Operating Millage #2 originally approved by voters in 1986, be renewed at the current 0.8822 mills (\$0.8822 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) upon taxable real property and personal property within the Township of Waterford for the period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, thereby generating in the first year an estimated \$2,994,579.65 to be used for the cost of staffing, maintenance and operation of the Fire Department for Waterford Residents only?

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RENEWAL OF POLICE OPERATING MILLAGE #2

Description: Shall the existing authorized Police Operating Millage #2 originally approved by voters in 1986, be renewed at the current 1.3352 mills (\$1.3352 per \$1000.00 of taxable value) upon taxable real and personal property within the Charter Township of Waterford for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, thereby generating in the first year an estimated \$4,532,219.12 to be used for the cost of staffing, maintenance and operation of the police department?

VILLAGE PROPOSALS

VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS CHARTER AMENDMENT PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS MILLAGE

Description: A proposal to amend the Village Charter, Section 9.1 to provide allocation of a portion of the general ad valorem tax levy for road improvements. This proposal would not increase or decrease the Village's authorized maximum tax rate. It would only reallocate 0.75 mills of the existing Village Charter millage for public street and road improvements, maintenance, and construction. Shall Section 9.1 of the Village of Beverly Hills Village Charter be amended to add subsection e, further dividing the Village's existing 12.9184-mill general ad valorem tax levy, subject to required rollbacks, to allocate 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for public street and road improvements, maintenance, and construction purposes Beginning with the July 2027 levy through the July 2030 levy?

MILFORD CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

Description: Currently, the Village Charter requires contracts exceeding \$2,000 to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder through a competitive bidding process. Shall Section 11.2 be amended to remove the older fixed \$2,000 threshold, authorize Village Council to establish purchasing and contracting limits by resolution, authorize the appointment of a Purchasing Agent, permit contracts to be awarded based on the bid determined to be most advantageous to the Village, and allow Village Council to authorize certain public improvements or Village work to be performed by Village personnel or departments when permitted by ordinance?



SCHOOL PROPOSALS

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan Shall the Birmingham Public Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Forty Million Dollars (\$240,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects: - Enhancing school safety and security, including security camera systems, an emergency notification system, emergency radios, backup generators, and fire alarms; - District-wide heating and cooling improvements, playground improvements addressing accessibility for students with disabilities and remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, including the upgrade and expansion of the Midvale Early Childhood Center; - Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment, including career and technical education equipment, in school buildings and other facilities; and - Erecting and completing additions to and preparing, developing, and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses? The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this Proposal is expected to remain at or below 3.80 mills which is a 0.00 mill increase from the annual debt millage levied in 2026. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.84 mills (which is equal to \$0.84 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 1.30 mills annually (\$1.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value). (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.)

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan Shall the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-One Million

Dollars (\$171,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects to create a modern learning environment for students which will accommodate the expansion of the STEAM and Maker Space Programs and for health, safety, security, energy conservation and other purposes: - Remodeling, constructing additions to, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities; - Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and - Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities? The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to be at or below 3.20 mills which is a 0.00 mill increase from the annual debt millage levied in 2026. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.95 mills (which is equal to \$0.95 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 1.32 mills annually (\$1.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value). (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.)

FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan This proposal, if approved by the electors, would, replace, restore and extend the authority of the School District to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, which currently expires with the School District's 2035 tax levy and allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks required by the Michigan Constitution of up to 2 mills. The authorization will allow the School District to continue to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Ferndale Public Schools, County

of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased, in the amount of 20 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of twenty (20) years, 2027 to 2046, inclusive, with 16.3262 mills of the above 20 mills being a replacement of authorized millage which will otherwise expire with the 2035 tax levy and 1.6738 mills being a restoration of previously authorized millage lost as a result of the rollbacks required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$6,742,038 during the 2027 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY, SECURITY, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Description: Shall Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Seven Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$97,600,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: - equipping school facilities, including installing emergency safety communication systems, security window enhancements, building security entrance barriers, and a backup power generator; - remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities, including remodeling the library and media center at Holly High School, roof replacement, and replacing certain plumbing, mechanical, electrical, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; - erecting, furnishing, and equipping school facilities, including a new multipurpose facility for improving music rehearsal spaces and expanded athletic practice spaces, and new outdoor storage buildings; - erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school facilities, including early childhood center at Davisburg Elementary School, secure entry at Holly Elementary School, expanded band room space at Holly High School, and an addition at Holly High School for improving career-technical trades, robotics space, dedicated fitness center, gym, and community space, including a community pool entrance; - acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment; - preparing, developing, improving, remodeling, and equipping athletic fields and facilities; and - preparing, developing, improving, and equipping sites and playgrounds? The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage

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that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027, under current law, is 3.45 mills (\$3.45 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.81 mills (\$2.81 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$113,515,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan Shall the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Fifteen Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$115,985,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects for the purpose of creating a modern, safe and healthy learning environment for students: - Equipping school buildings for safety and security, including security doors, backup generators and access controls; - Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, including improving infrastructure, roofs and heating, plumbing, and electrical systems; - Erecting and completing additions to school buildings and other facilities which include additions for special education programs and an addition at the High School for robotics, career tech and trades education; - Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and - Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses? The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to be at or below 7.00 mills which is a 0 mill increase from the annual debt millage levied in 2026. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 1.74 mills (which is equal to \$1.74 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 2.06 mills annually (\$2.06 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 \$129,685,000 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.)

THE LAMPHERE SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan Shall The Lamphere Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Seven Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$47,340,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security, energy conservation and other purposes: - Remodeling, equipping and re-equipping school buildings and other facilities; and - Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, and other facilities? The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than thirty (30) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 2.50 mills (which is equal to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 2.50 mills annually (\$2.50 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 \$0 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.)

OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Description: Counties of Oakland and Lapeer State of Michigan This proposal, if approved by the electors, would, replace, restore and extend the authority of the School District to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, which currently expires with the School District's 2026 tax levy. The authorization will allow the School District to continue to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Oxford Community Schools, Counties of Oakland and Lapeer, State of Michigan, be increased, in the amount of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive with 17.26 mills of the above 18 mills being a replacement of authorized millage which will otherwise expire with the 2026 tax levy and 0.74 mills being a restoration of previously authorized millage lost as a result of the rollbacks required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$252,288 during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Description: Shall the Royal Oak Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$165,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security, energy, conservation and other purposes: • Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields and other facilities; • Erecting and completing additions to school buildings and other facilities; • Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and • Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, athletic fields and other facilities? The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to be at or below 2.20 mills which is a 0.00 mill increase from the 2.20 mills of annual debt millage levied in 2026. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than fifteen (15) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 1.41 mills (which is equal to \$1.41 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 2.05 mills annually (\$2.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value). (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.)

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REPLACEMENT NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: This proposal would replace, restore and extend the authority of the School District to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non homestead property (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) which currently expires with the School District's 2033 tax levy and allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non-homestead property in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 4 mills. The authorization will allow the School District to continue to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. Personal residences are exempt from this levy. Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residences and other property exempted by law, situated within the Waterford School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased to the amount of 22 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 to 2035 inclusive, with 17.6749 mills of the above 22 mills being a replacement of the authorized operating millage which will otherwise expire on December 31, 2033 and 0.3251 mills of the above 22 mills being a restoration of the millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$17,701,778 during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.



LIBRARY PROPOSALS

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS LIBRARY MILLAGE REPLACEMENT

Description: Shall the City of Bloomfield Hills be authorized to renew the existing library millage of .52 mills per year (as reduced by required millage rollbacks) due to expire in 2026, with a renewed library millage of up to .52 mills (\$.52 per \$1,000.00 taxable value) a year for a period of six years commencing with the July 2027 levy and raising approximately \$440,405 in the first year, for the purposes of funding a library contract with Baldwin Public Library of Birmingham, Michigan, to provide library services for the residents of the City of Bloomfield Hills and the employers and employees of businesses located in the City of Bloomfield Hills, which library services would include full library privileges to the Baldwin Public Library, including borrowing privileges and all other services of the Baldwin Public Library, on the same basis as such services are available to the residents of the City of Birmingham and the employers and employees of businesses located in the City of Birmingham?



LATHRUP VILLAGE LIBRARY SERVICES MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the City of Lathrup Village, Oakland County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new millage of 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2027 through 2031 inclusive, with the revenue to be used exclusively to fund the City’s library services contract? If approved and levied in full, this millage is estimated to generate approximately \$175,000 in the first calendar year of the levy. This millage would be subject to reduction as required by law, including the Headlee Amendment.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.1 mills (\$1.10 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), against all taxable property in the Township for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining, supporting, supplying, and equipping the Lyon Township Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year of levy (2026) is approximately \$2,560,000. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Lyon Township Public Library.

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Description: Shall the Charter Township of Orion, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Thirteen Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,300,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, to pay the cost of constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, renovations, and improvements to the Orion Township Public Library facility to support children’s programming and resources, community gathering and learning spaces, technology upgrades and infrastructure, accessibility improvements, and other library facility enhancements and related site improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in 2027 is 0.3116 mill (\$0.31 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.3117 mill (\$0.31 per \$1,000 of taxable value).



OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY RENEWAL

OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY RENEWAL OF OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY MILLAGE IN SUPPORT OF THE DETROIT ZOO

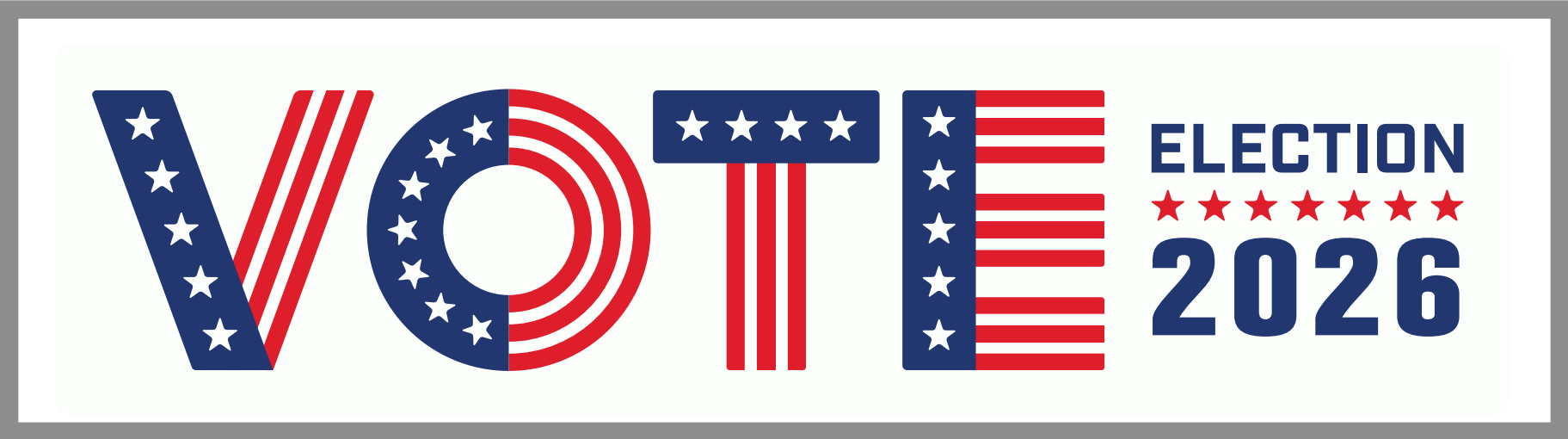
Description: In 2008 and 2016, pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, Oakland County voters renewed a 10-year property tax millage to fund zoological services through the Oakland County Zoological Authority, supporting animal care for more than 2,000 animals and 200 species, educational and senior programs, and facility maintenance at the Detroit Zoo. To continue providing these services, the Authority seeks to renew and restore the millage to the original voter-approved rate of 0.10 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value). This proposal would renew the millage at 0.0927 mill and restore the remaining 0.0073 mill that was reduced due to required rollback, for a total authorized rate of 0.10 mill on taxable real and personal property for ten (10) years. If approved, the millage rate would be unchanged from those approved by voters in 2008 and 2016. Funds will be

disbursed to the Authority and transferred to the Detroit Zoo as permitted by law. All funds are subject to annual independent audits. It is estimated that \$8,831,012 will be collected in the first year. Ballot Question: Do you approve the renewal and restoration of the levy of 0.10 mill on all taxable property in Oakland County for a period of ten (10) years, from 2028 through 2037?

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PUBLIC HISTORICAL MUSEUM AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: County of Oakland State of Michigan The Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority (“Authority”) is a joint authority established by Wayne and Oakland Counties (“Counties”) pursuant to Michigan Public Act 321 of the Public Acts of 2000, as amended, and was formed to support the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, and other public historical museums located in Wayne and Oakland Counties (“Historical

Museums”) that provide historical museum services for students, residents and visitors of the Counties. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors in each of the Counties to levy a tax of 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on taxable property to provide revenue for Historical Museums. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage on all taxable property located within Oakland County would generate approximately \$17,733,800 in 2026. In addition to supporting the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 15% of revenues received by the Authority from taxable property in Oakland County, after Authority administrative expenses, will be disbursed to the County of Oakland for the purposes of supporting Historical Museums in Oakland County. Shall a 0.2 mill tax on all taxable property located within Oakland County be imposed by the Authority for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide historical museum services for the benefit of the residents of the Counties?





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