

League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County



LOCAL VOTER GUIDE

For residents of:

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GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Northwest Wayne County

POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

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State Representative - Michigan

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

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

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MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 16

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LINDA GREEN-HARRIS

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Party Affiliation: Working Class

Qualifications and Experience: I'm a citizen of Michigan, and I have been a worker all my life.

Education: Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University

Occupation / Current Position: Retired from General Motors in Hamtramck

Campaign Twitter Handle:

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QUESTION 1: I believe that Michigan is in need of change that would help the lives of all Michiganders. I have a special connection to Detroit. I feel that Detroit as the biggest city in Michigan gets the least support from Lansing. I want to fight for Detroiters and Wayne County.

QUESTION 2: I do not think Michigan would have such a teacher shortage if teachers were paid what teachers are worth! Detroit is struggling to have books and computers while some wealthy suburbs have state of the art cafeterias and huge computer labs. There is plenty of money to pay for nice schools for every student every where in Michigan.

QUESTION 3: I think a start would be to enforce the laws against polluters. Make these corporations pay for clean up and pay the true cost for damage to the community. We need to stop accepting hazardous radioactive waste in Michigan. If the radioactive waste scheduled to come from New York State to Wayne County could be stored safely, why are they moving it? The radioactive waste was stored in New York State since 1944 -- why move it now, why move it here to Michigan? It is like an admission that this waste is not safe!

QUESTION 4: I think now that the

free education is being offered to most high school graduates, that is a start. So many young people who go away to school, never come back. People need an incentive to stay here. Try providing a minimum income so that people do not have to work 2 or 3 jobs just to make a decent living.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 17

LAURIE POHUTSKY

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Party Affiliation: Democratic

Qualifications and Experience: In addition to having a science background that drives a data-driven approach to policy, I have served as a state representative since 2019 and currently serve as the Speaker Pro Tempore.

Education: Bachelors of Science, microbiology

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative HD 17, Speaker Pro Tempore

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QUESTION 1: In my first three terms, I have worked to advance reproductive freedom, environmental protections, and lower healthcare costs. However, there is more work to be done and I would like the opportunity to continue to serve my district and advance policies that benefit Michiganders.

QUESTION 2: Over the course of recent years, we have begun to prioritize equitable funding for our schools and increase per pupil funding. Policies such as providing free breakfast and lunch for students also help make sure that children and teachers can focus on learning rather than being hungry. Additionally, we have enacted policies this term that will help retain teachers by allowing them to negotiate for better pay and positions that better fit with their specializations. Reforming teacher evaluations will also allow teachers to focus on classroom instruction rather than standardized testing.

QUESTION 3: I was a lead sponsor on a bill that was part of the Clean Energy and Jobs Act, moving Michigan to a renewable energy future by 2040 and creating the infrastructure to train people in those fields. The state can also help advance public transit and transition to electric vehicles, both of

which would reduce carbon emissions. The legislature can also enact policy to help homeowners invest in energy efficient updates to their homes, such as using tax credits to help offset the costs of weatherization.

QUESTION 4: In 2023, we passed legislation to repeal the retirement tax and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to help keep people here in Michigan and make it easier to make ends meet. We've also expanded Michigan Reconnect to help make college or trade school more affordable to keep students in state. We've also worked to make Michigan a place people feel safe and welcome by repealing Michigan's criminal abortion ban and explicitly extending civil rights protections to the LGBTQ+ community. Recent investments in our public school system and infrastructure will also help retain residents.

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Qualifications and Experience:

Occupation / Current Position: RN BSN

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QUESTION 1: I am running for state Representative to advocate for conservative values and promote policies that support individual freedom, fiscal responsibility, and strong community ties. My focus will be on reducing government overreach, cutting taxes, and ensuring that our state remains a place where businesses and families can thrive. By prioritizing traditional values and pragmatic solutions, I aim to strengthen our community, protect personal liberties, and uphold the principles that have guided our state to success.

QUESTION 2: To address Michigan's educational challenges and teacher shortage effectively, the state should consider several key strategies. First, increasing teacher salaries is essential, but these raises should be linked to performance metrics to ensure that pay reflects effectiveness and helps retain skilled educators. Simplifying the teacher certification process will also be crucial, allowing for a quicker entry of qualified professionals into the classroom. Finally, reallocating funding to ensure it is used efficiently and equitably will promote better outcomes

and address disparities.

QUESTION 3: First, we should stop taking in toxic waste from other cities and countries and dumping them into our ground. The state's role in mitigating climate change should focus on fostering a market-driven approach rather than heavy-handed regulations. Encouraging innovation through tax incentives and supporting private sector advancements in clean energy can be more effective than imposing strict environmental mandates. Additionally, a balanced approach that considers economic impacts and respects individual freedoms can help achieve environmental goals without stifling economic growth or personal choice.

QUESTION 4: To keep people from moving out of a state, focusing on promoting economic growth through tax reductions and deregulation can encourage business development and job creation. Ensuring fiscal responsibility by maintaining a balanced budget and avoiding excessive debt helps keep taxes reasonable and economic conditions stable. Investing in essential services like infrastructure, public safety, and education, while respecting personal freedoms and minimizing government intervention, can enhance quality of life and make the state more attractive to both current and potential residents.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 22

MATT KOLESZAR

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Party Affiliation: Democratic

Qualifications and Experience: I was a Public School Teacher for 12 years before my election in 2018. I have since served as State Representative

Education: B.A., secondary education, Saginaw Valley State University, 2006. M.A., English for Teachers, EMU 2011

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

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QUESTION 1: I am running to continue the work of my Education committee to right the wrongs of 40 years of GOP leadership on our public schools. For decades, teachers have been asked to do more with less and we have

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finally started to take actions to recruit and retain quality teachers in Michigan.

QUESTION 2: We should continue to fund our schools fully so that we can hire and retain quality educators, including support staff like literacy coaches, paraprofessionals, and school counselors. We are taking the literacy crisis head-on with legislation that would screen all student K-3 for dyslexia and other reading difficulties. Dyslexia affects one in five students and has a severe impact on students' entire education and future prospects.

QUESTION 3: The state should be doing everything they can to protect our air and water, as they are crucial to the survival of our state. Additionally, anyone found polluting our waterways either out of negligence or to cut corners should be held fully responsible for cleanups and should be fined to ensure it doesn't happen again.

QUESTION 4: Addressing the issues our public schools have been facing will be an important part of retaining residents. Additionally, state investment in high-tech jobs will allow us to recruit talent to the state.

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Qualifications and Experience:

Professional Business Operator, Girl's High School Hockey Coach, Hillsdale College Alumni Volunteer, Local Community Non-Profit Volunteer

Education: Graduate of Hillsdale College (B.A. in Accounting)

Occupation / Current Position:

Director of Operations, Stathakis Inc.

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QUESTION 1: I am running for the Michigan State Legislature to secure a brighter future for our families and children, ensuring they have opportunities to thrive. However, this progress must not come at the expense of the values and principles that have made Michigan great. I am committed to protecting our freedoms, fostering economic growth, and enhancing educational opportunities while preserving our rich heritage and community spirit. By balancing innovation with tradition, I aim to build a Michigan that honors its past and paves the way for a prosperous future.

QUESTION 2: We must focus on empowering students through a partnership between parents, educators, and the community. Quality education stems from the freedom of choice,

allowing parents to select the best educational path for their children. Instead of pushing political agendas, we should prioritize real educational outcomes, ensuring our kids can read and perform basic math proficiently. To address the teacher shortage, we need to streamline the process for people to become teachers - as long as they meet the standards and qualifications required to effectively complete their job of providing our children with a quality education.

QUESTION 3: I believe the state should focus on practical, market-driven solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change. This includes supporting technological innovation and enhancing energy efficiency programs. Additionally, we should encourage private sector investments in green technologies and infrastructure improvements. By balancing environmental stewardship with economic growth, we can protect our natural resources and ensure a prosperous future for Michigan families and businesses. It is crucial to implement policies that empower individuals and businesses to adopt sustainable practices voluntarily.

QUESTION 4: To retain residents in Michigan, I support actions that foster economic growth, improve quality of life, and create job opportunities. This includes reducing taxes and regulatory burdens on businesses to stimulate investment and innovation, enhancing our education system to provide top-notch schooling for our children, and investing in infrastructure to improve transportation and connectivity. Additionally, supporting community development initiatives and ensuring access to quality healthcare are essential. By creating an environment where families can thrive and businesses can prosper, we can keep residents in Michigan and attract new ones.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 23

JASON MORGAN

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Party Affiliation: Democratic

Qualifications and Experience:

Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, Teacher at Washtenaw Community College, Service Member in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Staff to U.S. Reps. John and Debbie Dingell

Education: Bachelor of Science from Northern Michigan University, Master of Public Administration from University of Michigan

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

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QUESTION 1: I am running for re-election as your State Representative because I want to continue building a Michigan that works for everyone. My focus is on passing more pro-worker, pro-choice, and pro-people legislation. I am committed to improving our education system, protecting our environment, holding corporate polluters accountable, investing in infrastructure, and strengthening our democracy. Since taking office, we've passed transformational legislation to expand civil rights protections for our LGBTQ community, ensure reproductive freedom, restore labor rights, and create economic opportunities for all. Let's keep the momentum going, together!

QUESTION 2: As a former teacher and current vice chair of the House K-12 and higher education budget committees, I hold a deep commitment to ensuring equitable, quality public education for all. I have helped pass legislation to improve working conditions for teachers and strengthen public education for our students. This includes restoring collective bargaining rights, increasing teacher compensation and investing in mental health, school safety, special education, and early intervention programs. We're also helping families save by making college more affordable and providing free breakfast and lunch for all students.

QUESTION 3: The state must play an active role in mitigating the impact of climate change. Last year, I helped pass the Clean Energy & Jobs Act, a historic package of clean energy legislation that will require Michigan's energy to come from 60% renewable sources by 2035, expand access to rooftop solar, and authorize the Michigan Public Service Commission to regulate big energy utility companies on a broader array of issues impacting residents. Additionally, I introduced Michigan's "Polluter Pay" package to hold corporate polluters accountable for environmental contamination and help those harmed by pollution to seek justice.

QUESTION 4: Retaining and attracting residents is crucial for Michigan's growth and prosperity. I introduced a comprehensive set of legislation to implement the recommendations of Governor Whitmer's Growing Michigan Together Council, which focus on creating a more vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous Michigan. Here are some key actions that I am working to implement: Investing in education and strategic economic development, building more housing, creating

a statewide public transit system, improving access to quality healthcare, and protecting our state's natural resources. These actions will create good paying jobs and attract talent to our great state!

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Qualifications and Experience:

American citizen all my life. I now have the opportunity to participate and have a voice for my constituents.

Education: Syracuse University

Occupation / Current Position: Trader

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QUESTION 1: This decision was not taken lightly. Many have asked; why do you want to do this to yourself, or, what's in it for you? I am a candidate because I am now at a point where I want to have my voice included in the decisions that so profoundly effect my family, my neighborhood and myself.

I am willing to put myself out there for the forgotten man, (You & Me). I am all about developing, building and allowing economic prosperity for all Michiganders. Are you with me?

QUESTION 2: I believe competition would go a long way to fixing many of Michigan's problems. We are not receiving enough value for the price. Future generations are woefully unprepared for the tasks that will be required of them if Michigan is to continue to prosper. We need them to be ready, and they are not!

QUESTION 3: The State should get out of the way and let the free market determine the most viable solutions. The best ideas have not yet been presented. I am an all of the above enthusiast. I would regret squelching an idea without a hearing.

QUESTION 4: Again this is not Governments role. Creating and establishing an environment conducive

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to business activity would be self serving. People will migrate to where they are appreciated. Remember Henry Ford's \$5.00/day offer? It changed Michigan's demographics for generations. State Government played NO role in this decision. Business, like capital will flow to where it is most appreciated.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 25

PETER HERZBERG

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Westland City Council 2016-2024,

State Representative 4/30/24- current,

Westland Democratic Club Member

Education: John Glenn High School,

Wayne State University BSBA - Finance

Occupation / Current Position:

Michigan State Representative

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QUESTION 1: When our local seat in the State Legislature was vacated last year, I knew I had to step up and go to work for the residents of District #25. After serving on the City Council for 9 years, I decided it was time to take my knowledge and experience to the State Capitol and fight to bring home funding for local projects, as well as work on the issues that matter most to our local businesses, healthcare facilities and public safety. I am running because we need a leader in Lansing who clearly understands the needs of our district and who has a working relationship with the local Mayors, School Leaders and business community.

QUESTION 2: There are several pieces of legislation that will be voted on in the coming weeks and months that work to address quality education, staffing levels, and making sure we are providing a world class education to our local students. I am already working on behalf of the district to provide more learning opportunities for the youth as well as improving recreation and other after school programs and activities. I am the only candidate in this race who is supported by our local teachers and school staff unions and I look forward to working closely with them to increase per student funding and improving teacher pay and addressing the shortage.

QUESTION 3: It is the role of the State to enact responsible policies that work to protect our environment. While there are several issues related to climate change that we hear about from the

Federal level, there are local issues that need to be discussed and addressed. As a longtime advocate for curbside recycling, it troubles me to know that nearly half of the trash dumped in Michigan landfills comes from Canada, and other states. I believe we need to establish fees for every garbage truck that crosses the Ambassador bridge. Additionally, we need to fix our local sewer systems to prevent raw sewage from entering the Rouge River during flood events.

QUESTION 4: 30% of Michiganders who decide to move out of State are doing so for job opportunities elsewhere. Many of those jobs are related to the technology industry that has been historically based out west. I am working with my colleagues on legislation that works to address flaws in outdated zoning laws and rules that prevented tech companies from moving to Michigan. Another 15% of those who leave Michigan are doing so for retirement. We need to work on affordable housing, healthcare and other services that support Michigan's aging population.

JOSH POWELL

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Party Affiliation: Republican

Qualifications and Experience:

I was endorsed by 8 statewide organizations for the April 16th special election, I have been a precinct delegate for 2 years and run for city council in Westland in 2021

Education: Associates in Criminal Justice and Bachelors in Information Technology

Occupation / Current Position: Master Data Administrator

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Website: www.powell4michigan.com/

QUESTION 1: It was during 2020 that I saw and understood how politicians can weaponize the government against people. As I watched the lockdowns, the shutting down of businesses and schools, and the mandating of medical and health decisions, I was appalled by what I saw and still see as egregious rights violations in the name of safety. Even when the rules didn't make sense, and everyone agreed they didn't make sense, they were enforced simply because they could be. Michigan's government has admitted they may have been too aggressive. I am running to bring transparency and accountability to the Michigan legislature.

QUESTION 2: It is no secret that Michigan's public schools are not adequately educating children. Our test

scores are getting worse, our students are being pushed through without being educated and there is massive out cry to fix it from parents. We do this with school choice, parents should be able to easily see a schools report card and text results and decide which school they want to send their child to. As long as we are funding schools on a per pupil basis then that money should follow the pupil wherever they go so that they can get the best education possible with the same resources available as everyone else.

QUESTION 3: Between China, India, Pakistan and Russia alone they increase the rate of CO2 output more than the entire output of the United States every 3 years and there is nothing we can do about that. We should care about our environment and protect it from things like PFAS contamination and pollution but there is nothing we can do as a state or a country about worldwide CO2 output as we don't have anything to do with most of it.

QUESTION 4: Every state that has eliminated income taxes is seeing and has historically seen massive population growth. We should be reducing the size and scope of the state government while also lowering taxes until we can eliminate the income tax altogether.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 26

DYLAN WEGELA

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Party Affiliation: Democratic

Qualifications and Experience: Eastern

Michigan University Graduate, Public School Teacher for 7.5 Years, Former Union President.

Education: BA Eastern Michigan University

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

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QUESTION 1: I grew up in a working-class household and saw my mother work 60+ hours a week just for us to survive. The truth is the economy is rigged against the working class, and I am running for re-election to reject a system designed to benefit the few. I see every day in Lansing the influence corporations have over the legislative process. I am one of the only people in state government not to take Corporate PAC money. We need to be focused on expanding worker rights, making government transparent, and holding corporations accountable. In just one term I have voted against more corporate handouts than any other Democrat in Michigan history.

QUESTION 2: As a former educator,

this has been one of my top priorities in Lansing. We have made great steps in increasing education funding and restoring educator rights, but we need to do more. According to the Michigan School Finance Research Collaborative, our schools are \$4.5 Billion short of adequate funding. This fall I will be proposing that we tax the ultra-wealthy to fund schools. Michigan is one of the only states where a teacher pays the same tax rate as a billionaire. That needs to change. Simply put, all students deserve free and quality education regardless of their zip code.

QUESTION 3: The Climate Crisis is one of the most important issues of our time. The State should be playing a major role in the fight. I was proud to vote for one of the nation's strongest environmental packages the Clean Energy & Jobs Act which will require Michigan's energy to come from 50% renewable sources by 2030 and 100% by 2040. This was a good start, but we need to do more. One of the biggest barriers to good environmental legislation is corporate money in politics. This is why I introduced HB 5520 & 5521. These bills would prevent monopoly utilities like DTE from influencing our elections by banning their ability to donate in secret.

QUESTION 4: Since I have been in Lansing the leading approach has been How do we influence people to move to Michigan. My colleagues have been attempting to accomplish this goal by giving massive corporate handouts to attract corporations to move to Michigan. This is a mistake. These corporations rarely make good on their promises. I hold the belief that our tax dollars should benefit us. We should approach the problem by making life better for the people already living here. This means investing in public spaces, our schools, infrastructure, transportation, and mental health services. These types of investments have huge returns.

JEFF GORMAN

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Party Affiliation: Republican

Qualifications and Experience:

24 Years Naval Officer/Aviator , 20 Years US Airline Pilot, 9 years Substitute Teacher K-12, 10 years Precinct Delegate, 2 time US Congress Candidate.

Education: BS Aerospace Engineering MS Industrial Engineering

Occupation / Current Position: Retired

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QUESTION 1: Lansing is dedicated

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to stripping freedom and liberty away from its citizens. It has destroyed small business. It wants to Kalifornicate the state. By that, it means to turn MI into CA with all the madness supporting an agenda that is costly and betrays the residents. MI is already losing residents. As it becomes more like CA, this loss will accelerate just like it is in that far western state.

QUESTION 2: It needs to control where the money is going and use metrics to determine that the money is being properly invested to improve student education. The ultimate goal should be investment in the quality of the education and not some other agenda.

QUESTION 3: We can just insure that we are good stewards of our vast natural resources. MI has a lot of them. We should not be wasting them but using them effectively.

QUESTION 4: We have to make MI a state where people can live and work with relative ease. Penalizing businesses or increasing tax burden is not the solution.

MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT 31

REGGIE MILLER

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Party Affiliation: Democratic Michigan House District 31

Qualifications and Experience: Former Van Buren Township Trustee, Executive Director of the National Strawberry Festival, Vice President of the Belleville DDA, and strong community advocate.

Education: Associate degree - Purdue University North Central, Indiana; Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cleary University, Ann Arbor.

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

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QUESTION 1: I am running for reelection because I believe that government works best when focused on serving residents' needs. While in Lansing, I've continued to preserve, support, and protect our community. I maintain a common-sense approach to serving the hardworking taxpayers of the community by listening to their concerns. While we've made great progress during my first term, plenty of work still needs to be done.

QUESTION 2: To address the teacher shortage we need to increase educator pay to retain and attract new teachers to the profession, continue to invest in our classrooms, and ensure that our districts receive equitable funding.

QUESTION 3: With an abundance of natural resources, a strong agriculture

sector, and a large percentage of the world's freshwater, Michigan should be a leader in protecting and preserving our environment for future generations. During my first term, we passed legislation that sets renewable energy goals for the state over the coming decades which will put us on the right path in addressing climate change.

QUESTION 4: To retain residents in Michigan we need to invest in our state to make it a great place to live, go to school, work, and retire. We need to lower the cost of housing by building new affordable housing, attract new high-paying jobs, and investing in our public schools, trade programs, and colleges.

DALE BINIECKI

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Party Affiliation: Republican Michigan House District 31

Qualifications and Experience: 47 years experience transporting construction, automotive and agricultural materials for a vast array of businesses.

Education: Associate of Science

Occupation / Current Position: Retired Small Businessman

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Website: www.VoteBiniecki.com

QUESTION 1: I have lived in the 31st District my entire life. The people of

this district are hardworking folks who deserve someone to represent their interests. Their tax dollars are sent to Lansing and spent on many things they would never invest in with their own funds. I want to be able to monitor their hard earned dollars and make sure it is spent well. I also want to reduce the size and scope of state government.

QUESTION 2: Quality teachers gravitate to schools with good pay and benefits. Previous administrations have addressed the teacher pension shortfall but the current governor seems to disregard the progress made and use the funds for her own projects. I believe emphasis on topics other than the basics of reading, math, science, writing and history have hindered our students. With limited classroom time, students must be proficient in the basics.

QUESTION 3: The state should have no role in mitigating climate change. If every regulation the state proposed was implemented, it would be a very tiny impact. The outcome does not reflect the amount regulation and money spent. It is just not worth the investment.

QUESTION 4: I propose lowering state income taxes for working people. Since our population is aging, I propose to freeze property taxes on retired individuals on fixed incomes. Our elderly cannot afford to stay in Michigan when their taxes increase but their incomes don't.



YOUR VOTE Counts 11.5.24

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

Wayne County Commissioners

Vote for one (1)

Description: This position is one of 15 Commissioners who comprise the legislative branch of county government. Four-year term.

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

8TH DISTRICT

DAVID KNEZEK

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI

Party: U.S. Taxpayers

Biographical Info:

Campaign website: USTPM.org

Campaign Phone: 3133198676

Campaign Email: marc.sosnowski@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: After 30+ years in property management, I am now my Mother's caregiver. This enables me to work from home as a power broker for Navigate Power, David Allen Capital, and Symmetry Financial Group. When I am free for half the day, you can find me on the Guest Service staff for the Detroit Tigers games or subbing in the elementary schools in Garden City, Wayne/Westland, and Van Buren. I am active with the US Taxpayers Party, the Knights of Columbus, and Lifespan. I am in this race because the size of government has become constitutionally unmanageable, and also unaccountable in the use of public-private partnerships usurping authority. Let's make sure that Wayne County is not funding unconstitutional projects.

QUESTION 2: Wayne County Commissioner is a part-time job offering full-time pay. Let's fix that, but since the commission itself sets its own compensation, let's see if any other commissioners will vote for smaller paychecks. Being on the supposed verge of a new "pandemic", the public should not be misled again into surrendering liberty. We especially should not be funding public health messages suggesting or coercing anyone to comply with mandates, which have no constitutional authority. Will we ever be able to trust our election results? Since I am running against a Democrat, and the vote counters are overwhelmingly Democrats, I request that votes be hand-counted. What sense does it make to count fractions of votes, which is allowed!

9TH DISTRICT

CAROL SOUCHOCK

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Education: Masters of Library Science - Wayne State University, B.A. UofM-Dearborn

Campaign Website: carolsouchock.com

Campaign Email: souchock4WCC@gmail.com

Other Social Media

(URL): facebook.com/

souchock4waynecountycommissioner

Occupation/Current Profession:

Retired Director of Plymouth District Library

QUESTION 1: I have worked in leadership positions for local governments, including the City of Southfield and Macomb County, in Southeast Michigan throughout my career. Most recently serving as the Director of the Plymouth District Library and a Department Head for the City of Adrian. My career and volunteer work has been devoted to public service, the support of community organizations and economic development. Volunteer leadership experiences include Rotary, Plymouth Township Historic District Commission, and the Plymouth Historical Museum. I am running for Wayne County Commissioner in District 9 to continue my lifelong commitment to community service and to honor those elected officials who have positively influenced my communities and me.

QUESTION 2: The challenges Wayne County faces include population loss, insufficient affordable housing, infrastructure and road failures, unfunded pensions, businesses (and the County) maintaining current employees and filling open positions. I will work to make Wayne County a better place to work, live and visit by bringing my government budget experience and skills at building community connections. I support improved and expanded county services to seniors and veterans. I will meet with and survey those who need these services and the organizations that provide resources to determine needs and achieve improvement with the County Commissioner and the County's leadership team. In addition, I will expand communication with residents.

TERRY A. MARECKI

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Education: BS Dietetics- Madonna College, Associates Degree- Schoolcraft College

Campaign Phone: 7343772824

Campaign Email: tsews42@hotmail.com

Occupation/Current Profession:

Wayne County Commissioner District 9

QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong resident of Livonia, attending Livonia Schools. By trade, I am a retired registered

dietitian. I have served the community as an elected official since 2001. I served on the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia City Council, as Livonia City Clerk and now as WC Commissioner since 2015. I am running for reelection because I work hard for the citizens in my district and enjoy it very much. Removing barriers so people can enjoy their lives, families, properties or businesses, is deeply satisfying. I have a hard working, effective office, which is very responsive to citizens questions and requests. I am dedicated to serving my district in every way. I am married to Mark, the mother of 4 children and grandmother to 7.

QUESTION 2: WC has come a long way financially in the past 10 years. We have balanced the budget with a savings every year since I have been a WC Commissioner. Infrastructure will continue to be my priority. I am the chair of the Committee on Public Services. The roads crew has done an amazing job the past 3 years, going from improving 60 lane miles of roads in 2021 to 180 road miles in 2023. District 9 has seen many of these road improvements. I will continue to work closely with the elected officials in the areas I represent, along with working with my 14 colleagues on the Commission, making many voting decisions for the betterment of the entire county. I will also continue to be part of the National Organization of Counties. (NACo).

10TH DISTRICT

MELISSA DAUB

Party: Democratic

Campaign Email: melissa@melissadaub.com

Other Social Media (URL):

www.facebook.com/

melissadaubforcommissioner/

Campaign Website: www.melissadaub.com

Occupation/Current Profession:

Wayne County Commissioner
Education: B.S. Eastern Michigan University

QUESTION 1: Commissioner Melissa Daub was first elected to the Wayne County Commission in 2018. A proud graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Commissioner Daub holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Commissioner Daub lives in Canton with her senior rescue dog, Toby. Commissioner Daub is a strong advocate for Plymouth-Canton and Wayne County on the state level on the Michigan Association of

Counties Board of Directors, and on the federal level as an active member of the National Association of Counties. Daub serves as chair of the Committee on Audit, vice-chair of the Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security and as a member of the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

QUESTION 2: Adequate staffing-without county employees, we cannot provide services to our residents in a timely and effective manner. In response to this challenge, a Staffing and Benefits Task Force was established in 2023. The Task Force, of which Commissioner Daub was a member, made several recommendations to the County Executive's Office regarding compensation and benefits packages and free employee parking. Roads- Commissioner Daub pushed for the approval of \$7 million in the 2023-24 budget, to repair township roads. Drain repair and maintenance- Daub introduced a resolution supporting HB 4382-83 to amend the Michigan Drain Code, which would allow Drain Commissioners to have access to additional tools to mitigate storm damage.

12TH DISTRICT

GLENN S. ANDERSON

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email:

Glenn.S.Anderson2006@gmail.com

Education: Wayne State University, University of Michigan Dearborn

Occupation/Current Profession:

Wayne County Commissioner

Campaign Phone: (734)458-1991

QUESTION 1: Married, Father of 2 Adult Children, Grandfather of 4 Retired from Ford Motor Co. After 28 yrs & UAW Local 900 Member Westland Councilman 1992-2000 Licensed Realtor since 1979. MI State Representative 2001-2006 MI State Senator 2007-2014 Wayne County Commissioner 2016-CURRENT Licensed Realtor since 1979

I wish to continue making government provide important services for its citizens with higher efficiency, greater transparency and respect.

QUESTION 2: While the county's current financial condition is good and its credit rating has improved, we must continue to make sound decisions. This is a priority. As a member of the Ways & Means committee, this must be a top priority.

Wayne County Officials

Vote for one (1)

Description: Four-year term

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected.

WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

KERRY LEE MORGAN

Party: Libertarian

Biographical Info:

Campaign Website: <https://www.martindale.com/attorney/kerry-lee-morgan-2161158/>

Education: B.S, Michigan State University, J.D. Detroit College of Law; M.A. Regent University
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

KYM L. WORTHY

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

T. P. NYKORIAK

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

RAPHAEL WASHINGTON

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

WAYNE COUNTY CLERK

CATHY M. GARRETT

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JOSEPH H LEBLANC

Party: Libertarian

Biographical Info:

Address: 5840 N Canton Center Suite 267 Canton MI 48187

Occupation/current position: Business founder, owner, operator

Campaign Phone: 7342161004

Campaign Email: jhl@michsoft.com

Education: College, non-degree

QUESTION 1: Joseph is a 61 year old Christian man from Plymouth Twp. Married 39 years to Lisa. They have one son, a physician. Joseph has founded multiple businesses, two of which he

still owns and operates. He has served on non-profit 501c3 boards in the past, and still sits as director on a local educational non-profit. No election should have only one candidate, as any power unchallenged can corrupt and grow complacent easier than with challenge. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your Clerk.

The Libertarian philosophy is limited government, fiscal responsibly. Some state the philosophy as, leave people be, and don't take their stuff. As such our tax burden can be considered government's taking of your money/property by force. While some tax may be necessary, we are over taxed. Joseph considers himself, not "woke", nor a belief in programs that discriminate, such as DEL.

QUESTION 2: The main task of the Clerk, is fair, clean elections. When a question is asked as to fraud in an election, the answer is most always yes. No large scale election can be held without some bad actors attempting, and likely succeeding on fraud, on purpose, or by accident. Anyone who feels that a large election is 100%

accurate is likely wrong. The Clerk's job is to do their best to stop any fraud, and conduct accurate counts, working with the local city and township clerks to help ensure their accuracy. I'd work with the legislators to modify a few existing laws. There is no reason for our polls to be open for multiple days prior to "election day", this promotes potential fraud. We should also move towards ranked choice voting, This option best shows the real desire of the people. The clerk should help educate the media and public that there are more than two political parties.

WAYNE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

AFAF AHMAD

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BERNARD J. YOUNGBLOOD

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.



Township Officials

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.
 QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

CANTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Description: The Canton Township Supervisor is the township's chief administrator and is responsible for overseeing the operation of all township departments, acting as chairperson for Board of Trustees meetings, appointing board and commission members, preparing and monitoring the budget, and serving on numerous local and regional boards and committees. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

ANNE MARIE GRAHAM-HUDAK

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Canton Township Supervisor
Campaign Website: www.VoteAnneMarie.com
Campaign Phone: 7345022508
Campaign Email: annemarieforsupervisor@gmail.com
Education: Bachelor of Science Boston University, MBA Lawrence Technological University
Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/SupervisorAnneMarieGrahamHudak

QUESTION 1: I am a 30-year Canton resident and current Canton Township Supervisor. All four of my children graduated from PCCS schools. Prior to being elected Supervisor in 2020, I was a Trustee and Planning Commissioner, & Engineer and Project Manager at Ford, Chrysler and Detroit suppliers for 30 years. I am running for reelection to keep Canton moving forward. Since 2021, we've brought a record \$30 million in tax dollars back to Canton to fix roads, fill sidewalk gaps, energize Cherry Hill Village, support public safety with better pay and benefits, plan a 4th Fire Station reducing emergency response times, preserve green space, and grow Canton's highly-recognized Therapeutic Rec program. These investments will keep our community safe and beautiful.

QUESTION 2: The priority issues facing the Township Supervisor include 1) strengthening our infrastructure, 2) preserving Canton's natural beauty, and 3) harnessing technology to deliver Township services more effectively. Since I was elected Township Supervi-

sor in 2020, we've fixed over 40 miles of roads, made major investments in the Summit, Canton Sports Center and Cherry Hill Village, engaged the Army Corps of Engineers to study ways to improve drainage, preserved 136+ acres of green space at Zibiwes Nature Area, moved to electronic payments for water billing and taxes, adopted Indigov to better serve constituents, and are now developing a technology corridor along Michigan Avenue with eight partnering communities between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

PAT WILLIAMS

Party: Republican
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Real Estate Agent
Campaign Website: electpatwilliams.com
Campaign Phone: 734-358-5271
Campaign Email: patforcanton@yahoo.com
Education: AAS Metallurgy and Material Sciences, BSBA Business Administration, MBA Lawrence Technological University
Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/pwilliamsmirootsgroup/

QUESTION 1: As a former Elected in Canton as a Trustee and former Supervisor, I would like to return Canton to being a common sense driven community. My wife Nancy and I are 40 year Canton residents, I work currently as a Realtor, previously I had 40 years in the automotive industry as a tier I Account Manager and owner/operator of a successful Canton based auto supplier. Our children attended Plymouth Canton Community Schools. My passion for Canton continues through my ongoing involvement in the community based organizations such as the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Buckingham Homeowners Association, Canton Lions Club and Canton Center - Adopt a Road. As well supporting other Community Based Organizations.

QUESTION 2: Priorities for Canton :
 • To represent all Canton Residents unlike the current Board who appear to favor, friends, insiders and political allies over the people of Canton in ever increasing expenditures, hiring as well policies and events sponsored.
 • To be accessible to all Canton residents and business owners to assist them in navigating Canton government

services. My cell number is 734-358-5271.

- Work with Canton employees to understand their needs for systemic changes to deliver optimally services to our residents and businesses.
- Act as an intermediate in negotiations to ensure Canton's best interests are represented in our region and beyond. Return to regular meetings with Wayne County Executive Warren and County Directors.

CANTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Description: The Treasurer's Office is solely responsible for the receipt, deposit, control and disbursement of all receipts of the Township on a daily basis. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

DIAN SLAVENS

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Canton Township Treasurer
Campaign Email: dianslavensforcanton@gmail.com
Education: Associate Degree in Allied Health; Graduate Respiratory Therapist; RRT; Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer MiCPT

QUESTION 1: I have had the honor of representing Canton Township, as an elected official, for sixteen years. Prior to being elected Canton Township Treasurer in 2016, I served in the House of Representatives for three terms. I am also a Registered Respiratory Therapist (I had worked 20 plus years at Beaumont and Henry Ford Hospital prior to being elected to the House of Representatives). As Canton Township Treasurer I have worked hard to bring customer friendly online service for our residents. I have also introduced e-utilities where residents can go online and look at current and past usage of their water. I am always looking at new ways to improve service. I have also worked closely with MSD and Finance to keep our water rates low.

QUESTION 2: Continue great customer service along with transparency. I will be working with ITI to change our ERP system which will bring more online payments such as permits... to our residents. I will also continue working with our Local,

County, State and Federal elected officials to bring dollars back to Canton Township. I believe it is so important to continue working on more green space such as parks, continue promoting programs to insure Canton is a Welcoming Community for everyone and support our workers so we continue having great employees, keeping Canton Township a safe and welcoming community where people want to live and raise a family.

CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees is the policy making body for the Charter Township of Canton. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

AMMARA ANSARI

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Education: Masters in Public Policy from Ford School of Public Policy at University of Michigan
Campaign Phone: (734)252-6071
Occupation/Current Profession: Development Director at Detroit Action
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Campaign Email: ammaraforcanton@gmail.com
Campaign Website: ammaraforcanton.com

QUESTION 1: My name is Ammara Ansari and I've lived in Canton Township for the last 8 years, where I've been doing community organizing work and rooted to my family and close friends. I'm running for Canton Township Trustee because I'm excited to build more representation for our residents and I'm inspired by all of the positive changes in our beautiful community over the last few years. I'm looking forward to working with our current elected leaders to keep moving Canton Forward. I'm the Development Director for a non-profit organization and I have a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan - my career has been dedicated to the service of others, and I am looking forward to using this opportunity to

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QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

push for progress!

QUESTION 2: If elected, I plan on addressing the following priority issues facing our community:

- Preserving our green spaces
 - Encouraging the growth of local businesses
 - Improving our roads and infrastructure
 - Building community outreach initiatives so our families have access to local government resources
- I believe that all Canton Township residents and families have a right to a sustainable, diverse, and well-developed community that they can call home for years to come. As a future member of the board, I'm looking forward to working with current board members to ensure that we continue building on the progress already made. My main goal is to actively engage residents during my term to ensure their voices are heard.

KATE BORNINSKI

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Twitter (X) Username: kateforcanton
Education: B.A. University of Michigan--Ann Arbor, Graduate Program Teacher Certification--Eastern Michigan University

Campaign Phone: 734-740-6615

Occupation/Current Profession:

Canton Township Trustee

Other Social Media (URL): www.

facebook.com/kateforcanton/

Campaign Email: kateforcanton@gmail.com

Campaign Website: kateforcanton.com

QUESTION 1: I have lived in Canton for over 24 years. My husband Tom and I raised our 3 children here. They are all graduates of Plymouth High School. From January 2015 through December 2020, I was a member of the P-CCS Board of Education, and served as President, Vice President and Secretary. In 2018, I graduated from Leadership Canton. When my term was up, my children had graduated, so I ran for Township Trustee. I enjoy serving my community and feel that over the last four years our current board has started many exciting and intentional projects and initiatives that I would like to see completed. I want to give back to our community and make sure that those who serve our residents do so with integrity and transparency.

QUESTION 2: There has been progress on road conditions in Canton, but we need to do more. The roads millage only addresses some of the issues. The current board secured funding from state legislators and we will continue to press legislative partners to help, and find innovative ways to repair roads. The township has little open land left, and green space should be a priority because of its importance for physical and mental health. We created a nature area designation to protect green space.

I will work with staff to protect more so that residents can enjoy it. So far we have preserved over 130 acres and in my next term we will preserve more. Finally, budgeting for, building and staffing a fourth fire station will lower response times in emergencies.

SOMMER N. FOSTER

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Education: Eastern Michigan

University, Political Science

Occupation/Current Profession:

Executive Director, Michigan Voices

Other Social Media (URL): facebook.

com/Sommerfosterforcanton

Campaign Email: sommer.foster@gmail.com

Campaign Website: sommerfoster.com

QUESTION 1: I was elected to the Canton Twp Board in 2016. I am on the Planning Commission, the Roads Advisory Committee and the Boards & Commissions Interview Committee. In my professional life, I am the Executive Director of Michigan Voices, a non-profit that supports civic engagement work. I am on the board of Engage MI and the Board Chair of Planned Parenthood Advocates of MI. I am running for re-election because we have made a lot of progress in the last four years investing in our infrastructure and public safety, protecting our green space and sustainability, but the work is not done. There is more we can do to advance energy efficiency, address our infrastructure and make Canton a wonderful place to live, work and play.

QUESTION 2:

- Infrastructure - Fixing our roads. Close sidewalk gaps around schools. Develop a plan to address flooding and wetlands. Intersection improvements.
- Protecting green space - Continue the work of building both active and passive parks in the community, continue indigenous plantings and wildflower gardens.
- Sustainability - Invest in energy efficiency in fire station #4. Expand composting and look at alternate forms of energy for township facilities and in vehicles.
- Welcoming Community - Advancing language access. Make it easier for residents to do business with Canton. Expanding multi-cultural and multi-generational programming. Expanding our police/social worker embed program.

TANIA GANGULY

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Twitter (X) Username: tania4canton

Education: BE Electrical Engineering

NIT Durgapur, MBA -Ross School of

Business, University of Michigan

Campaign Phone: 7343350240

Occupation/Current Profession:

Finance Manager -VCA North America, Canton Township Trustee

Other Social Media (URL): www.

instagram.com/tania4cantontrustee

Campaign Email:

tania4cantontrustee@gmail.com

Campaign Website: www.

tania4cantontrustee.com/

QUESTION 1: I am a mother, engineer, a volunteer in the community, and an elected official for the last four years. I have lived in Canton for the last 20 years and have been a volunteer with my child's school, volunteering with seniors, being a president of a nonprofit while working for an agency for the UK Department of Transport for the past 14 years. Since I ran for office in 2020, as the township trustee, I have been working to make the community more welcoming, improve our roads and preserve green spaces. Now, I need to continue this work and make our government more responsive to residents' needs. I would like to serve as a Township Trustee to help steer us into the future so that Canton remains a great place to live, work, and play.

QUESTION 2: Based on my conversations with residents, walkability and condition of roads, sustainable development and communication are some of the pressing issues in Canton. I will advocate with my state and federal counterparts and work with our municipal services to makes sidewalks a priority especially around schools and parks and places of worship so that Canton truly becomes an accessible community to live work and play. I will be working with the Canton Nature Society to make sure we preserve our green spaces and create pocket parks around the community. I will use the tools available through technology to improve communication with residents and hold regular townhalls and coffee hours in different parts of Canton.

JOHN ANTHONY

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Education: BL

Occupation/Current Profession:

Retired

QUESTION 1: 1962-1998 US Marine Corps

1968-1995 FBI Special Agent

Former Canton Twp. Trustee

I want to make Canton Twp. better

QUESTION 2: Taxes: lower

Roads: Fix subdivision roads first

TYLER GRABLE

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Education: MBA from University

of North Carolina, BS Finance from

Southern New Hampshire University

Campaign Phone: 7655436228

Occupation/Current Profession:

Senior Financial Analyst

Campaign Email: Grable.r.tyler@gmail.

com

QUESTION 1: I have served eight and a half years in the Marine Corps, enlisting at age 17, and had the honor to travel throughout the world in a very diverse organization. Those eight years have given me the know-how to work with all types of people and work together to get things done. During those eight years in the military, I earned my B.S. Finance degree from Southern New Hampshire University & earned my MBA from North Carolina. I have been a father for three years & a husband for four. I feel the need to run for this office to address & bring attention to issues I feel could be corrected with the proper leadership in place. Canton is a unique & diverse township with tremendous opportunities for future growth socially & economically.

QUESTION 2: Canton Township is desperately in need of road & sidewalk improvement. park investments & HOA assistance, and supporting the creation of local businesses, while maintaining a balanced budget. I would push for more funds to be diverted from the compost program to the sidewalks & roads. Canton leadership should also be more vocal about dissatisfaction regarding the Ford Road Project. Canton Township should be investing in our community parks, including improving the golf courses in the township and assisting HOAs on their neighborhood improvement projects & road lighting. Canton Township has voted in favor of chains & franchises and I would welcome voting in favor of small businesses.

JEFF GRAUNKE

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Education: Lawrence Institute of Technology

Campaign Phone: 7347183312

Occupation/Current Profession:

Business Consultant

Campaign Email: jgraunke@yahoo.com

Campaign Website: www.

ivotejeffgraunke.com

QUESTION 1: Canton resident for 23 years. Owner of Thunder Bay Group, a business consulting firm. Current board member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Chair Elect for 2025. President of the Canton Connection Group. To utilize my experience to be a valuable asset to the Canton community.

QUESTION 2: Our township continues to grow, and with that comes more challenges and opportunities. Several issues at the present are spending and the lack of transparency and accountability. Just because we have the funds does not mean we have to

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spend them. I would work closely with the finance department to justify expenditures and their value to the community as a whole. While working to stabilize and increase the reserve fund to ensure that we are able to handle any unforeseen expenses without jeopardizing the established budget. Lastly making sure we can properly staff and fund the Police/Fire/EMT services to meet the growing community needs. This funding will allow the township to acquire and retain a the highest quality of professionals.

MARKO KOZINA

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences at University of Il, Chicago

Occupation/Current Profession: Retired

QUESTION 1: I was born and raised in Chicago Il. I earned my Bachelors degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In December of 1997 I entered on duty with the United States Border Patrol. My first station was Calexico, CA, I transferred to Detroit Michigan in 2003 and I moved to Canton. In 2023 I retired after over 25 years of service. In my spare time I coached many of my children's sports teams. Once they moved on to travel sports I became their biggest fan. Canton is a great place to live and raise a family. I think Canton is doing well, but I believe that we should be doing better. If elected I would like to influence change and try to attract new unique businesses to make Canton a more desirable place to live and work.

QUESTION 2: The common complaint among Canton residents is when out of town guests visit and they ask to be taken somewhere unique, Canton does not really have a place for you to take your visitors. Instead you end up going to a neighboring city. I want to see what we can do to attract unique businesses to Canton. In turn people would travel to Canton to experience something new. I remember hearing the idea of premium sports venue at Patriot park and was excited. I would like to revisit this idea and find an area to build a premium sports venue in Canton. We need a premier a soccer field, a baseball Stadium, Cricket Field and more pickle ball courts. These fields are huge plus when you want to attract young families to move to Canton.

TAMMY HAGGERTY

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Northville Township Board of Trustees sets government policy for the township and they are responsible for establishing ordinances, approving the municipal budget, and determining the level of service as well as the programs offered to citizens. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

ROLAND HWANG

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 9255864613

Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney; Lecturer, Department of American Culture, University of Michigan

Campaign Email: hwang.roland@gmail.com

Education: BS Engineering and MBA, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Juris Doctor and Master of Laws, Wayne State Law School

QUESTION 1: Roland Hwang is a 34-year resident of Northville Township. He served 8 years on the Northville School Board, including as president. He is currently serving on Northville's Landfill Working Group, Northville Art House board, Northville Educational Foundation, NPS District Curriculum Committee, and Maple Hill HOA. He was a State Assistant Attorney General for 27 years. He has been teaching history at U-M for 29 years, and has taught at Wayne Law, Madonna, and Cooley Law. In 2023, Roland Hwang received the Governor's Lifetime Humanitarian Service Award. Roland Hwang is running for Township Trustee to be your voice on the board, to be a good steward, and to make a difference for our beloved township community.

QUESTION 2: The priority issues are: to maintain and improve on Northville Township's great quality of life, and sound fiscal management. We should explore opportunities to enhance our social services as exists in neighboring communities. To build upon our recently opened skate park, we should examine the recreational offerings we still lack, like swimming, splash park, and pickleball. As a Trustee Hwang will keep working to protect our township from landfill expansion. Such will include direct contact with the Washtenaw solid waste planners. He wants to work collaboratively, city and township, to fill the gaps in our walkable pathways. He will work on issues of social services access, and collaboratively explore those offerings that we lack.

SCOTT FRUSH

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

MINDY HERRMANN

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 2482317887

Occupation/Current Profession:

Northville Township Trustee+Executive Director, Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan

Campaign Email: mindy4trustee@gmail.com

Education: B.S. United States Naval Academy

QUESTION 1: As a veteran with 32 years of military service, and 16 years as a Township Trustee, my entire adult life has been heavily involved with "service." Local government has tremendous impact, and it is very important for us all to have ethical, committed and capable representation. Experience matters, and my education at the U.S. Naval Academy, coupled with my service as an Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, my long experience on your Board of Trustees (including my leadership on our Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Pathways Committee and Election Board), my 23 years of residency in Northville, and even my experience as a Mom of two great kids make me uniquely qualified to continue serving our great community well.

QUESTION 2: I am focused on responsible planning, protecting our environment, our parks and recreation amenities, including pathway development / maintenance and bringing more pickleball amenities to Northville. Respective to these goals, I've taken leadership positions on the appropriate board, or commission, and if elected, I will continue this work. Thus far, we have received millions in grant funding for pathways including one on the south side of 7 mile connecting Haggerty to Northville Road. There are many other pathways in the works. I have fought hard to support efforts to bring Pickleball to Northville and am proud of my work in Planning and Parks in helping bring a premier indoor facility to Northville. Email me to find out more!

ROGER LUNDBERG

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-377-8317

Occupation/Current Profession:

Trustee Northville Township

Campaign Email: lundberg4trustee@gmail.com

Education: MBA University of Michigan & BS University of Michigan

QUESTION 1: I am a Northville resident of 19 years, married to my loving wife for 53 years and proud

father of 2 sons, and a grandpa to 3 grandsons. I am retired and a proven leader with 34+ years at Chrysler/DaimlerChrysler including several executive-level positions. I am currently a Trustee on the Board of Trustees and a part of the leadership team that has created a culture of cooperation and a clear vision of improving services (Public Safety, Parks, Pathways) while maintaining or reducing fees and taxes. Over the past four years, as a member of the Board of Trustees, we have lowered costs, improved services, and created a great place to live, work, and raise a family. However, we still have more work to do (see number the next question).

QUESTION 2: Fiscal responsibility is a constant challenge. The current board's accomplishments are numerous, key ones include: AAA Bond Rating, Legacy Park, a 2nd Water Tower, new Essential Services Complex, new pathway connections, and Detroit Free press honor of Top Workplaces for 2023-24. We have created a spirit of teamwork and cooperation. I have led efforts of working with our residents through HOA-Condo forums and with our neighboring communities. I have been a leader of the Legacy Park Development and Pathways committees. With your vote, I will work to continue the culture and vision that has enabled the Township to add amenities and achieve these and other major accomplishments of expanding services in a fiscally responsible way.

CHRIS ROOSEN

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Phone: 313-407-9046

Campaign Website: www.roosen.us

Occupation/Current Profession:

Program Manager for Tier One Auto Supplier

Campaign Email: chris@roosen.us

Education: Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Engineering

QUESTION 1: I am a 24 year resident of Northville Township and a lifelong resident of Wayne County, growing up in Detroit and Dearborn Hts, and then Livonia when first married. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Engineering. After working in a variety of positions at Ford and Visteon, I am now a program manager at a billion dollar tier one auto supplier, managing Ford programs. My wife, Karen, and I built our home in the Woodlands North Subdivision, and are active at St. Colette Parish. I also serve on the Board of the Northville Community Foundation/Maybury

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Farm. I am happy to be serving you today as a Township Trustee, and am excited to be seeking another term to continue that work.

QUESTION 2: As Township Trustee, I represent the Board on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the EDC/Brownfield Authority. I am also an alternate member of the WTUA Board, which is the sewer authority owned by the Townships of Northville, Plymouth & Canton. In the next term, I look forward to completing our new Police and Fire HQ, new Fire Station, & Public Works Facility. These 21st Century facilities will help us to provide better services to protect our residents' lives & property. It will also unlock Legacy Park for further public use. We are also working with our partners to secure a permanent location for the Northville Farm Market, with potential for a year round facility. I am excited about these great projects and I hope you are, too!

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Description: The Supervisor is the Chief Elected Official of Plymouth Township. The Supervisor is responsible for the daily operation of all departments within the Township and presides as chair over meetings of the Board of Trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

CHARLES J. CURMI

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: automotive product development / program management

Campaign Email: chuck@curmi4plymouth.com

Campaign Phone: 734-476-3791

Education: B.S. Mechanical Engineering - Michigan Technological University; MBA - University of Detroit Mercy

Campaign Website: www.curmi4plymouth.com

Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/curmi4plymouth

QUESTION 1: 69 year lifelong resident; A 28 year member of the Board of Trustees. Running to improve life in Plymouth Township by continuing my strong record as a leader driving efficient and transparent government with integrity and knowledge.

QUESTION 2:

- Maintaining or improving services (especially police/fire) and paying down legacy costs within the current tax rate. Closely monitor spending and control the size and scope of government. To lower costs and improve services, I will expand cooperative relationships with neighboring communities and other organizations.

- Economic development - redirect away from traffic/crime generating development and to technology/research and single story housing suited for residents seeking to downsize.

- Solution to proposed Salem Springs sewage plant - I will bring the stakeholders together to ensure a solution that this plant is not built.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CLERK

Description: The Plymouth Township Clerk administers elections, manages the financial operations of the Township, and is the official record keeper of all township books and records. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

NANCY CONZELMAN

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney

Campaign Email: Nancyconzelman4clerk@gmail.com

Education: University of Michigan, B.A., Wayne State University School of Law, J.D.

QUESTION 1: I have lived in Plymouth Township for 31 years, raised my kids here and am running for Clerk to restore the Township's focus on the things that make it a great and affordable place to live and raise families. Having been VP and Chief Legal Counsel for a midsize automotive supplier and Township Clerk, I have both the public and private sector business, finance, administrative and executive management skills and experience to perform the statutory duties of the position and to make the best, well-researched, citizen-focused decisions possible as a voting member of the Board of Trustees. As Clerk, I ran 9 successful elections, received GFOA's "Excellence in Financial Reporting Award" and lowered costs in the Clerk's office.

QUESTION 2: The Sewage Treatment Plant, the 2 million square feet of truck intensive warehouse space off 5 mile, the Horse Track and Racino (not dead), and the densely packed development at the Elks property on Ann Arbor Rd., are all major threats to the quality of life in Plymouth Township. Not only will these projects further clog our primary and residential roads, the addition of another big box retailer along with the Racino (not dead), will consume a huge portion of our public safety resources. I would pursue a much more people focused approach to development and work to implement the initiatives residents have asked for in survey after survey: more recreation opportunities, sidewalks, sports fields, and fun activities and programs for everyone.

JERRY VORVA

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Plymouth Township Clerk

Campaign Phone: (734)634-3746

Campaign Email: jvorva@gmail.com

Education: A.A., B.S. Madonna University, Juris Doctor, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

QUESTION 1: Married, (Nancy), 6 children, 7 grandchildren. 50 year resident of the Plymouth community. Retired 33 year practicing Realtor. Elected Township Clerk in 2016 and 2020. Former State Representative 20th District. Former Plymouth City Commissioner. Retired Plymouth Police officer. The Clerk is responsible for the administration of elections, record keeping for all township actions, managing the finance department including accounts payables and audits. During my two term tenure we have restored proper accounting procedures resulting in positive fund balances while keeping taxes the lowest in Wayne County. Improved both police and fire services making Plymouth one of the safest places in Michigan. I Will continue maintain these services.

QUESTION 2: The possible placement of a sewer waste water treatment facility on our boarder with Salem is not only of major concern to residents of Plymouth but also of our surrounding neighbors. I and Supervisor Heise have been aggressively fighting this using our many years of both local and state government experiences. Maintaining first class public safety services has been hindered by defunding craze which has made it more difficult to recruit personnel. Using my experience in law enforcement has been helpful in developing recruiting programs. With the many changes in election law it has been important that I have administered 8 consecutive elections without issues. Public education of new elections laws will be a priority for myself and my staf

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Description: The Treasurer, by state statute is required to receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the Charter Township of Plymouth, collect all funds due to the Township, to pay all funds owed by the Township and account for the funds according to law. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

BOB DOROSHEWITZ

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Treasurer, Plymouth Township

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Campaign Email: doroshewitz@gmail.com

Campaign Phone: 734-233-1249

Education: J.D., Wayne State Law School; B.A., M.A. Michigan State

QUESTION 1: Treasurer 2022-2024 Trustee 2004-2022

Planning Commission 2016-Present
The Treasurer wears multiple hats – first as a policymaker, serving on the Board and governing of the Township, a role highly visible to the public. Most of my day is dedicated to administrative duties, which involves all tasks related to taxation and regulatory compliance - managing cash flow and investment policies and helping people with their problems. The administrative side demands a unique set of advanced skills. The learning curve is not insubstantial. My breadth of private sector leadership experience, along with 20 years as a policymaker, make me an ideal fit. I have been called a "voice of reason" and "fiercely independent."

QUESTION 2:

I cannot predict the future. If you had asked this question in 2020, not a single person would have said "a pandemic." But we had one anyway. When the unpredictable future unfolds, we want leaders with experience, good decision-making ability and the vision to see the community through the next issues. I take a reasoned approach, listen carefully, follow the law and I do my best to treat others fairly and with respect, regardless of whether that person is friend or foe. In the immediate future, we are dealing with Salem Springs, the 2025 Master Plan, aging in place housing challenges and the build out of the community. Those will impact the community for decades to come.

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees sets government policy for Plymouth Township. Board members are responsible for establishing ordinances, approving the municipal budget to finance programs and services and setting policy under which the Township government runs. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

BOB MILLER

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: (734) 883-3130

Occupation/Current Profession:

Legal Assistant-part-time

Campaign Email: bobmiller647@yahoo.com

Education: BS, Communication-Eastern Michigan University Summa Cum Laude

MA, Communication-Eastern Michigan University Summa Cum Laude

QUESTION 1:

- 35 years in broadcast news
- 2 years manager of Plymouth
- Integrative Medicine Center
- 8 years adjunct Professor Eastern Michigan
- Part-time legal assistant - current
- Two term member of the USVI Land Use Appeals Board
- Two term member of the USVI Alcohol Control Board

Running for Trustee to offer my experience to improve community relations between the Board of Trustees. And the public, especially when public comments are involved, I want the community to know their input is taken seriously and they are treated with dignity.

QUESTION 2: I would appeal for term limits. Additionally, I think the Planning Commission should be filled with citizens other than Trustees. Recent decisions appear to be at odds with public sentiment. Above all, Trustees should be professional and decent to one another and to the community they represent. Unchecked development may increase the tax revenues but return a negative quality of life. It's a good time to "shuffle the deck" instead of "stacking it".

ANGELA NOLAN

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 7344201011

Occupation/Current Profession:

Enrichment Programming Manager

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outlook.com

Campaign Website: Nolan4Plymouth.com

QUESTION 1: Throughout these decades, I've been deeply involved in various aspects of our community life, from self-employment to volunteering, and now, serving with Plymouth-Canton Schools. This immersion has fostered a profound connection to our township, motivating my decision to run for trustee.

QUESTION 2: My vision for Plymouth Township centers on enhancing existing resources and creating a sustainable plan for our community's growth. I advocate for thoughtful development, preserving & creating more green spaces and fostering relationships with the City of Plymouth. Together, we can attract families, enhance recreational opportunities, and promote economic vitality. Plymouth Township deserves progressive, forward-thinking leadership that truly represents our diverse population. Through active participation, we can enact meaningful change and ensure a vibrant future for all residents.

MICHAEL WESTRA

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession:

Product Cyber Security Director

Other Social Media (URL):

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Campaign Email: MichaelWestraForPlymouthTwp@gmail.com

Education: Master Software Engineering, BS Compute Science

Campaign Website: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559648731899

QUESTION 1: Mike Westra, a 20+ year Plymouth resident, has worked in a number of roles in software development, engineering, cybersecurity, and leadership. Mike is a director for product cyber security, serving on a number international standards and governmental forums. This work has led to a strong and collaborative relationship with law enforcement at the state and national level. Building on his solid foundation of over 25 years of industry leadership, Mike is an effective leader that can build consensus and help bring a level of professionalism when divisive rhetoric and dysfunction have been more the norm than the rule. As a Township Trustee, Mike's priority will be to find common ground solutions for Plymouth Township.

QUESTION 2: Plymouth Township has seen a number of recently divisive issues and resulting lawsuits against the township. These could have been prevented, if the board had been consistent in its approach.

The failed racetrack and Casino and wastewater projects are examples of the need for a better development vision for the community. There have been successful examples as well, including the Bosch and Webasto facilities, and the proposed Meijers. There should be a long-term vision to expand the parks and recreation opportunities within the community. As neighboring communities have done, Plymouth Township needs to identify and support the expanding community in this area such as with soccer fields or added community parks.

JEN BUCKLEY

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-855-5133

Occupation/Current Profession:

Current Trustee for Plymouth Township; Professional Photographer; Personal Trainer

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facebook.com/buckley.jen2010/

Campaign Email: trusteejenbuckley@yahoo.com

Education: B.S. Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Campaign Website: www.

trusteejenbuckley.com

QUESTION 1: I am one of the current Trustees for Plymouth Township.

It's been my pleasure to serve my community and make decisions on matters that keep Plymouth moving in the right direction. My background is mostly military-centered and entrepreneurial! I served my country in the Air Force for 8 years. I became a Gold Star military widow at age 30 with three babies. That experience pushed me into small business innovation and creativity so I could care full-time for my children while supporting them financially. I am running for Trustee to keep Plymouth Township a thriving destination community for families and businesses by continuing our current recipe for success: prioritizing safety, promoting innovation, and managing fiscal integrity.

QUESTION 2: 2024 brings the continued threat that the Salem sewer project will move forward and be allowed to dump its wastewater into our precious Fellows Creek. I have and will continue to oppose these actions of Schostak and company. Safety is a revolving door and as such it is necessary to stay on top of first responder needs and help ensure their success and livelihood so that we may live free and thriving. As such, I will continue to support the building of the Lakepointe Fire Station, fully fund our police and fire budgets, and rally community support for our first responders within the scope of my role as both Trustee and Chairwoman of the Veterans Commission.

MARK CLINTON

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-634-1065

Occupation/Current Profession:

Retired - Previous position - Plymouth Township Treasurer

Campaign Email: mjclinton@comcast.net

Education: BS, University of Michigan 1981; Master of Business MBA, University of Michigan 1983

QUESTION 1: I've been married to Carol for 37 years. We have three adult children and two grandchildren. I attended the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship and graduated with an undergraduate degree in mathematics. After a short stint in the Houston Astros minor league organization. I returned to Ann Arbor to complete my MBA degree in Finance from the Ross School of Business. My career paths included: Manager at Accenture; President/CEO of Thomson Reuters IP Division; President of Lason's Offshore Division; Sr. Director at Cisco. I was elected Treasurer in Plymouth Township in 2016. I am now running for Trustee to ensure that we continue in the right direction with Kurt Heise, Jerry Vorva, and Bob Doroshewitz.

QUESTION 2: Since 2016, changes have occurred for the better. Promises were kept to fully staff the police department, reopened a fire station and purchased new fire equipment. The legacy pension and healthcare was finally restored. Five Mile Road has begun to have new development. So my number one priority as a Trustee is to make sure that the Township continues to move forward in the right direction. I will do this by bringing a sense of calm and balance and by restoring professionalism and integrity to the Board of Trustees. The work that we started back in 2016 is not yet complete. As Trustee, I will make sure to move the journey forward.

SANDY GROTH

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-776-4303

Occupation/Current Profession:

Retired

Campaign Email: Groth4Trustee@yahoo.com

Education: Associates Degree, State of Michigan Accredited Election Administrator

QUESTION 1: I began my career with Plymouth Township in 1976. I worked 3 additional times in the Clerk's Office; serving twice as the Deputy Clerk and State Accredited Election Administrator. I have many years of experience and knowledge. I know/understand the unique roles and responsibilities of each elected position and I have substantial

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local government experience that will allow me to hit the ground running as we focus on our future. I worked for Plymouth and Livonia. I understand the purpose of local government. I have the knowledge and understanding that will make me a tremendous asset to our Township. We exist to provide needed services like fire and police to our residents who are not able to provide these services for themselves.

QUESTION 2: The number one priority as a Board is to operate with transparency, open dialogue and debate on the issues. Citizen input is vital to any Board decision. Citizens deserve the respect of our elected officials. Board members are elected to work for them. Sometimes, more analysis and fact finding are needed prior to making decisions that affect our lives and our future. The massive development on the east side and the proposed racetrack/racino (\$10 million dollar lawsuit) will result in long standing, negative impact on home values and citizen attitudes toward our homes. Many of these developments occur by way of special use permits and Planned Unit Developments that are manipulations of the existing outdated Master Plan.

JOHN C. STEWART

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-459-8811

Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney at Law

Campaign Email: jcstewart1949@comcast.net

Education: J.D. Law Degree, DCL - MSU, Masters - Public Administration, Wayne State, Bachelors in Economics and Business, EMU

QUESTION 1: I have served as Trustee in Plymouth Township for 7 years. Prior to that I was the elected State Representative for 20th District for 6 years (3 terms). I have been in self-employed law practice for 40 years on Main St. in Plymouth.

I am a 40 year resident of Plymouth in Lakepointe Subdivision. I am running for re-election to be the liaison for Township services for the citizens of Plymouth Township. For the health and safety of our community, Police and Fire services are the highest priority while at the same time we have a responsibility to keep our taxes low. It has been a privilege to serve the people of Plymouth Township for the past 4 years and I look forward to continuing my years of service to our community.

QUESTION 2: Police and fire services are the highest priority for the increased traffic and growth on Ann Arbor Rd and also on Haggerty Rd near Lakepointe subdivision. I have always supported increased police presence in our neighborhoods and I have a 100% voting record in support of police and fire services.

Keeping our taxes low is important but we must do it responsibly assuring our citizens needs are served.

I have had perfect attendance to all board meetings and my law office offers accessibility for citizens to share their concerns about Plymouth Township.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Description: The Redford Township Supervisor assesses, prepares and delivers an annual budget to the Board of Trustees, appoints some commissioners, calls special meetings, and serves the township as the chief law enforcement official and chief personnel officer. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

PAT MCRAE

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 3136057335

Campaign Website: patmcrae.com

Occupation/Current Profession:

Supervisor Charter Township of Redford

Campaign Email: Patmcrae@patmcrae.com

Education: Associate Degree

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JOHN KEENAN

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 3136083690

Occupation/Current Profession:

attorney/entrepreneur

Education: Juris Doctorate University of Detroit Jesuit University; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor BA Economics

QUESTION 1: Two of my great loves in my life have been my/family and Redford Township, Michigan.

QUESTION 2: Mileage rates are too high comparing to similar communities. Reduce the fire/pension mill rate from 10.7 to a much lower rate through proper investment of fund assets. Better financial management of the entire town's financial structure.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Description: The Redford Township Treasurer is the custodian of all monies of the township and all evidences of value belonging to the township or held in trust by the township. The Treasurer is also collector of school and county taxes. The Treasurer's Office collects and distributes taxes levied by the taxing bodies within Redford and Wayne County. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

LILY CAVANAGH

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Education: GED, College Credits

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Campaign Phone: 3132049183

Occupation/Current Profession:

Redford Township Treasurer

QUESTION 1: I am currently serving my 4th term as Redford Treasurer.

My mother and father were born and raised in Mexico, at age 3 my mother immigrated us to San Diego California. Like my mother, I wanted to be a wife & mother. While working as a secretary, I met my ex-husband Phil Cavanagh who was in California due to his father's death. After having a family of six children we ultimately moved to Michigan in 1995. In 1996 I started to work at the Michigan Court of Appeals and spent 12 years as a record retention clerk. In 2008 I ran for Redford Treasurer and was overwhelmed by getting 79% of the vote. I'm proud to be the first Hispanic and first woman as Redford's Treasurer. I hope Redford feels I have helped overcome hardships with Water issues.

QUESTION 2: Like all of us, Redford has a declining infrastructure along with the rising cost of living and water rates. GLWA has Redford building 2 new CSO's, as an unfunded mandate. This will be a hardship on the entire township. Working on Redford's budget every year, gives me an edge on what to look for in cutting back wherever possible. We have never over spent, but the entire board has to see where items/expenses can be put off without compromising services. It is going to be extremely hard, but I am rolling up my sleeves to get the job done.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees is the policy making body for Redford Township. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

DARIAN BIRD

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

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Other Social Media (URL):

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Campaign Phone: 248-469-3862

Education: Bachelor Degree in Political Science

Occupation/Current Profession:

Music Director

Campaign Website: www.votedarianbird.com

QUESTION 1: My name is Darian Bird and I am excited to run for a seat on the Board of Trustees. I am truly a product of Redford. Having moved here

at 10 years old, I attended the likes of Bulman Elementary, Hilbert Middle School and graduated from Redford Union High School. Upon graduating from Redford Union, I received my bachelor degree in Political Science from Central Michigan University. I've always known that I would serve my community in some fashion, serving the community that helped raise and build me. A community that encouraged me to dream big and reach beyond the stars. Central Michigan's slogan is "Put your stamp on the world", and I'm starting with Redford Twp. Bringing the community together and representing every resident is critical.

QUESTION 2: Residents need know their leaders and they need to trust that they'll make decisions with the township's best interest in mind. Currently, there is a lack of both. Not only am I selling transparency, but I promise to be a listening ear for the people. Working together to form trust and accountability on both sides. Redford Township has a flooding problem. Yes, Redford has "flood zones", but a little rainfall should not cause a lake to form on our streets and outside of our homes. It is important to me to fix the flooding within Redford Township. You do that by creating partnerships with the county. The same can be said about our decaying roads. Working together with fellow board members and state officials to seek grants and bring funding.

LINDA K. JACKSON

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Phone: 313-213-6004

Education: Bachelor's Degree

Accounting

Twitter (X) Username: kayjay2020

Occupation/Current Profession:

Trustee

QUESTION 1: I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and over 40 years of accounting experience and more than 25 years of managerial experience. This will be my third term. During my first two terms I learned the importance of making informed decisions that are in the best interest of our residents.

I bring experience and integrity to Redford's leadership team. I understand the importance of letting our residents know that I work for them and that I have their best interest in mind at all times. Our residents have shown their trust and confidence in me by making me the top vote getter in my last two elections.

QUESTION 2: We have a state mandated requirement to build two (2) CSO basins at a cost of about \$110 million. It is a

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top priority to get from state and federal funding to pay for these projects. If we are unable to get this funding our residents would have their water bills double. My colleagues and I are constantly lobbying our elected officials for funding and looking for grants. Reduce the road in our DDA to two lanes so we can attract more businesses to the DDA that will provide some destination locations with available parking. Ensure that funding we reserved for the project are expended accordingly. Continue lobbying Wayne County to reduce the road to support our goal to build a viable DDA.

GABRIEL REES

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email: rees4redford@gmail.com

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Campaign Phone: 7347186408

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Milligan University

Occupation/Current Profession:

Software Business Analyst

Campaign Website: www.gabrielrees.com

QUESTION 1: I have been a resident of Redford Township for 23 years, and a homeowner for the past 5 years. My parents, siblings, nephews, and nieces are all in the township, and it has been my pleasure to start a family here with my wife Nicole. About 4.5 years ago I realized that while I had lived in Redford for many years, I was not involved in or really even aware of what was happening in the governing of the community. I began to attend board meetings, educate myself on township procedures, and build relationships in the township. Now, after serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2 years, engaging consistently in the township, and with the encouragement of current board members, I have decided to run for trustee to serve in a greater capacity.

QUESTION 2: Investing in our community's key strengths is crucial in this season. Redford is known for its affordable housing that enables many families to get started, but what is often overlooked are our numerous greenways & parks, our close proximity to shopping & entertainment, and our thriving community groups & organizations. I believe that through better communication and marketing by the township, doubling down on investment in our parks and greenways, and strategic planning to attract investment by retail businesses in our downtown (restaurants, shopping, etc.), we can establish Redford on a secure fiscal base to fulfill our pension obligations, support our seniors, enhance our schools, and uplift every resident that calls Redford home.

KIM TAYLOR

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

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Other Social Media (URL): www.

facebook.com/KimTaylor48239/

Education: Highschool, some college

Occupation/Current Profession:

Office manger for Homeline

Appliance

QUESTION 1: I am a mom, a wife, a business owner, a community volunteer and your current Redford Township Trustee. I have been in office for nearly 8 years now. I see being an elected official as an extension of community volunteerism. That's how I got involved in "politics". I was asked to run the campaign for the S.A.D back in 2012. I ran for office so I could have not only a voice, but a vote, in helping to bring growth to our community. A community in which I have raised my children, operate our family business, and have lived for over 35 years. There's more work to be done and I feel that I still have more to bring to the table.

There are still projects and issues that need finishing and I would like to see those through to fruition.

QUESTION 2: In the beginning, it was getting to know all of the ins and outs of being an elected official, and understanding my role and responsibilities. It takes time! Years in fact. I feel I'm in a good place now and that I have become a strong leader with a strong voice. It's hard to know what issues you will face until they arise. The key is having the knowledge and skills to handle those issues once you are faced with them. As for being a Trustee, it's always a challenge to try to do what's best for the majority, knowing there are others that will be unhappy with your decisions. Change is always the most challenging issue. It can be very difficult to convince some that change is necessary for growth and advancement (in all things in life).

AARON GENUS

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSIONER

Description: Four-year term.

Vote for seven (7)

DEBRA LEGLEITNER

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

SHEILA NEWTON

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

WILLIAM SMITH

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Description: The Supervisor is the Chief Elected Official of Sumpter Township. The Supervisor is responsible for the daily operation of all departments within the Township and presides as chair over meetings of the Board of Trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

NELSON PO

Party: Democratic

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

TIMOTHY BOWMAN

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Description: The Sumpter Township Treasurer is responsible for all financial transactions related to Township operations. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

BART PATTERSON

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 734-502-9403

Education: High School, Trade School, Finance & Investment

Campaign Email: Bart2769@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: I was asked to run for the position of Treasurer over 2 years ago to fill a vacated seat for this position. I love public service, but I do not like politics. I am running for this position unopposed solely to serve my community. I feel with by business background and work ethic, I can help to bring people together and try to build a team atmosphere in our Twp.

QUESTION 2: I already hold the office of Treasurer. My goals are the same, and that is to be approachable, understanding, decisive, and to help foster a great environment for our employees. At the top of the list is to provide great customer service for our residents!

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees is the policy making body for Sumpter Township. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

JAMES M. FRAZIER

Party: Republican

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JOHN HONEY

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email: xterman@comcast.net

Campaign Phone: 734-776-3193

Occupation/Current Profession:

Owner/Operator Honey Pest Control

Education: Belleville High School Graduate with Courses Completed

Texas A&M, and Purdue (Pest control)

QUESTION 1: Been in pest control for 40 years servicing the community.

Member of Sumpter Planning

Commission. Looking to Serve my

community in Another Way.

QUESTION 2: My priority is to awaken

a sense of Community by promoting

volunteering to help support bringing

back events to the community .Our

Community lost many events due to

covid and it's time to fix that

MATT ODDY

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email: matthewoddy@yahoo.com

Campaign Phone: 3132209971

Occupation/Current Profession:

Manager

Education: BBA Eastern Michigan

majoring in Accounting and Strategic

Management

QUESTION 1: I have lived in Sumpter

Township for over 40 years and the

Belleville community for over 50 years. I

am a graduate of Belleville High School

and Eastern Michigan University. I have

been an elected Trustee for Sumpter

Township since 2014, a member of the

Sumpter Planning Commission since

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Township Officials *(continued)*

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

2008, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals since 2015 and a long-standing volunteer for the Sumpter Parks and Recreation. I am running for re-election because I firmly believe that making a contribution to the community you live in is vital to ensuring a good quality of living, smart growth, and sustainable services to the residents.

QUESTION 2: Priority issues are ensuring Fiscal Responsibility by focusing on critical service expenditures. I would like to secure and improve our aging water/sewer system and our township facility infrastructure. There needs to be adequate spending on Police and Fire services and a focus on improving the general quality of living and health of our community through reasonable spending on senior and recreational services.

TIM RUSH

Party: Republican
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Description: The primary responsibility of Van Buren Charter Township's Supervisor is to serve all residents. The Supervisor is often the one contacted by the public to resolve problems, address concerns and requests, and explain Township policies and services.

The Supervisor presides over the meetings of the Board of Trustees and represents Van Buren Charter Township on many committees and local and regional boards. Furthermore, the Supervisor has the responsibility to create and present the annual budget, approve the agenda items for each Township Board of Trustees meeting, and appoint, (with Board approval), members of the Townships various Committees and Commissions.

Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

KEVIN MCNAMARA

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Supervisor Van Buren Township
Campaign Phone: 3139997495
Campaign Email: comishmcmamara@gmail.com

Education: Bachelor University of Michigan - Dearborn

QUESTION 1: I have spent my life learning to run governments. After 40 years i have seen the good and bad, I then served in the legislative roles as a Trustee for Schoolcraft College and as a Commissioner for the County of Wayne - I added continuous education and completed my last Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in my late 50's. I am now living my dream in

Van Buren Township.

QUESTION 2: Stopping the transport of Radioactive Waste into our community is number one today. In addition the twenty year project of expanding Belleville Rd. needs to be done now. I also would like to build a signature park on Belleville Rd. on the Lake. We own the property but it sits idle.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CLERK

Description: The Township Clerk is responsible for voter registration and administration of all governmental elections held within the township. The clerk is also responsible for the safekeeping of all official records of the township. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

LEON WRIGHT

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Campaign Email: vbtclerk@comcast.net

Education: MMC (Master Municipal Clerk)

Occupation/Current Profession: Van Buren Township Clerk

Campaign Phone: 7347657640

QUESTION 1: I'm running again to continue providing the Township with the services they expect and to expand on the services that are already provided.

QUESTION 2: There are no direct priorities at this time.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Description: The treasurer is responsible for the collection and distribution of all property taxes paid by residents of Van Buren Township. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

SHARRY A. BUDD

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Treasurer, Van Buren Township

Education: High and some college

QUESTION 1: I have married, raised our children and live here for 60

years. It has been my privilege to have served as treasurer for 27 1/2 years. I am, running to continue to serve my community and to guide the growth in Van Buren Township. I am running unopposed and anyone can reach me at my office here at Van Buren Township or my home. My phone number is 734-697-8239

QUESTION 2: The priority issues facing the community remain roads,

storm water management, zoning issues as things change and helping to keep the community a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees is the policy making body for Van Buren Township. In addition to the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, there are four trustees. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

DONALD BOYNTON, JR.

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Chief Operating Officer - Detroit Talent Hub
Campaign Phone: 734-309-1250
Education: Northwood University, Michigan State University-Extension, University of Michigan

QUESTION 1: I hold a master's certificate in Land Use, served on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. I have a seat on the Executive Committee and the Transportation Coordinating Council for SEMCOG. I am running for Township Trustee because the smaller the community or district one represents, the better one can understand the issues that matter most to the people. Being involved in the community allows for a deeper understanding of challenges faced by our schools, conditions of our parks, and of our roads. This knowledge enables me to identify the appropriate individuals and organizations, including small business owners, nonprofit organizations, and community volunteers, who can collaborate to address these issues effectively.

QUESTION 2: The need for housing options for senior citizens, the realignment and reconstruction of roads, and installation of sidewalks. As Trustee, I have the privilege of witnessing the positive impact of our efforts daily. The creation of an inclusive park for children of all abilities, rezoning of an area, or the repair and expansion of water and sewer lines and roads. Local governments serve as incubators for innovative approaches. State and federal offices hold significant power and influence, local governments have the unique opportunity to experiment with new ideas and

observe their effects. Furthermore, the daily interactions with the people who benefit from our work provide a constant reminder of the purpose and importance of public service.

WILLIAM FRAZIER

Party: Democratic
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BYRON K. KELLEY

Party: Democratic
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney
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Campaign Email: kelley@kelawpc.com
Education: Juris Doctorate - Michigan State University College of Law

QUESTION 1: I have been a proud resident of Van Buren Township since 2004, where I have built a strong family with my wife, celebrating our 22nd anniversary this year. We have two children who attend VBT Schools. Our family is active in robotics, baseball, scouting, flag football, and more. I attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated with degrees in Public Law and Government, and Communications. I received my law degree from Michigan State University College of Law and have been a licensed attorney for over 20 years. As a proud small business owner and parent our community has given my family more support than I could have imagined. I am running for office to continue to help build upon our township's strong foundation and successes.

QUESTION 2: One of my goals as a trustee is to foster trust and collaboration, ensuring that our residents feel heard and valued. One step we can take is to continue our township's great work and provide continued transparency and access to local government. Community involvement is vital to ensure that residents' and businesses' needs are met, and it helps strengthen the core of our township. I firmly believe that we need to continue our work on addressing issues with access to housing, and I am committed to working on solutions to help address gaps in our current options. Integrity is at the core of what I strive to do, and I am dedicated to giving back to the community that has given so much to my family and me.

KEVIN MARTIN

Party: Democratic
Did not respond in time for inclusion.



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Wayne County Circuit Court Judge

QUESTION 1: What experience and skills qualify you to serve as Circuit Court Judge?

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this court, and how would you address them if elected?

QUESTION 3: If you observed a party in your courtroom being poorly represented by an unprepared or ineffective lawyer, how would you handle the situation?

**WAYNE COUNTY
3RD CIRCUIT JUDGE
OF CIRCUIT COURT
NON-INCUMBENT
6 YEAR TERM**

Description: 3rd Circuit Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent 6 Year Term (1) Position The circuit court is the trial court with the broadest powers in Michigan. In general, the circuit court handles all civil cases with claims of more than \$25,000 and all felony criminal cases (cases where the accused, if found guilty, could be sent to prison).

Vote for one (1)
Term expires 1/1/2031

JOHN LARKIN

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

Education: University of Michigan (B.G.S. - Accounting Concentration, 1988); University of Detroit School of Law (J.D., 1991)

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Campaign Email: larkin4judge@gmail.com

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/larkin4judge?mibextid=eQY6

QUESTION 1: For the past 32 years, I've proudly served as a general practitioner with a diverse legal practice spanning civil litigation, criminal law, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant disputes, license restoration, personal injury, and more. Throughout my career, I've been dedicated to representing the average

citizen, assisting them with a wide range of legal matters. From my life and courtroom experience, I developed and believe in treating everyone with dignity, understanding, and fairness. These values have been honed over my legal career, and I will listen and comprehend each litigants' arguments and point of view before making a decision. That decision will be based on the evidence and law applicable to that case.

QUESTION 2: 1) Expeditious resolution of Court business - publish judicial records for when judges arrive at court and when they leave court. Also, publish how many cases they are resolving; average time to resolve cases, etc. 2) Continue to improve Court Transparency - make it easy for citizens to watch on Zoom or YouTube what is happening in court. Also, continue to make non-personal records available via the internet so all citizens may understand what is happening in the court.

3) Adequate representation for all litigants - making sure litigants are represented with counsel by informing all parties of legal services available either free or at reduced costs. When parties are represented, legal results tend to be more just.

QUESTION 3: I would convene all attorneys at the bench to address any issues I observe and propose a plan of action to resolve them. If the attorney in question is a public defender and his/her conduct is particularly egregious, I would contemplate declaring a mistrial or at least adjourning the proceedings to address the matter. However, if the attorney is privately retained, it would

be up to the litigant to address the issue, unless the conduct violates the Rules of Professional Conduct. Parties have the right to choose their preferred counsel, and judges do not have the authority to override that choice unless ethical standards are compromised. If ethical standards are violated, then there may be a duty to contact the ethics board.

ADRIENNE G. SCRUGGS

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

Education: Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan. Juris Doctor, December 2005 Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee. Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice, December 2001

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Campaign Email: scruggsforjudge@gmail.com

Campaign Facebook: Scruggs for Judge

QUESTION 1: A judge must possess integrity, be compassionate, have an even temperament, and be fair. I have those qualities and demonstrate them in the hearings I conduct as a Referee. A judge must also blindly and fairly apply the law based upon the facts of the case. I currently issue recommendations and proposed orders where I am required to listen to testimony of the parties, their witnesses, and review admitted evidence. I have experience in weighing the interests of different parties and making decisions and recommendations. I understand the power I have to impact someone's

life and I treat it with great care and respect. I want to help build a justice system that reflects our shared values of compassion, integrity, equity, and fairness.

QUESTION 2: Championing civil justice reforms, including expanding access to counsel in civil and family law proceedings, making sure that parties are properly served with the Complaint on a case, making sure that parties receive proper and timely Notice of Hearing, and making sure cases are timely scheduled and orders entered. Likewise, we must continue efforts to provide alternatives to incarceration, expand the use of treatment courts, and engage the use of mental health facilities. It is important that we take measures to stop the criminalization of poverty, as well as provide legal aid resources to the public at large so those who interact with our justice system can do so fairly and with adequate counseling.

QUESTION 3: I would address each situation based on the behavior of the lawyer. Unethical or otherwise more serious behavior will be reported to the State Bar, while for more minor offenses I might hold a conference with all parties involved to properly address the behavior. If the attorney is part of a public agency, then I might also contact their administration to address my concerns and remove the attorney from further representation. An attorney is bound to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and violations of those rules, especially ethical issues may also warrant sanctions or contempt findings.

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Wayne County Probate Court Judge

QUESTION 1: What experience and skills qualify you to serve as Probate Court Judge?

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this court, and how would you address them if elected?

QUESTION 3: If you observed a party in your courtroom being poorly represented by an unprepared or ineffective lawyer, how would you handle the situation?

WAYNE COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT - NON - INCUMBENT 6 YEAR TERM

Description: Jurisdiction includes cases on guardianships, conservatorships, protective proceedings, estates, trusts, and the mentally ill, as well as jury trials.

Vote for two (2)

Term expires 1/1/2031

TODD E. BRIGGS

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

Campaign website: Briggs4Judge.com

Campaign Phone: 3139642077

Campaign Email: todd@briggs4judge.com

QUESTION 1: I am a hardworking attorney and family man. I have 36 years of dedicated service and have appeared in all state and federal courts in Michigan. Besides representing private clients, I have been appointed 1000's of times by at least 25 different probate courts to represent individuals and families that need legal representation. Because of my experience and skills, I have been appointed to serve as Guardian, Conservator, Special Fiduciary and Trustee 100's of times by various probate judges. I have been appointed even more times to assist probate judges by writing reports that involve investigation, legal analysis and recommending solutions or actions to take. I have had more probate jury trials than anyone in the state the past 7 years.

QUESTION 2:

A: My priority is to "Put Families First" which means ensuring every person has a voice and is given the opportunity to be heard when they come to court asking for protection, helping a loved one or asking for assistance with a family dispute. My probate experience has taught me that each person is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect so fairness and justice prevails. My belief is that every court decision should prioritize the well-being and best interests of families and individuals. My goal is to create a court environment where families feel supported and confident that their concerns are being addressed with the highest level of professionalism and care.

QUESTION 3:

A: As judge, I would first gently try

to direct such a lawyer on what legal issue, law or what facts and evidence are relevant to or for their client during the hearing. If that did not work, I would take a short recess and give the lawyer an opportunity to talk with their client to discuss the relevant law, issues or facts. Lastly, I would adjourn the matter and direct the attorney to be prepared on the specific issues or facts needed to assist their client. If it was a court-appointed attorney and the attorney was unprepared or ineffective repeatedly, I would likely not appoint them until they demonstrate that they can be effective helping their client.

MACIE GAINES

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Email: gaines4judge@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: For the past decade, she has been a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable people in society. She focuses on the protection of families and vulnerable adults through guardianships, conservatorships, and neglect/abuse matters. Even in private practice, she has served Wayne County Probate Court as a fiduciary, Guardian Ad Litem, and court appointed attorney for the mental health and developmentally disabled docket. As a community minded attorney, her zealous representation has never wavered regardless of the client's income or lack thereof. As a Judge, she plans to utilize her specialized legal knowledge to every case while treating every person who enters the courtroom with the dignity they deserve.

QUESTION 2: Fee waivers and access to the Court are issues. The staff should automatically off fee waivers to self-represented litigants. In addition, the Court needs to open up or a hybrid structure should be adopted. Right now, it is a 100% remote and citizens cannot enter Court to file what they need. Pre-COVID, a person could walk to the 13th Floor where every possible probate form would be available for free. A person could fill it out and file it immediately. Now, the court only takes filings via fax, mail or email. Payment can only be submitted via mail/online. Unfortunately, this is not convenient for many. It fails to account for those who do not have internet, computers, printers or online payment options.

These barriers should not exist.

QUESTION 3: Within the bounds of the canons that govern a Judge's conduct, If the party faces irreparable harm by the attorney's ineffectiveness, I would ask the party and attorney to approach the bench. I will ask the attorney if he/she is ok. I will consider reasonable personal issues as a possible basis to adjourn. At that point, the party has an option to seek effective counsel.

RON L. HAYWOOD

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 313-550-1967

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QUESTION 1: In February 2023, I started working for the Department of Appeals and Hearings for the City of Detroit as an Administrative Hearing Officer. In this quasi-judicial position, I hear appeals arising out of decisions made by multiple city agencies against businesses and Detroit citizens. In addition, on a daily basis, I make decisions on cases that come before me. Currently, I hear cases regarding blight, dangerous buildings and environmental pollution. I worked for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for twenty-three years. My court litigation experience has provided me with the ability to conduct trials, and issue proper rulings of law to serve the community at an excellent professional level.

QUESTION 2: After talking to over 5,000 Wayne County residents about Probate Court, their consistent concern is the delay in the settlement of probate cases. If elected their concern will become my concern. I would go to the Chief Judge to try to implement new procedures to speed up the probate process.

QUESTION 3: Everyone is entitled to good and competent legal representation. If I felt a lawyer was performing so badly that his client would suffer harm due to the lawyer's incompetence, I would stop the proceeding. I would call both parties up to the bench or go into chambers and request that the attorney withdraw from the case. If there is no valid reason provided for the performance, I would report the incident to the Attorney Grievance Commission.

DANIEL L. MERCIER

Party: Non-Partisan

Biographical Info:

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MercierForJudge.com

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QUESTION 1: I began my legal career as a Special Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor in Wayne County Juvenile Court where I gained valuable courtroom experience and skills. I later served as Assistant Deputy Director for Wayne County's Department of Children and Family Services where I oversaw programs that successfully rehabilitated families involved in our court system. As a litigator, I have conducted multiple trials throughout our county's court systems. Additionally, my memberships with the Wayne County Juvenile Court Trial Lawyers, Detroit Bar Association, and the Wayne County Defense Bar Association have provided me invaluable professional development. My experience and training has uniquely prepared me to serve the public as their probate judge.

QUESTION 2: Wayne County Probate Court is the busiest court in our state and yet, its doors remain closed to the public it serves, affecting access to justice. If elected, I will lead the effort to reopen the probate court's doors allowing the public full access to the court. Too many families have been detrimentally affected by the court's self-imposed closure. While remote proceedings may be effective in certain circumstances, they should only be conducted by choice. I will also hold accountable court-appointed attorneys who exploit vulnerable families by over charging legal fees. Too many families have been left penniless after our probate courts approve exorbitant fees for the attorneys they appoint, this is unacceptable and must change.

QUESTION 3: In such a situation, I would do my best to ensure the client was protected by explaining their rights on the record and ensuring they understood those rights. I would also address the issues their attorney neglected and ask the client if they needed additional time before agreeing to any matters. Additionally, I would consult with the lawyer in an attempt to understand why they were ineffective or unprepared. If the representation was egregious, I would report the lawyer's conduct accordingly. I may also give the client a list of free legal aide clinics if the circumstances indicated.



District Judges

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

34TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NON-INCUMBENT

Description: Jurisdiction of this court includes: Civil litigation under \$25,000 except equity; small claims under \$3,000; Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries; Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings; Jury trial. Six-year term.

Vote for one (1)

ROBERT P. COUTTS

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney

Other Social Media (URL):

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Campaign Phone: 313-363-8882

Education: University of Toledo, College of Law

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QUESTION 1: 30+ years as a trial attorney. Successful trials on many levels: Federal Court, State District and Circuit Courts, Bankruptcy Adversary, Workers' Comp, Divorce, Probate, Criminal, both felony and misdemeanor jury trials. Former Assistant City attorney, former case evaluator, Public Defender Recognition of Outstanding, 2023 Top 5% for America's Most Honored Attorneys, 2022, 2023 & 2024 Distinguished Attorney from American Registry Peer Review Rating, 5 star rating from Lawyers.com & Avvo.com, Unblemished Professional Career, 25 year resident of Van Buren Township, Rotary, Conservation Club. This position is in line with work service clubs and giving back to the community where I reside.

QUESTION 2: District Court is the Court of the people. The public requires a people person to be its judge. I have been a trial lawyer for 30+ years, I've seen good and bad judges. I know what it takes to serve the people. I like to be timely and respectful of others. In a courthouse with multiple judges, its important for judges to communicate with each other and staff. This could be improved upon to serve the public better.

TERESA PATTON

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession:

Director of Indigent Defense Program for 20 Wayne County District Courts

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Campaign Website: www.

teresapatton4judge.com

Education: Bachelor's in Business

Administration, 1996, U of M; Juris Doctorate, 2000. Wayne State U; ABD PhD Political Science, WSU

Campaign Email: teresapatton4judge@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: I live in Van Buren Township with my family. I have been an attorney for 24 years serving my communities as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, a public defender, a solo practitioner, and now indigent defense administrator (appointing attorneys to those deemed indigent) in 20 of Wayne County's 24 district courts. My service as 34th District Court judge, where I have served as prosecutor, public defender and indigent defense coordinator, would be an extension of that service. I am running to provide justice with integrity and fairness. More people appear in district courts than any other because community issues are resolved there. I will bring the necessary knowledge, care and experience to the bench to provide justice for all.

QUESTION 2: Priority issues for this office are providing equal access to justice and due process for all. I am committed to serving with legal, professional and personal integrity as well as with fairness, impartiality, dignity and respect for all who come before me. I am committed to making sure that each person's concerns are heard and decisions are made in line with applicable laws and in the spirit of justice and fairness without regard to race, gender, socio-economic status, lifestyle or belief.

35TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NON-INCUMBENT

Description: Jurisdiction of this court includes: Civil litigation under \$25,000 except equity; small claims under \$3,000; Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries; Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings; Jury trial. Six-year term.

Vote for one (1)

JOE BARONE

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Education: Bachelor of Arts - Michigan State University; Juris Doctor - Cooley Law School; Master of Laws - Wayne State Law School

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Campaign Phone: 734-414-0358

Twitter (X) Username: baronewlaw

Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney

Campaign Website: baroneforjudge.com

Other Social Media (URL):

www.facebook.com/

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QUESTION 1: For 27 straight years, I have lived, worked and raised my family in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. I've been a "Main Street" attorney since 1997. I also served nearly four years as our Wayne County Commissioner. However, my passion has always been to serve our communities as a fair and impartial jurist. I have shown extensive commitment to our communities by supporting hundreds of worthwhile local groups and organizations. I strongly believe that our next 35th District Judge should demonstrate extensive experience at the court in which they want to serve and a strong commitment to the communities of the district. I believe that I have demonstrated both. I humbly ask for your vote to serve as your next local judge.

QUESTION 2: Oftentimes the underlying problem for criminal offenders is related to substance abuse and/or mental health issues. It is imperative that we keep and build upon our alternative sentencing options including sobriety court and diversion programs with probationary supervision. These programs have proven to be very successful and must be continued. Also, in recent years, funding of court operations has become a hot button issue. As a former Wayne County Commissioner, I (along with County Executive Warren Evans and my fellow commissioners) helped bring the county back from the brink of bankruptcy to a now very financially stable Wayne County. I am confident that I can bring this experience to positively impact our local court operations.

MICHAEL WOODYARD

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Education: JD - Wayne State University Law School, 2002; BA - Eastern Michigan University, 1997

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Campaign Phone: 734-660-3079

Occupation/Current Profession: Staff Attorney - Neighborhood Defender Service of Detroit

Campaign Website: ilikemike.law

Other Social Media (URL): facebook.com/woodyardandassociates

QUESTION 1: I have been a life-long resident of Canton, Wayne County, and Southeast Michigan. For 22 years I have been a practicing courtroom lawyer. I served for 15 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney, advocating for survivors of domestic violence and child abuse. For the past seven years I have been a defense lawyer, protecting the rights of some of the most vulnerable

people in our society. At work and at home, my priority is serving community. I have been awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, and tutored adults who are learning to read and write. I help fundraise and volunteer to help critically ill people and families right here in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. My commitment is to service, and I lead by example.

QUESTION 2: Judges are not isolated figures in black robes, removed and distant from those who appear in the Court. A judge is a community member and a leader in the concerns of justice. The 35th District Court has been fortunate to enjoy great support from the communities it serves -- Canton, Plymouth and Northville. In turn, the Court must continue to find ways to encourage and support positive social growth in those communities. For example, Canton administers a program in which minors who have engaged in non-violent misbehavior are diverted into a local social services program, and in that way avoid being shunted into the Wayne County Juvenile system. As a judge I will commit to this type of community engagement and strengthening.

16TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NON-INCUMBENT

Description: Jurisdiction of this court includes: Civil litigation under \$25,000 except equity; small claims under \$3,000; Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries; Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings; Jury trial. Six-year term.

Vote for one (1)

JIM JOLLY

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/people/Jim-Jolly-for-Judge

Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney / Livonia City Councilmember / Assistant City Attorney

Campaign Website: www.electjimjolly.com

Campaign Phone: 313-461-7758

Campaign Email: jim.jolly@gmail.com

Education: Juris Doctor from University of Detroit Mercy, BA from Western Michigan University

QUESTION 1: I am running to be Judge of Livonia's 16th District Court with a record of being fair, honest, and showing good judgement for our community. I love my family and Livonia and will continue to work everyday to protect both through an

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District Judges *(continued)*

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.
QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

unwavering commitment to justice, service, and the rule of law. I have been an attorney for 16 years. I worked my way through law school law clerk serving as a court officer and law clerk. As Magistrate for 7 years, I presided over criminal and civil matters and I ensured that every individual who entered my courtroom received a fair and impartial hearing and proper application of the law. I have also served 9 years on the Livonia City Council and as a prosecuting city attorney for the City of Westland.

QUESTION 2:

- Fairness and Impartiality - I will be a fair and impartial arbiter of the law, regardless of personal biases or outside influences.
- Ethics and Integrity - A judge must possess the highest standards of ethics and integrity. I will continue my record of good ethics and strong integrity.
- Access to Justice - I will reduce barriers to the court system and ensure that everyone has a fair chance to present their case in court.
- Victims' Rights - I will always listen and take to heart the experience of victims and will honor victims' rights, including providing support and resources for healing.
- Criminal Justice - I will utilize all the remedies available to the court to promote rehabilitation and to reduce repeat offenders.

ROBIN PERSICONI

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:

Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/RobinPersiconiForJudge
Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney
Campaign Website: www.ElectRobinForJudge.com
Campaign Email: robin@electrobinforjudge.com
Twitter (X) Username: @Robin_forJudge
Education: B.A., Political Science and French Studies, University of Michigan; Juris Doctor, Wayne State University Law School

QUESTION 1: Since 2002, I have successfully managed my private practice, The Law Office of Robin Persiconi, specializing in criminal defense, landlord/tenant matters, and civil litigation. I also work as an assistant prosecuting attorney for various local townships. This type of work is based in the courtroom, where I have worked daily for the past two decades, and aligns directly with the responsibilities of a district court judge. Furthermore, I have significant trial experience, having tried over 500 jury and bench trials. My daily courtroom experience has given me extensive exposure to treatment courts, where I successfully assist clients in treating the underlying issues that give rise to criminal behavior, promoting long term rehabilitation.

QUESTION 2: I am confident that my extensive courtroom experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve as Livonia's next District Court Judge. Over the past two decades, I have worked with thousands of individuals

from diverse backgrounds, gaining invaluable insights that I am eager to apply to benefit our community. Throughout my private practice, I have consistently strived to achieve justice for my clients, by working collaboratively with all parties and litigants. As a judge, I pledge to dedicate myself everyday to protecting our most vulnerable, ensuring access to necessary treatment, and administering justice fairly and impartially.

18TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NON-INCUMBENT

Description: Jurisdiction of this court includes: Civil litigation under \$25,000 except equity; small claims under \$3,000; Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries; Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings; Jury trial. Six-year term.

Vote for one (1)

MICHAEL MCNAMARA

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
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Education: University of Detroit Mercy, Juris Doctorate, 1993
Campaign Email: mcnamara48185@gmail.com
Campaign Website: www.votemikeforjudge.com
Occupation/Current Profession:

Attorney
QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong resident of Wayne County and a 1993 graduate of University of Detroit Law School. I have practiced law in Michigan for 30 years. I have been an Assistant Westland City Attorney and Westland Library Attorney for 20 years. I handle criminal cases from beginning to end, including hundreds of trials. As a member of a private law firm, I have counseled individuals, businesses, and community organizations. A judge must know the law and treat everyone in the courtroom fairly and with respect. As a district court judge, I will listen and understand the positions of everyone appearing in front of me and will apply the law equally to everyone. I am committed to serving, protecting, and helping the residents of Westland.

QUESTION 2: It is important that the 18th District Court efficiently manage cases from beginning to end while ensuring that justice is served. The Court is faced with balancing financial issues while managing a large case load. It is my intention implement technology to provide efficient services to court participants. The State of Michigan wants all district courts to adopt the M-File System. There are technical glitches that need to be resolved to assure efficient function of the court. The effectiveness of remote conferencing is clear. I will encourage the use of remote access to the court for preliminary matters. Due to the importance of trials and dispositive motions, they will be held in person to protect the rights of all parties.



City Officials (Nonpartisan)

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

WAYNE CITY MAYOR

Description: The mayor is the executive head of the City of Wayne and a member of the city council. Four-year term.

Vote for one (1)

JOHN P. RHAESA

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Newspaper Publisher / Graphic Designer

Campaign Phone: 734-377-1717

Campaign Email: jprhaesa@gmail.com

Education: Attended Eastern Michigan University

QUESTION 1: Mayor John Rhaesa was first sworn-in as the Mayor of Wayne on November 20, 2018. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served as a Wayne City Councilman for seven years.

Mayor Rhaesa serves as Wayne's delegate for the Conference of Western Wayne; as a member of the Wayne Downtown Development Authority; Member of SEMCOG; served as Council Liaison to the Planning Commission; served as Community Development Block Grant City Liaison; is a member of the Beaumont Community Advisory Board; was the President of the Wayne Rotary from 2017-2018 and is still currently serving as a member; a member of the Wayne 100 Club; is the key organizer for the successful Concerts in the Goudy Park Annual Series.

Owner and Publisher of The Wayne Dispatch.

QUESTION 2:

- Continue providing quality services to the residents of Wayne.
- Continue to increase staffing levels in the Police Department.
- Eliminate all lead lines.
- Renovate Goudy Park through grant funds.
- Add new Fire Engine.
- Put a committee together to see what can be done to address homelessness in the city.
- Work to stop Atomic and radioactive waste being disposed in county.
- Continue to work on revitalization of Downtown Wayne.
- Continue to increase new housing options in the city.
- Re-establish the beautification committee.

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL

Description: The city council is the policy-making body for the City of Wayne.

The council consists of six council members, plus the mayor.

Four-year term.

Two candidates have filed for three (3) open seats

KEVIN J. DOWD

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DEBORAH R. WASS

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

GARDEN CITY COUNCIL

Description: The city council is the policy-making body for Garden City. The council consists of six council members, plus the mayor. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

JEFF DOLD

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Phone: 734-536-0374

Other Social Media (URL):

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561479966750&mibextid=ZbWKwL

QUESTION 1: Garden City has been my home for over 55 years, my wife and I raised our children here and they are now raising their children here.

I have a decade sitting on the Garden City Planning Commission and with assisting the DDA. I held the 2nd Vice President position with UAW Local 735 for many years and chaired various committees. I am a past commander with the American Legion Sons and the Riders. I believe our city can be run much more efficiently. There is a need to review the over spending of the last several years and look for ways to still honor our commitments and give our residents what they need without over taxing them. This city needs a diverse group of individuals who are willing and able to think for themselves.

QUESTION 2: One of our biggest issues right now is lack of trust. My goal is to be as transparent as possible, to involve the residents in the decisions being made and to budget our money responsibly.

KAREN HUGHES

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DOMINIC KING

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Phone: 7346241756

Campaign Website: www.facebook.com/dominic.king

Education: Bachelor of Science
Occupation/Current Profession: Project Manager

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BRENDEN J. MCARTHUR

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Phone: 3135501715

Campaign Website: brendenmcarthur.com

Education: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Schoolcraft College

Other Social Media (URL):

www.facebook.com/profile.

php?id=61551858569578

Occupation/Current Profession: Clerk in the Canton Township Clerk's Office

QUESTION 1: Brenden is a dedicated public servant who is no stranger to local government. He works in the Clerk's Office for a neighboring community where he serves as his Local TPOAM Union President as well as having spent a year on Garden City's Recreation Commission. Coupled with the connections he has made with various elected officials through his community organizing, Brenden has the experience and resources needed to be an effective Councilman. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Brenden understands the importance of embracing diversity and different ideas, which is why he will not silence other voices and will foster a welcoming community. He believes that together we can plant new seeds and grow Garden City.

QUESTION 2: There is a lack of transparency and accountability in Garden City. I believe in a government by the people, for the people and as a Council Member I will ensure all voices are heard and questions get answered. I will encourage residents to be involved by holding regular town hall meetings and modernizing the FOIA process, making it easier for residents to obtain information. In addition, Garden City has been faced with a declining population and lack of economic growth. I will foster a welcoming and inclusive community that will attract young families and new businesses. I will bring new ideas and a fresh vision that will allow us to unlock the full potential of Garden City's Downtown District.

QUESTION 1: I am running for City Council in order to share my experience and abilities with my fellow citizens. I am honored to be able to serve them in this capacity.

QUESTION 2: Priority issues facing this office include racial tensions, joblessness, fiscal distress and public health issues. The actions I will continue to take include involving and inviting citizens from every part of the city to participate in the process of self government. I am engaged in encouraging 21st Century Jobs and investment opportunities. I am thoroughly involved in improving public health for our community. I continue to pursue issues with the State Government regarding revenue sharing and other financial obligations to the city.

TYLER RICH

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DENISE STABLEY

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

LORE WALKONIS

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

ZACHARY WITT

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Campaign Email: wittforcouncil@gmail.com

Education: Some College

Other Social Media (URL):

www.facebook.com/profile.

php?id=100080638869346

Occupation/Current Profession: Financial Analyst

QUESTION 1: I am running for re-election in Garden City because I have spent the last nearly 2 years serving the residents of Garden City to the best of my abilities. As a lifelong resident and recent homeowner I am deeply vested in

the innerworkings of the city and wish to continue representing the residents with my financial experience as well as the 7 years I worked with the city prior to my election give me an edge against the other candidates.

QUESTION 2: One of the major current issues is the is spending within the city although we have already begun steps to tackle this issue there is still more work to be done and will continue my efforts with the city manager and councilmembers. The other current issue is division on the current council with 4 seats being available and me being the only incumbent candidate we have a very good chance to start from the ground up, I am also very easy to work with and will continue to work with the candidates that are chosen by the residents.

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL (PARTIAL TERM)

Description: The city council is the policy-making body for the City of Wayne.

The council consists of six council members, plus the mayor.

Two-year partial term.

Vote for three (3)

ALFRED BROCK

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Telecommunications Manager

Campaign Phone: 734-756-1185

Campaign Email: Alfred.Brock@gmail.com

Education: Studied at NYSU New Paltz, CUNY Queens, NCSU Raleigh, Edmonds Community College, Wayne County Community College

QUESTION 1: I am running for City Council in order to share my experience and abilities with my fellow citizens. I am honored to be able to serve them in this capacity.

QUESTION 2: Priority issues facing this office include racial tensions, joblessness, fiscal distress and public health issues. The actions I will continue to take include involving and inviting citizens from every part of the city to participate in the process of self government. I am engaged in encouraging 21st Century Jobs and investment opportunities. I am thoroughly involved in improving public health for our community. I continue to pursue issues with the State Government regarding revenue sharing and other financial obligations to the city.

KATHY LAWRENCE

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DONALD L. QUARLES

Party: No Political Affiliation

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

Community Colleges

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.
QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Description: The Board of Trustees is a group of seven members, elected by the voters of Schoolcraft Community College District to serve for six-year terms. The authority of the Board of Trustees is established by the state legislature through the Community College Act. The Board is the policy-making body for the College. Six-year term.

Vote for two (2)

DILLON E. BREEN

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Geologist

Education: (M.S.) Michigan Technological University, (B.S.) Calvin College, (A.A.) Schoolcraft College.

QUESTION 1: I was first elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in November 2018 to a six-year term beginning in January 2019. I am Schoolcraft College's General Assembly Delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), where I currently serve as Chairman of the Education Bloc. I have been a member of the Livonia Human Relations Commission from 2012-2018, including two-years as Chairperson from 2014-2016, the Livonia Local Officers Compensation Commission from 2015-2018, the Wayne County Apportionment Commission in 2021, and currently as a Board Member on the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority since 2019. I am an active member of the Rotary Club of Livonia, where I am President-Elect.

QUESTION 2: Today, Schoolcraft College is in its strongest position to provide a world-class education, offering excellent value to our community. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I have worked collaboratively to strengthen the college's financial position while improving educational outcomes and lifelong success for our students. I have strived to ensure that Schoolcraft College develops new transformational experiences which meet the needs of an ever-changing workforce in Metro-Detroit, and beyond. Schoolcraft College has become the region's leader in developing the next generation of culinary art, skilled trade, and healthcare professionals who have real-world experiences which puts them far ahead of their competition.

ANGELA JAAFAR

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Realtor

Education: Marketing
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE TRUSTEES (PARTIAL TERM)

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Vote for one (1)

JOAN GEBHARDT

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
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Twitter (X) Username: X
Education: B.S. and M.A. Eastern Michigan University, Doctoral Work at Wayne State University
Occupation/Current Profession: Retired
Campaign Phone: 7343063998

QUESTION 1: My entire life has been spent in my public career as a teacher and principal for 30 years, an adjunct faculty member in Education at Madonna University, a Wayne County Commissioner for 2 terms, and a Schoolcraft College Trustee. I am a mother of 2, grandmother of 3. I care about our community and want to continue to give back, as both my son and daughter graduated from Schoolcraft. I am a member of St. Kenneth Parish, the Northwest League of Women Voters, Director-at-large of County Club Village II Condominiums, and American Association of University Women. After taking a medical leave for serious knee revision replacement surgery, I am running for this office to complete my term because I am a champion of and love Schoolcraft College.

QUESTION 2: Serving on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2022, my unwavering goal has been and will continue to be helping to make our students successful. This commitment to our students is at the core of everything I do. My focus has always been Schoolcraft College,

where I consistently prioritized student achievement, keeping reasonable and affordable tuition, academic support, acquiring and retaining the best faculty and staff, offering career-enhancing skills and certifications, and ensuring technology in clean, modern facilities. During my tenure, we built seven buildings and refurbished two, earned accreditation and established partnerships. These accomplishments demonstrate my dedication and ability to deliver results.

CANDY R. LITTLE

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:

QUESTION 1: Candy R. Little was appointed to the Board of Trustees in April 2023 by unanimous vote following Trustee Joan Gebhardt's resignation. A 1996 Wayne State University graduate with a Bachelor's in Chemistry, Little has since been employed in the pharmaceutical industry. For 18 years, Little has been a dedicated volunteer in Livonia. She served as Secretary on the PTA for Coolidge Elementary when her daughter attended. She continued to volunteer for various committees within Livonia Public Schools until her daughter completed the Math, Science, and Computers (MSC) program at Churchill High School in 2022. Little is an advocate for students and faculty at Schoolcraft College.

QUESTION 2:

- Keep Tuition Affordable by
- Increase Dual Enrollment Opportunities for High School Students
- Expand the Skill Trade Programs

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School Districts

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Six-year term.

Vote for two (2)

JOSHUA MONTE

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DANA TOWN

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

VICTOR DELIBERA

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DIONNE FALCONER

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

WADE FIELDS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BILLIE JO HARSCH

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DAVID W. SHALL

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Six-year term.

Vote for two (2)

SHANNON ROCHON

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

QUESTION 1: I'm running for the Wayne Westland School Board to ensure that every student has access to a quality education and the resources they need to succeed. My background in strategic planning as a school administrator provides me with a unique perspective on the educational landscape and the importance of responsive governance in schools. I aim to bring a fresh perspective to the board, focusing on the needs of the community and ensuring that every voice is heard in the decision-making process. By leveraging my experience in strategic planning and community organizing, I'm dedicated to creating a supportive and effective educational environment for all students in the Wayne Westland community.

QUESTION 2: As a new board member of the Wayne Westland School District, I recognize that financial stewardship is a critical priority that directly impacts our students' educational experience and the sustainability of our programs. My commitment is to ensure that every dollar spent contributes to enhancing the quality of education and resources available to our students and teachers. I will prioritize transparency and accountability in all financial decisions, advocating for clear communication with the community about budget allocations and expenditures. By engaging with stakeholders, including parents, educators, and local organizations, I will work to gather diverse perspectives and insights that inform our financial strategies.

FRED WEAVER

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

JESSICA ELLIS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

PATRICK J. MARIETTI

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

DARWIN J. MORGAN

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

ANDREA L. WATT

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

MADELINE ACOSTA

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Case Manager for Samaritas
Education: BA in Psychology - The University of Michigan, BA in Spanish - Wayne State University, and MAT coursework for Special Ed
Campaign Phone: (734)237-7801
Campaign Website: acosta4lps.com
Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/Acosta4LPS
Campaign Email: acosta4lps@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: I have served the Livonia community as a classroom parent, PTSA President, district Substitute teacher, and am serving as the Secretary on the LPS School Board during my current term. Professionally,

I have been employed as a Special Education teacher, and as a Homeless and Community Liaison, and currently support the impactful work done by Samaritas as a Case Manager. As a parent, resident, and current School Board Trustee, I am committed to the success of our schools--the quality of education, as well as maintaining high expectations for all students. My background and diverse roles, as well as my current Board service has granted me the experience that is paramount to make informed decisions while advocating for ALL students.

QUESTION 2: Maintaining a high quality education where students are graduating with the ability to proficiently read, write, and solve math at an appropriate grade level continues to be a priority. Regardless of future career paths, college, or trade school, our community benefits from having highly educated residents. We are aware of how much it costs to fully fund the education of each student, and will continue to advocate for fiscal responsibility at the state level to provide every resource available to our students. Ensuring that our students and staff have safe and secure learning environments is also a priority. Constantly reviewing our safety policies and procedures with all stakeholders will yield the best outcomes for our community.

KAREN M. BRADFORD

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Occupation/Current Profession: Receptionist-Corrigan Moving Systems
Education: BA in Education from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, and MA in Reading from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
Campaign Phone: 734-788-3165
Campaign Email: karenbradford06@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: I've been a Livonia resident over 25 years; married with four children, all who attended Livonia Public Schools from preschool through high school. I've been a MASB certified Board member for eight years and I am currently the President of the Board. I am running for re-election because I have a passion for ALL students, not only mine, to receive the highest quality public education possible. I want our families and community to know that the person they are electing believes in strong, respectful leadership and fiscal responsibility. I have the LPS experience and leadership to examine issues, collaborate effectively with my peers, and make sound decisions which will benefit Livonia Public Schools.

QUESTION 2: If elected, I plan

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QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

on continuing to promote quality programming. Livonia Public Schools provides exceptional opportunities from Pre-K through postsecondary for our students to choose varying curricula to enhance their learning experience. I will continue to advocate for robust curriculum to remain a strong, competitive district. In addition, stability in school funding is critical. We must continue to receive adequate funding to preserve and enhance our schools and programming. I will be an advocate for this, always seeking appropriate funding at the State level and searching for alternative resources and revenue to enhance our district.

DREW R. BUATTI

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

CRYSTAL DAWN FRANK

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communication from Miami University
Campaign Phone: 248-752-5400
Campaign Website: crystalfrank.net
Other Social Media (URL): facebook.com

QUESTION 1: As a Certified Board Member, I have served on the Livonia Public School Board of Education for six years. I am excited to continue to use my experience as a parent to lead Livonia Public Schools. My four children have attended nine different LPS schools in two different triads, giving me a breadth of perspective and depth of knowledge into our school system. As a parent leader, I served as President of the Parent Teacher Association at Webster Elementary, Frost Middle School and Churchill High School. I have been an active volunteer in the schools for over 15 years. I look forward to representing the voice of parents on the Board.

QUESTION 2: A top priority should always be to increase academic achievement. As a board member this means aligning the budget to support initiatives such as high-quality Tier 1 instruction for all students.

One of the biggest challenges that schools will be facing in the next five years is a teacher shortage. I would work to help LPS attract and retain the most qualified applicants and ensure that we are a top destination for teacher candidates.

My goal will be to focus on Livonia Public Schools maintaining excellent financial responsibility for our community. It will continue to be one of the most important to ensure our budget aligns with our district's goals.

DAVID J. MACFARLAND

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Real Estate
Education: B.A. in communications
Campaign Phone: 7346377120
Campaign Email: davemacfarland16@gmail.com

QUESTION 1: LPS is in my DNA. I am an LPS K-12 graduate. My 2 young children will be beginning in the district soon and both my parents spent 30 years in district as teachers, administrators and directors. Upon starting a local business, I wanted to find meaningful ways to give back to the community and LPS made sense. I became a sponsor and advocate for the LPS Education Foundation. After a year or so I was asked to join the Board of Directors which I currently sit on. I created the LPSEF annual golf outing, which in just 2 years, has already raised over \$35,000 for LPS students, teachers and staff. I'm always looking for more impactful ways to give back, and serving on the Livonia School Board is the best place for me to continue that effort.

QUESTION 2: 1. Student safety. This is a very complex issue as it pertains to both the physical and mental wellbeing of our students. LPS must continue to improve and innovate building safety protocols and making social workers/mental health professionals available to students. Continuing to foster an environment where students are comfortable and safe is paramount moving forward.

2. Creating curriculum for the future. LPS must continue to lead the way creating opportunities for all of our students. We must maintain and improve our robust college prep program. Continue to invest and expand our cutting edge technology and job training facilities. Create and grow partnerships with local businesses and colleges to be sure LPS students are sought after.

PAMELA SUE MORGAN

Party: No Political Affiliation
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QUESTION 1: My name is Pamela Morgan. I have lived in Livonia for thirty two years. I am an experienced teacher who has taught grades K-8 and

adult education for the past thirty-five years. I currently teach kindergarten in the Plymouth-Canton School District. I was awarded the 2024 VFW Michigan Teacher of the Year for teaching lessons on patriotism and incorporating innovative ways to teach students about our U.S. History while shining light on patriotism with songs, craft and activities. I am an expert on all areas of education including curriculum, budgeting, behavior management, and creating a partnership with parents in the classroom. I am running because the district needs someone with experience in the actual classroom who understands.

QUESTION 2: Security, safety of our students, and making sound financial decisions based on students' needs, smaller class sizes, zero tolerance for bullying and re-evaluating our curriculum are my priority issues along with including parents in decision making. Eliminating unnecessary positions and spending, creating higher expectations for behavior along with consequences for negative choices, focusing on basic skills and limiting the number of students in the classroom are ways that I would address my priorities. A deep dive into why our test scores are not higher and why our enrollment is declining has a direct correlation to my priority issues and how I would address them, would bring back the confidence of parents' to enroll their students.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Four-year term.

Vote for four (4)

PHILIP DELOACH

Party: No Political Affiliation
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Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney

QUESTION 1: I am a 35-year-old attorney, real estate broker, and professional investigator. I married my high-school sweetheart, and together we have four kids ranging in age from 1 y/o to 8 y/o; the oldest three all currently attend NPS schools. I am running to lend my expertise and oversight to district operations, in order to preserve and improve our school

district for the benefit of all attending children. I focus my law practice on business and tax – two areas of law which are often key to a successful board of directors. The school board needs more business acumen, and I possess the particular expertise to help guide its continued success. Maintaining seated legal expertise should present a prudent and stable option for voters.

QUESTION 2: Enrollment numbers in the district are down year-over-year, with over 500 fewer students today than were in enrolled in the district in 2016. The main issue challenging Northville's continued excellence is the reduction in funding directly associated with a lower pupil count. What board policies are causing these declining numbers? Transparent and continuous communication with parents, teachers, and other constituents is essential to learning what policies are driving families and their students to and from the public school district. I would focus on community outreach with a survey to gather feedback from parents and teachers, and then bring that feedback directly to administrators and district leadership to start addressing the problem.

RONALD FRAZIER

Party: No Political Affiliation
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Occupation/Current Profession: Programmer/Analyst
Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/RonFrazier4NPS

QUESTION 1: Our family has lived in Northville for 9 years and we have 2 children in the district. I have over 25 years experience in the tech industry (education IT, health care, and medical research). Over the past 6 years I've volunteered as a girl scout leader, robotics coach, PTSA President, and created Northville's first student PTSA group to empower student voice and leadership. I've completed the district's 2-day Relational Practices training and am Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified. I've served on the Say YES for NPS Bond Committee and the Meads Mill Principal Stakeholder Committee. I am deeply committed to volunteering for our students and district, and believe my dedication, passion, and experience will be valuable assets to the board.

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QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

QUESTION 2: Student mental health is a critical issue in our district. The pressures of high achievement, managing extracurricular activities, the stress from cell phones, social media, and bullying, along with external challenges, all impact the mental health of our students. We must address this problem through a holistic approach. Hiring additional mental health staff is critical, and advocating with the state legislature for additional funding, including reversing cuts to 31aa grants, is vital to achieve this. We need to help students find balance to avoid overscheduling, encourage delaying the use of social media, promote stronger cell phone policies and digital citizenship, and expand relational practices and other social-emotional programs.

JENA MABREY

Party: No Political Affiliation

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Occupation/Current Profession:

Pharmacist

Other Social Media

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jenamabreyfornorthvilleschoolboard

QUESTION 1: As a mother, a pharmacist, and a community volunteer I've developed skills in leadership, problem-solving, and

collaboration. I have a deep knowledge of our district, both our success and challenges. I have met with teachers and administrators, held positions on several district and school committees, urged lawmakers to act on critical school-related issues, and volunteered directly with our students. My professional experience with finances enables me to scrutinize our district's budget with a focus on integrity and accountability. With a record of working hard to bring people together for our kids, I will partner with our experts and stakeholders to bring thoughtful and innovative ideas that will continue to elevate our school district.

QUESTION 2: The state's chronic underfunding of our district continues to be the most pressing issue. If elected, I would be a fierce advocate for increased funding and ensure all budget decisions are made to positively impact the most students. I also think the board must do a better job of communicating directly with stakeholders. I would push for a newsletter detailing the board's progress and regular coffee chats with the community. Lastly, we should explore additional mental health resources for our children and teachers, such as online counseling and sustained training for educators. Our kids are facing unprecedented mental health challenges, including those caused by social media, and it is time we discussed solutions as a community.

PRIYA MARWAH

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

Education: BA (1998) and JD (2001)

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Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney

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linkedin.com/in/priyamarwahjd/

QUESTION 1: I was born and raised

in Dearborn/Dearborn Heights,

Michigan. I earned my B.A. in Political

Science and Economics from UofM

Dearborn in 1998 and then went

straight to law school at Wayne State

University where I earned my Juris

Doctor in 2001. I have been practicing

law for 23 years, the last 14 years of

which I have been in house corporate

and compliance counsel with various

companies. Since the pandemic, I saw,

through the experiences my kids had,

areas for where NPS could change

and improve. Now that 4 years have

passed, I think it is time for someone

with a fresh set of eyes who can get

things done to serve on the Board. I

want to see a mechanism where the

Board hears directly from teachers and

parents.

QUESTION 2: I understand that

some issues facing Northville Public

Schools is low morale of staff, a

shortage of subs, and the high turnover

in paraprofessionals. I welcome the

opportunity to investigate these

issues and work to find a solution. I

personally would like to see better

communication from the schools and

district staff and greater transparency

to the parents. I also would like to get

more feedback from the parents and

teachers to understand what is going

well, what should be changed and what

should there be more of. I look forward

to providing more details in person.

MEREDITH RIGGAN

MAURER

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

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Education: BA Secondary Education

University of Michigan 2008; MA

Counseling Eastern Michigan

University 2014

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Occupation/Current Profession:

Mental Health Therapist

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QUESTION 1: I am running for

Northville School Board because I am

passionate about public education. As

a former classroom teacher and school

counselor, I am the only declared

candidate for 2024 with classroom

teaching and counseling experience. I

am a mom of two little ones who will be future NPS students, a business owner, and mental health therapist.

QUESTION 2: Mental health, building community, and school safety continue to be issues of importance for the school board. As a school board member, I would focus on mental health training for staff; continuing to implement programming that supports students' mental and emotional well-being. Student safety would be focused on reviewing policies and procedures around building security as well as policies around bullying and online safety. Lastly, building community is important to foster and maintain partnerships between schools, families, and the broader community.

LISA MCINTYRE

Party: No Political Affiliation

Biographical Info:

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Counseling

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Occupation/Current Profession:

Clinical Supervisor & Psychotherapist (LPC)

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QUESTION 1: I believe the school

board is charged with overseeing the task

of preparing youth to be healthy, engaged

life-long learners with the desire to be

productive members of the community

at large. The only candidate with board

experience, a master's in counseling, and

35 years of experience serving children

and families, I bring valuable expertise.

As a parent of Northville students, I

expect a high quality education in a safe

and supportive environment. As a strong

advocate for public education, I prioritize

teachers as the most important asset,

along with partnerships between families

and local organizations. I will continue

the tradition of excellence in Northville

Public Schools through stable leadership

and dedication to student success.

QUESTION 2: Empowering all

students to reach their full potential,

with innovative curriculum and

critical thinking skills for all learning

styles. A prudent and forward-

thinking financial strategy allows

NPS to continue offering exceptional

programs and opportunities despite

potential funding fluctuations. Student

well-being is of critical importance.

NPS should continue to implement

policies and programs to support

students and families amidst the

adolescent mental health crisis, in

an environment where students

feel safe, valued, and empowered to

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succeed. In a culture of celebration and open dialogue, Northville Public Schools will strengthen its bonds with the community and ensure that all stakeholders are engaged in the educational process.

ARIC TOSQUI

Party: No Political Affiliation
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Occupation/Current Profession: Director of Security, Henry Ford Health

Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563794592803
QUESTION 1: Having nearly 28 years of law enforcement experience allows me to bring a much-needed perspective to the discussion surrounding school safety. I do not believe that simply having topical or conversational knowledge is enough to have crucial conversations. My time in public safety and executive leadership is transferable to the workings of the school board. Also, my experience with collective bargaining and labor issues qualifies me to be able to partake in meaningful discussions with the Northville Education Association related to any agreements between the NEA and the Northville Public Schools. With our son starting fourth grade, I feel a responsibility to provide as much input and influence towards his educational path as possible.

QUESTION 2: The top priority should be safety - for students and educators. I believe that the District should take affirmative steps to improve safety so that our kids have the greatest chance at the best education possible without worrying if a gunman is going to be putting their lives at risk. Further, I believe that there is a duty to improve and maintain the health and wellness of our school children. This extends to the employees and the District should enact measures to improve workplace health. I believe strongly in sports and physical activities for our kids. Finally, I believe that our schools should prepare kids for life, not simply for the next test.

SOUTH REDEORD

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Six-year term.

Vote for three (3)

MISHA KAI EARLY

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

CHERYL FLESHER

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

LAURIE A. HICKS

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

COURTNEY M. LATIMER

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

CLAUDIA ANNMANN

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Description: School Board members' most important roles are to approve an annual budget and to hire and evaluate the superintendent. Other roles are to set policy, provide a vision or direction for the district, provide accountability and advocate for education and their district. Six-year term.

Vote for one (1)

FAIZE EL-KHALI

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: Director of Sales
Education: UofM MBA
QUESTION 1: Faize M El-Khali. I have an MBA and Master's of Finance

from UofM Dearborn. I've always been passionate about supporting my community and I've mentored and supported at a very young age the ACCESS youth group as well as AAYSP while having the largest following for my woman's equality page. I am new to the neighborhood but I have four young children in the school system where I would like to contribute and make an impact.
QUESTION 2: Let me start by saying that the current administration is doing a great job. I would like to be part of the team and enhance areas as well as help wherever needed. I am a team player, a listener, and one who strives for perfection in plan execution. Even in a perfect world questions of how to manage the budget, school bus routes, courses/curriculums, and more will always arise and I want to be the sounding board of the people's voice and part of the collective solution.

PATTI MCCOIN

Party: No Political Affiliation
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Education: MAT Wayne State University, Graduate Certificate in ESL, BBA Eastern Michigan University
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Other Social Media (URL): www.facebook.com/pattimccoin4pcps
QUESTION 1: I have lived in either Plymouth or Canton for the majority of my adult life. My adult children were raised in the community and attended the public schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Currently, I teach in a DPSCD middle school in Southwest Detroit. I believe that public education is a public good that provide great benefit to the entire community and that all children deserve to have an excellent educational experience. I originally ran because I felt that the voice of a classroom teacher was absent from the conversations about how the district should function and I still believe there is value in having that voice at the table when decisions are being made.
QUESTION 2: Years of underfunding by the state have left the district in a position of constantly prioritizing the most urgent programs and repairs. It has also meant that the district has

needed to outsource services. The chronic underfunding has made it difficult to retain and attract staff, provide the enrichment resources necessary for all children to receive an excellent education, and allowed facilities to deteriorate. To address this underfunding will require the school board and community to engage with elected legislators to advocate for increased funding. To alleviate this issue currently we need to renew the RESA enhancement millage, discuss a sinking fund, and continue to use the current bond money wisely.

JENNIFER VOS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
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QUESTION 1: I have been a member of the Plymouth-Canton community since 2001, with my husband's family roots extending back to the 1940s. I am the proud mother of nine children, including five graduates of Plymouth High School, two current high school students, one middle schooler, and one elementary student, as well as a grandmother of two. My children have attended nine different schools within the district, providing me with extensive firsthand knowledge of the local educational landscape. I also bring valuable experience as a former employee of the district, giving me a unique perspective on its strengths and desperate need for common sense improvements.
QUESTION 2: To address transparency, advocate for regular public updates from the school board, improve communication channels, and host forums where community members can voice concerns. For financial accountability, push for independent audits and request detailed budget breakdowns, especially for administrative costs and classroom resources. Also, promote financial literacy among board members. To address facility maintenance, propose a comprehensive facility audit, develop a long-term maintenance plan, and raise awareness in the community about the importance of maintaining safe and updated school buildings.



Library Boards

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.

QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Library is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for the stewardship of the District's funds and resources, and formulate and approve Library Policies. Four-year term.

Vote for three (3)

JOY CICHEWICZ

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

ALMA HUGHES-GRUBBS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

MARIA JACKSON-SMITH

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Occupation/Current Profession: College/University Educator
Education: Ph.D. & Ed.S. in Ed. Leadership; M.A. in Written Comm. & B.S. in Eng., Lang. and Litr. all from Eastern Michigan University
QUESTION 1: While this is my first experience running for elected office, I am excited to continue the important work of the Board of Trustees. As an educator in higher education for the past 22 years, I am a proponent of literacy as a tool for personal, professional and educational fulfillment. I plan to advocate for the increased use of the library by the community at large as resource for books and other media sources and even for community meetings and events. The library belongs to the Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter communities, and I want citizens to be aware of and access all of those valuable resources. Many may not be aware of all of the resources available to them, and I intend to promote the many community programs at our library.
QUESTION 2: The Belleville Area District Library attracts students from the community's schools, especially students at Belleville High School. The facility serves as a safe space in which students can spend time after school completing homework, studying and conducting research and participating in programs designed specifically for them. I hope to work closely with the high school to ensure that the library continues to offer such resources since students spend a great deal of time each week in the facility. I would like to serve as a liaison between the school district and the library to promote productive use of elementary, intermediate, middle, and high students' time spent at the facility during the school year and during the summer months.

CANTON LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Description: The six-member Library Board is responsible for the governance and financial oversight of the library. They hire, evaluate, and fire the Library Director, and ensure that the library meets residents' needs. Four-year term.

Vote for six (6)

HASINA ABDU

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

NANCY EGGENBERGER

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

AMINA IQBAL

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JASMINE LEE

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
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Occupation/Current Profession: Ford Motor Company
Campaign Phone: 734-837-2362
Campaign Website: www.facebook.com/TrustLeeForTrustee
QUESTION 1: I'm currently serving my second term on the Library Board and have been a proud Canton resident for over 20 years. My husband and I are raising our two boys here and love being part of this community. Growing up in Cincinnati, working in our family's restaurant taught me teamwork and responsibility. I graduated from Ohio State with a degree in Business and earned my MBA from Eastern Michigan University. For 17 years, I've worked at Ford Motor Company in Supply Chain and Contracts Management. Outside work, I volunteer at my children's school and previously coached the YMCA Girls on the Run Program. I'm passionate about preserving our library as a vital, inclusive resource for everyone in Canton. Thank you for your support!
QUESTION 2: If elected for a 3rd term, I aim to champion expanded programming and outreach to enhance the library's community impact. From attending the Public Library Association Conference, I gained valuable insights into innovative technologies, digital equity, and emerging trends. I learned how libraries can tackle broadband issues in rural areas, address book banning, and act as community hubs to combat food insecurity with

initiatives like community fridges. My goal is to bring these ideas to our library, encouraging the Director and staff to develop new programs and partnerships. By strengthening our outreach to schools and neighboring communities, we can ensure the library remains a vital and inclusive resource for all Canton residents.

AHMED WAHBY

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Education: MS in Information Systems, MA in Economics
Occupation/Current Profession: IT Analyst
QUESTION 1: I have more than 20 years of experience in Data Analysis, IT Systems Architecture, Process Improvements, and Higher Education. I am running for this office to support our community's needs and ensure that our public library receives the necessary resources to serve our diverse community.
QUESTION 2: Funding public services such as public libraries can sometimes be overlooked in favor of other priorities. I would work tirelessly with our elected officials to ensure that Canton Public Library will receive the needed resources to continue providing the highest standards of services to our community while managing its funding efficiently to maximize the return on our community investment. Another important issue to me is the privacy of information and I will use my experience in the field when evaluating different solutions.

AMY WATTS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY BOARD

Description: The Library is governed by a six-member elected Board of Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for the stewardship of the District's funds and resources, and formulate and approve Library Policies. Six-year term.

Vote for three (3)

LYNNE COX

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BARBRA L. REDDY

Party: No Political Affiliation
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JANET R. SMITH

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
Education: Bachelor of Arts Michigan State University

Occupation/Current Profession: Retired
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QUESTION 1: I have lived in Garden City for over 50 years. I am a retired Garden City Public Library employee. I worked as a Children's Librarian, Automation Manager and Assistant Director. I am currently serving on the Library Board. I am a member of the Friends of the Library and the Future Library Fund. I believe the Library is a vital resource for all the residents of Garden City.
QUESTION 2: The Library budget, policies and the resources that the Library provides to the community are my priorities.

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Library is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for the stewardship of the District's funds and resources, and formulate and approve Library Policies. Four-year term.

Vote for three (3)

JOSEPH P. CORRIVEAU

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
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Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney at Law
Campaign Phone: 2483806800
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QUESTION 1: I have relied on libraries throughout my educational and professional career to provide me with trusted sources of information in a safe environment.
QUESTION 2: Currently, amongst the most pressing of issues, is the need to expand our footprint during challenging economic times.

JENNIFER GUSTAFSON

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info:
QUESTION 1:
• Past-President and one of the first Lifetime Members of the Friends of Northville District Library
• Former Head of the Research Library & Archives at the Detroit Institute of Arts
• Teach at Wayne State University's Graduate School of Information Sciences

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Library Boards *(continued)*

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and experience. Explain why you are running for this office.
QUESTION 2: What are the priority issues facing this office? What actions would you take to address them if elected?

• Help at Schoolcraft College’s Bradner Library Northville District Library is exceptional! As Trustee, I would give my earnest support and help ensure its growth and success.

QUESTION 2: Public libraries are a vital pillar of a healthy community. Libraries provide trusted information, relevant programming, and serve as an anchor for lifelong learning. I would champion our library by working to ensure it stays connected to our community needs and interests, and I will broadly advocate for its long-term sustainability.

BARRY ROY PUCKETT

Party: No Political Affiliation
 Did not respond in time for inclusion.

NICHOLAS A. VLISIDES

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info: Education: MBA, Wayne State University
Occupation/Current Profession: Full-Time Lecturer (UM-Dearborn)

QUESTION 1: I have lived in Northville for 38 years. I have witnessed many changes in our community including the building and re-location of our High School, the sharp population increase and, of course, the construction of our beautiful District Library on Cady Street. I am an educator. Since 2017, I have been a full-time lecturer in Finance and Economics at the UM- Dearborn. I have been a Library Trustee since 2019 and am honored to have served as it’s Chair for the past three-years. I believe it imperative that satisfying the needs of the community is the core, primary goal. Our community has grown in numbers and diversity over the past several years. While challenging, we too must evolve and work to meet the needs of our patrons.

QUESTION 2: Some of the needs include new and diversified materials. Space has become a key issue. The demand for study rooms, conference areas and meeting rooms has reached a level that, at times, can’t be met. Other concerns, such as technology and acquisition of electronic reading materials, are key issues that will face our very capable and profession Library staff as well as the next generation Board of Trustees. The Northville library graces the downtown area and represents a distinct highlight in our community. Going forward, the Trustees must ensure that this wonderful asset continues to be beacon of light that houses knowledge and reflects the values of this cultural neighborhood. I would very much like to be a part that effort.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description: The Library is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for the stewardship of the District’s funds and resources, and formulate and approve Library Policies. Four-year term.

Vote for three (3)

DENISE BURROWS

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info: Retired teacher and Ford Financial systems analyst

Education: Degrees in Education and Management and Information Systems
QUESTION 1: I’ve been a Plymouth resident for 30 years, and I believe it’s important to take an active part in the community. Some ways I’ve been able to do this include president and treasurer of the Garden Club, providing scholarships, downtown beautification and donations to local charities; ESL tutor; volunteer at Food Gatherers and Delonis homeless shelter; donating quilts to domestic abuse safe house and to veterans. I participated in the Kellogg Park fountain project which resulted in our beautiful new fountain. I believe I can continue to serve the community by being an advocate for our library as a member of the board.

QUESTION 2: The library is a fantastic resource. I would work closely with the

other board members and the library staff to help ensure that our library meets the current needs of the entire Plymouth community providing materials and activities that each resident can personally relate to.

JACQUELINE GEORGE

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info: Campaign Email: alphadogjackie44@gmail.com

Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney at Law, Plymouth District Library Trustee
Education: JD, BA, RDH
Campaign Phone: 7347187737

QUESTION 1:

- senior perspective in board decisions
- legal background re criminal law helpful re incidents which may arise at the library
- keep the library financially sound
- open to new perspectives and issues re inclusiveness
- safe and secure environment for staff and patrons
- love of books and children centered activities
- keep the library in the top rated innovators nationwide
- library hours to increase

QUESTION 2:

- attendance at board meetings
- inviting experts for classes at the library
- keeping a safe environment in the building
- continue the friendly and helpful staff

- update as necessary our computers and increase senior learning on how to use them
- being in the building often to view first hand operations

JEAN MARIE WALSH

Party: No Political Affiliation
Biographical Info: Campaign Email: jwalsh@wowway.com
Occupation/Current Profession: Speech-Language Pathologist
Education: M.S. Communication Disorders, pursuing a certificate in Library Science that focuses on young adult and children’s literature
Campaign Phone: 7348344886

QUESTION 1: I was elected to the Board of Trustees in November 2020. During the past, almost 4 years, I have loved working with the trustees, director, and staff to learn more about the library. During this time, new initiatives have been introduced and rolled out, full recovery from the Covid-19 epidemic has taken place, and plans have been put in place to help the library grow even more, i.e. Library of Things, Human Library, lab experiences, etc. . It has been great being part of this dynamic organization.

QUESTION 2: Patron usage is always a priority. While digital checkouts are up, physical checkouts have not fully recovered since Covid. Digital checkouts are very expensive and a good balance of these products is being sought. Strategic planning implementation is ongoing. Building renovations, furniture purchases, and replacing the carpet are planned for the next couple of years.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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Local Proposals

BELLEVILLE CITY PROPOSAL 1

Description: A proposed amendment to Section 5.3 (Regular Meetings) of the City of Belleville City Charter. Currently, Section 5.3 of the City Charter requires that meetings of the City Council are held two times each month at 7:30 p.m. The proposed amendment requires City Council to set an annual schedule for its regular meetings by no later than the first meeting in December of the prior calendar year and allows the Mayor to cancel a meeting in the event a meeting has no scheduled agenda items. Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

BELLEVILLE CITY PROPOSAL 2

Description: A proposed amendment to Section 5.7 (Rules) of the City of Belleville City Charter. Currently, Section 5.7 of the City Charter requires a roll call vote for all matters acted on by the Council. The proposed amendment to Section 5.7 provides that a voice or roll call vote may be taken and recorded in the meeting minutes, except that votes related to the expenditure of City funds must be taken and recorded by roll call vote. Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

BELLEVILLE CITY PROPOSAL 3

Description: A proposed amendment to Section 15.8 (Purchase Procedure) of the City of Belleville City Charter. Currently, Section 15.8 of the City Charter requires that city purchases of more than \$500 require Council approval and that purchases of \$5000 or more require a formal bidding process. The proposed amendment would: 1) delete the section's requirements for Council approval of purchases of more than \$500 and a formal bidding process for purchases of \$5000 or more, 2) require the Council to approve a policy by resolution that details purchasing and contracting procedures, price thresholds, and sources, and 3) change this section's title from Purchase Procedure to Procurement Procedure. Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

BELLEVILLE CITY PROPOSAL 4

Description: A proposed amendment to delete Chapter 16 (Civil Service) of the City of Belleville City Charter. Currently, Chapter 16 of the City Charter provides for a Civil Service structure and creation of a Civil Service Commission responsible for personnel administration. The proposed amendment deletes the Chapter in its entirety so that the City Manager is responsible for personnel administration. Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

GARDEN CITY POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Description: Shall the City of Garden City continue to levy 0.35 percent of the assessed value, or a total of 3.5 mills, on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City (in other words, \$3.50 per \$1,000.00, on taxable value of property located in the City of Garden City) for five years beginning with the 2026 tax levy year and running through 2030 tax levy year, inclusive, to be used for the sole

and exclusive purpose of providing for the operation and equipment of the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is estimated that a levy of 3.5 mills would raise approximately \$2,635,500.00 in revenue in the first year of such levy. If approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage. Shall the proposed police and fire millage renewal be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

PLYMOUTH CITY PROPOSAL 1

Description: Plymouth City Charter Amendment for Parks and Recreation Millage. Shall Section 8.5 of the Charter of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended to permit the levy by the City of a new additional ad valorem property tax in an amount not to exceed one and two-tenths (1.2) mills, for eight (8) years, from 2025 through 2032, to provide funds to the City to acquire, construct, improve, furnish, operate and maintain parks and recreation facilities? It is estimated that 1.2 mills would raise approximately \$834,000 when first levied in 2025.

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

Description: Wayne-Westland Community Schools Replacement Operating Millage Proposal. This proposal 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 2025 tax levy and allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 3 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 Wayne-Westland Community Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, be increased, in the amount of 21 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, 2024 to 2043, inclusive? This operating millage if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$573,266 during the 2024 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY PROPOSAL

Description: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Renewal of Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal. Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed renewal of the enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency ("Wayne RESA") and distributed on an equal per-pupil basis to local constituent school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of Wayne RESA. None of the enhancement millage revenue will be distributed to Wayne RESA, and all funds shall be independently audited by the local constituent school districts and eligible public school

academies as part of their annual school audits. As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2027 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 1.9812 mills (\$1.98 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2028 to 2033, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 1.9812 mills would raise approximately \$108 million when first levied in 2028. The revenue from this enhancement millage will be distributed on an equal per pupil basis to the following listed constituent school districts and the public school academies within the boundaries of Wayne RESA which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, School District of the City of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights School District No. 7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, Garden City Public Schools, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, Grosse Pointe Public School System, School District of the City of Hamtramck, School District of the City of Harper Woods, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, School District, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park School District, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union Schools, District No. 1, School District of the City of River Rouge, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community School District, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, School District of the City of Wyandotte.

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

WAYNE CITY PROPOSAL 1

Description: Proposed amendment to Section 10.1(i) of the Wayne City Charter. Shall Section 10.1(i) of the Charter of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the extension of the levy by the City of an ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one mil for six (6) additional years, commencing in 2026, for the purpose of paying for police and fire services?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

WAYNE CITY PROPOSAL 2

Description: Proposed City of Wayne charter amendment. Section 13.1 (Purchase and Sale of Property) Requirements for obtaining comparative prices, competitive bids, and approval of the city council. Currently, Section 13.1 (b) requires the city manager to obtain comparative prices, with certain exceptions, for city purchases and sales of more than \$3,000; and Section 13.1 (c) requires the city council to approve all purchases and sales of more than \$3,000, and the city, with certain exceptions, to seek competitive bids for purchases and sales of more than \$3,000. It is proposed that these threshold amounts be raised from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes - For the Measure
No - Against the Measure

YOUR VOTE

Counts

ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

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 FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS



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 the clerk's office.

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

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WOMEN VOTERS
NORTHWEST
WAYNE COUNTY**

PO Box 51502
Livonia, MI 48151



GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Northwest Wayne County

POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm



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