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# VOTER GUIDE

FOR RESIDENTS OF **OAKLAND COUNTY**

## 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

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

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On the **PARTISAN SECTION** of the ballot, you may vote for all candidates of any one party **OR** you may vote for candidates from different parties in different races. In any case, be sure to **ALSO VOTE** the **NONPARTISAN** and **PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot.

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# Michigan Governor

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

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

**Qualifications:** A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

#### GRETCHEN WHITMER PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Running Mate:** Garlin Gilchrist II  
**Website:** gretchenwhitmer.com  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/GretchenWhitmer  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @gretchenwhitmer  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Governor, State of Michigan  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree and law degree from Michigan State University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan State Senate, and Ingham County Prosecutor

#### TUDOR M. DIXON PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Running Mate:** Shane Hernandez  
**Website:** www.tudordixon.com  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/DixonforGovernor  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @TudorDixon  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Businesswoman  
**Education:** B.A., University of Kentucky  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Tudor Dixon is a businesswoman, breast-cancer survivor, and working mom of four girls. She built a career in Michigan's steel industry throughout the early 2000s.

#### MARY BUZUMA PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

**Running Mate:** Brian Ellison  
**Website:** electmarybuzuma.com  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/lpmary4gov  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @LPMary4Gov  
**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Navy. Retired after 26 years in Naval Intelligence  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Kalamazoo College  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Leadership experience from 26 years in U.S. Navy and as a former State Chair of Libertarian Party of Michigan.

#### DONNA BRANDENBURG PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

#### KEVIN HOGAN PARTY: GREEN

**Running Mate:** Destiny Clayton  
**Website:** gofund.me/2b335cbc  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/your.KEVINHOGAN  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @KevinHo84541553  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired Research Biochemist and Retired Substitute Public School Teacher  
**Education:** University of Michigan - Biochemistry, Psychology, ...Chemistry Teacher postponed  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Scientist. In Particular, I'm a Biochemist published in the fields of Immunology, Aging, and Human Eye Disease. So, I have the knowledge and experience to end the COVID19 Pandemic & fix the Economy!

#### DARYL M. SIMPSON PARTY: NATURAL LAW

**Q. PRIORITIES:** What are your top 3 priorities for the State of Michigan and how would you address them?

Economy & Jobs: Cutting costs and keeping our economy moving forward by supporting small businesses, attracting historic manufacturing investments, and securing new auto jobs.

Infrastructure: Securing multi-billion dollar investments to repair roads, bridges, and water infrastructure while supporting over 100,000 jobs. Continuing work to improve our state's infrastructure is a top priority.

Protecting the Right To Choose: I will fight like hell to protect abortion rights in Michigan.

1. Improve Michigan schools by empowering parents and expanding choices.

2. Rebuild and grow the economy, support energy and infrastructure projects throughout Michigan.

3. Restore law and order.

As the first Libertarian governor of Michigan I will work to roll back the state and restore the inalienable right to choose for all Michiganders. The right to choose how to educate their children, how to spend their hard earned money, how to best take care of their medical needs and most important how to live their lives.

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Women's Equality, LGBTQI(+) Equality, and the Economy (COVID19 Ended). As Michigan Governor Kevin Hogan, I would address Women and LGBTQI(+) Equality by pressuring the state legislature using the media and concurrently, for leverage, openly supporting a ballot proposal to end wrongful discrimination and have Equality for Women's and LGBTQI(+) Community, and as a biochemist I would address the Economy by ending The Gretchen Whitmer COVID19 Deadly (38,000+ Michiganders dead, including children) Pandemic, increasing minimum wage getting people back to work (creating jobs), and by ending inflation something Gretchen Whitmer in one of her many commercials says she cannot do. I can!

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**Q. EDUCATION:** What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

I worked across the aisle to make the largest investment in K-12 education in state history, without raising taxes, to empower the educators and parents, and help our students thrive. We closed the school funding gap, tripled the number of reading coaches, reduced class sizes, and brought Republicans and Democrats together to recruit more teachers, and expand before and after-school programming. My administration has worked hard to address the teacher shortage and secured over \$500 million for teacher recruitment and training programs to hire and train 10,000 new teachers in our most recent budget.

I have a five step plan to improve Michigan schools. 1. Distribute Tutoring Certificates - Fund 25 hours of tutoring in reading and math for every student using some of the \$6 Billion in federal COVID relief funding. 2. Preserve Parent's Rights - Require school districts to put all curriculum and teaching materials online for parents to see. 3. Protect Girls' Sports - Protect young girls from being forced to compete against biological boys in school sports. 4. Improve Civic & Financial Literacy - Enact substantial civic and financial literacy requirements for grade school. 5. Create Education Savings Accounts - Empower parents to decide which education environment is best.

More laws, rules and taxpayer money will not improve government school education but competition will. Parents are best situated to decide what is in their own children's best interests, and I will support all measures that enhance all educational choices available: charter schools, tax credits for private school tuition, home schooling, etc. Our state gives tax breaks to corporations whose CEOs can afford to send their children to private schools, shouldn't it provide tax breaks to parents who want to improve their child's education? A limited supply of educators is the fault of the State. Eliminate unnecessary barriers to capable candidates who want to enter the education job market.

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Michigan's Education ranks 40th that is there are only ten states that are worse than the state of Michigan in Education. Competition brings out the brightest and the best. So, I would drive public schools to compete for students. How? I would have the \$7,500 per student follow the student to whichever school his or her parents (and students) choose. I would downsize large-dilapidated schools making new smaller schoolhouses with air condition and other amenities, pay teacher better, establish a program for professionals like scientists (like myself), mathematicians, engineers, etc. to acquire faster (6 months) teaching certification.

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**Q. ECONOMY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

I've worked hard to cut costs for Michiganders delivering \$3 billion in auto refunds for drivers and I'm fighting to provide more relief. I've announced plans to provide \$500 rebate checks for every working family and called for the legislature to pass a sales tax holiday on school supplies. I am working to repeal Michigan's retirement tax that would save 500,000 households 1,000 per year and called for tripling Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit to help over 700,000 working families. I signed two bipartisan tax cuts for small businesses and repealed the tampon tax, providing \$7 million in annual savings.

I have a five step plan to improve put Michigan "back in business." 1. Reduce Personal Income Tax - Develop and enact a plan to phase out Michigan's personal income tax over time. 2. Upscale Workforce Training & Emphasize the Trades - Expand public-private partnerships between the education system and the private sector. 3. Slash 40% of Regulations in 4 Years - Cut, reduce, or streamline 40% of Michigan's enormous regulatory code in four years. 4. Cut Corporate Welfare - Analyze all Michigan incentive programs created and utilized over the last decade to determine their efficacy and efficiency. 5. Make Michigan Open for Business - Rapidly enact pro-growth policies.

Taxation is theft and the income tax should be repealed but until that time, a promise made is a promise kept. Keep the bipartisan promise made 15 years ago and return the income tax to 3.9%. The state can afford it and the people of Michigan deserve it. Enact a sustainable budget to prevent overspending and growing government. Economic circumstances have forced many hardworking taxpayers to cut back, there's no reason why our state government shouldn't follow their example. Keep the growth of the budget below the rates of growth of the state population plus the inflation rate. If the population grows by 1% and inflation grows by 2%, the state budget shouldn't grow by more than 3%.

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As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party, I will support Michiganders' improved economic positions by having Water, Food, and Housing as basic human rights. I will support an increase in minimum wage. I will support unions - every job should be unionized for a better standard of living (and happiness). I will support within a business disclosure of pay for workers with the same title, so minorities won't (like I was) be lowballed paid. I will support free education with day care.

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**Q. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:** Do you support Michigan's taking action on climate change? If so, what 3 climate-related policies would you support?

By combating climate change, we can build safer communities, protect our natural resources, cut costs for families, create lasting jobs, and strengthen our economy. My MI Healthy Climate Plan would create resilient jobs and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, moving towards energy independence through renewable resources, building a charging network to support 2 million electric vehicles, and so much more. I have secured millions of investments in climate-resilient infrastructure and vehicle electrification. These measures are not just critical for our health, but they are strengthening our economy and creating long term opportunity right here at home.

Michigan should have policies that benefit all businesses and create a strong environment for job growth. Market forces should determine success and failure, not the government. I support: 1. Utilizing Alternative Financing Opportunities - Using public-private partnerships and other innovative financing mechanisms where they make sense to ease taxpayer burdens. 2. Consolidating Agencies - Streamline the over 600 government agencies and departments that handle road funding annually and improve the overall management. 3. Revising the Funding Formula & Making Funding More Flexible - Evaluate changes like revising funding formulas or giving local districts more flexibility.

Michigan residents through the monopoly utility companies pay the highest rates in the region for some of the least reliable electricity in the country. All new electricity generation constructed in our state must be able to supply reliable electricity when it is needed. Human rights and individual liberty go hand-in-hand with environmental protection and improvement. The cleanest environments are in places where human rights are honored and protected. The demand to protect the environment proceeds from free people with adequate food, shelter and legal rights, not controlling governments. Expanding individual liberty is a key component of making our state and our world a cleaner place.

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As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party and Scientist, I will support taking action on climate change. I will support ending fracking. I will support alternative energy sources. I will support using glass instead of some petroleum base plastics.

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**Q. SOCIAL JUSTICE:** What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in Michigan?

Protecting the right to choose: I will continue to fight like hell to protect abortion rights. Expanding Education: My administration secured the largest investment ever in Michigan's K-12 schools. Protecting the right to vote: I am committed to ensuring that the voice of every Michigander is protected at the ballot box. Investments in communities of color: I've worked tirelessly to open new pathways for Michiganders of all backgrounds to build wealth. Most diverse administration: I've built the most inclusive administration in Michigan's history.

All families deserve the best educational opportunities for their children, regardless of their background or income level. A strong education leads to good jobs and strong outcomes for the future. I fully support the creation of Education Savings Accounts for families. ESAs will truly empower parents to decide which education environment is best for their child. Michigan should allow families to use the state's per-pupil funding amount on public, private, charter, virtual, or homeschooling options. All families deserve school options for their kids, not just the privileged and the few.

Libertarians believe every person has the same inalienable rights that the State has a duty to protect. I oppose any form of discrimination by government based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other group or individual identification. End qualified immunity and other aspects of modern-day policing that lead to violence and harassment of people of color the LGBTQ community and sex workers. I will work to change laws and institutions of government so that those of modest means can experience greater upward mobility. All people need to live their daily lives without fear of unjustified harassment, arrest, or injury/death at the hands of the State.

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As Kevin Hogan, The Next Michigan Governor - Green Party, I will promote social and racial justice in Michigan by signing into law a bill preventing bigots from holding government office. I will also mandate a police policy of one strike and your fired. I will eliminate Internal Affairs (police policing police) having police officers have their day in court facing a jury (not a judge). I will mandate by executive order the immediate release of police body camera video to the media for public view.

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**Q. JUSTICE:** What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

Response included in question #5 above.

We need to focus on creating safe communities and I have a five step plan. 1. Ban Sanctuary Cities - Implement a statewide ban on sanctuary cities to comply fully with federal immigration law. 2. Enact Constitutional Carry - Stop all efforts to restrict the 2nd Amendment and ensure that law-abiding citizens can protect themselves. 3. Fund De-escalation Training - Fully fund law enforcement agencies and block any budget cuts meant to reduce law enforcement budgets. 4. Keep Cash Bail for Violent Criminals & Repeat Offenders. 5. Zero-Tolerance for Riots - Enhance criminal penalties for crimes committed during riots or violent "protests."

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Oops, you erred. I won't punish you by sending you to a privately owned prison. Well, I will support action against holding non-violent people in jail because they can't raise bail. I will support action against prosecuting attorneys for their malicious prosecutions. I will support action against police officers for brutality and general misconduct. I will support action for equal pay for the same job with the same experience across gender identity. I will have women's equality, and LGBTQI(+) equality!

Did not respond in time for inclusion

# Michigan Secretary of State

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

**Duties:** Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state's official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal. **Qualifications:** Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<b>CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<b>Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to be the Secretary of State?</b>	<b>Q: What would be your top priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to accomplish them?</b>	<b>Q: What initiatives would you implement to provide support to county, city and local clerks?</b>	<b>Q: What policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?</b>
<p><b>JOCELYN BENSON</b>                      PARTY: DEMOCRAT  <b>Website:</b> www.votebenison.com  <b>Facebook:</b> www.facebook.com/sosjocelynbenison  <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> https://twitter.com/JocelynBenson  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Secretary of State  <b>Education:</b> Graduate of Wellesley College, Harvard and Oxford universities  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Elected Secretary of State in 2018; Secretary of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS.); former Dean of Wayne State University Law School</p>	<p>I am running for reelection to keep partisanship out of the Secretary of State's Office while we work to make it serve everyone, whether they consider themselves a Republican, Democrat or Independent. Our work also includes making it easier to vote while ensuring that every election is secure, fair and free. I am pleased to have overseen the safest, most secure and successful election in Michigan history when 5.5 million voters cast ballots. I bring to the office a lifetime commitment to protect our democracy, whether investigating hate crimes or fighting mis-information campaigns designed to undermine it.</p>	<p>We want to build on the service improvements we've made. When I took office in 2019, customers had to 'take a number and wait,' which sometimes resulted in hours-long wait times. Today, branch office customers are in-and-out, on average, in 20 minutes. We've doubled the transactions that can be done online and have placed self-service stations in grocery stores. We've also made voting easier while ensuring our elections are secure, fair and free. Our plans include expanding our mobile branch office operation and locating mini-offices in key locations. We want to protect and expand options that make voting easier but secure.</p>	<p>In my first term, we worked with local clerks to give them the tools they need to conduct secure, fair and free elections. Our work included helping place ballot drop boxes in communities across the state, recruiting a new generation of poll workers, and made \$8 million dollars of federal funds available to clerks to bolster election security. I will continue to advocate that state and federal funds be provided directly to local jurisdictions and will continue partnering with all clerks to preempt election misinformation that seeks to deceive voters. Local clerks are often voters trusted source for accurate election information in their communities.</p>	<p>I believe election administration must be above partisanship. Campaign funding should be transparent. It should be easy to vote, while ensuring security and fairness. Among the policies we have implemented is Election Day registration to ensure that every eligible citizen can register and vote. I believe in educating voters about their new rights to vote from home, sending absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter in the state, and creating an online, downloadable application to request your absentee ballot online. We implemented several secure protocols to ensure every valid ballot and only valid ballots were counted and will continue to do so if reelected.</p>
<p><b>KRISTINA ELAINE KARAMO</b>                      PARTY: REPUBLICAN  <b>Website:</b> kristinakaramo.com  <b>Facebook:</b> www.facebook.com/KristinaforSOS  <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> @kristinakaramo  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> college professor  <b>Education:</b> masters degree in Christian Apologetics, BS in Communication</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>GREGORY SCOTT STEMPFLE</b>                      PARTY: LIBERTARIAN  <b>Website:</b> stempfle4sos.org/  <b>Facebook:</b> www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100058124527285  <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> Stempfle4SoS  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Medical Technologist, Henry Ford Transplant Immunology  <b>Education:</b> MS Molecular Biology, Wayne State 2014 BS Clinical Laboratory Science, Wayne State 2008  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> I have 25 years' experience as a political activist familiarizing myself with election law. I've been a candidate, campaign treasurer, state party chair, precinct delegate, and poll worker.</p>	<p>I have 25 years' experience as a political activist familiarizing myself with election law. I've been a candidate, campaign treasurer, state party chair, precinct delegate, poll worker, and worked on several ballot initiatives.</p> <p>In my professional life, I am medical technologist in an organ transplant lab. This field requires me to deal with complex technical matters under short time constraints which is a valuable skill needed to manage state elections.</p> <p>My political and professional experience demonstrate that I would be capable of ensuring fair and transparent elections. Only someone from outside the two-party system can make this claim.</p>	<p>I plan to streamline and automate services when possible, without leaving those without access to technology behind.</p> <p>I support changes to the vehicle registration process so owners can permanently register their vehicle rather than every year or two. Vehicle registration amounts to a tax that disproportionately hurts the poor and leads to people getting trapped in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Many voters' express concerns to me about the appointment program at the branch offices saying they often wait longer than expected. If this office plans to continue the appointment program, we need to look at ways of better honoring the scheduled times</p>	<p>I would work with county clerks to help them publish more updated and accurate election information on their county government website. I would also work with local election officials to provide improved equipment to accommodate alternative voting methods and provide better training with regard to handling minor party paperwork.</p>	<p>I advocate requiring paper ballots for voting so that any recounts can be done using physical objects rather than voting by touch screen. I advocate for election reforms that level the playing field for independent and third-party candidates. These include using ranked choice voting, allowing counties, townships, and villages to conduct nonpartisan elections, and making the signature requirements for independent candidates the same as Democrats and Republicans. I support the current system of absentee voting for any reason, early voting, and same day voter registration and will push back against any efforts to make voting more difficult.</p>
<p><b>CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ</b>                      PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>LARRY JAMES HUTCHINSON JR.</b>                      PARTY: GREEN</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

# Michigan Attorney General

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

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

**Qualifications:** Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<b>CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<b>Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to be the Attorney General?</b>	<b>Q: What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to accomplish them?</b>	<b>Q: What would you recommend to the Governor and State Legislature regarding the protection of consumers and addressing illegal activities in Michigan?</b>
<p><b>DANA NESSEL</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.dananessel.com <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Wayne County assistant prosecutor for 11 years; private practice in civil rights, criminal defense, and family law. Just finishing first term as AG and eager to continue that work in a second term. <b>Education:</b> Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, law degree from Wayne State University <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Michigan Attorney General <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> @dananessel <b>Facebook:</b> www.facebook.com/DanaNesselAG</p>	<p>Before being elected Attorney General, I served as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor for 11 years and then maintained a private practice focused on criminal defense, civil rights, and family law. I also helped try the case that led to Americans having the right to marriage equality. I have almost completed my first term as AG and hope to have a second term to continue the work I've done during my first term, including protecting our elections and poll workers, and holding accountable those who seek to interfere with Michigan residents' ability to vote. I want to make sure every eligible voter is able to make their voice heard.</p>	<p>My top priority is to continue to serve as the People's Lawyer, using the resources of my office to aggressively advocate for crime victims as well as consumers, and help improve the lives of constituents whenever possible. My focus is on ensuring voters know how to vote, when to vote, and how to make sure their vote counts. I will fight in court to uphold the will of voters and protect the civil and reproductive rights of all Michigan residents. I will also continue to hold corporations accountable when they price-gouge or pollute our natural resources, and I'll take Big Pharma to court to lower the cost of prescription drugs.</p>	<p>I would recommend that they do everything in their power to enact consumer protection measures, and I would ask them to join me in creating tough but smart criminal justice policies. I'd urge the Legislature to take up the guardianship and conservator reform bills resulting from the ongoing work of my Elder Abuse Task Force, pass a package of human trafficking bills recommended by the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, crack down on companies that misclassify workers to avoid paying full wages, overtime and taxes, and support common-sense gun safety legislation that would strengthen background checks and enact safe storage laws.</p>
<p><b>MATTHEW DEPERNO</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>JOSEPH W. MCHUGH JR.</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Libertystrikesback.com <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Former USMC Officer, 20-year finance pro, 2x author, former independent candidate for President of the US <b>Education:</b> MBA Babson College, BA International Relations &amp; Political Economy Michigan State University <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Author &amp; finance professional <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> Votejoemchugh</p>	<p>As a Marine Corps Officer, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States—and the rights of every individual, which have been gradually usurped by our government since 9/11. Our two party system is working against us—and the Biden-Bush-Trump coups of 9/11 and 1/6 are the evidence. As your AG, I will draw upon my leadership experience as a Marine officer, a business owner and financial professional to empower attorneys across the country to right the ship by suing government at the federal, state and local levels, including our own governor, to restore our rights and protect the rights of every individual.</p>	<p>Our Bill of Rights codifies our rights to free thought, speech, action, association, self defense, privacy, self sovereignty, the right to understand the law and penalty for breaking it, and a trial by jury of our peers. Freedom isn't free. We will fight to restore and maintain our Liberty. 1) Sue for public review of code of social media and voting software to fight censorship and restore election integrity. 2) Sue for easily understood laws, terms of service and privacy policies to restore due process 3) Sue to release non-violent prisoners, immediately expunge records to get back to work, and provide backpay for unjustly lost time.</p>	<p>Any action that does not harm any other should not be illegal. This includes possession of firearms, substance use and sex between consenting adults. With fewer, better laws to enforce, our police will be free to do their job— protect people. Consumer protection goes hand in hand with protecting the environment and individual rights, including a balanced approach to protecting women's rights and those of the unborn. Clean air, fresh water, healthy organic food, safe housing, fair pay, and money that retains value over time are our most basic rights. Use AG profits as a wealth fund to seed businesses that will serve our public interest.</p>
<p><b>GERALD T. VAN SICKLE</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

# ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS



**Who Can Apply?**

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

**How Do I Vote Absentee?**

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

sure your signature is visible), or deliver it in person to the the clerk's office.

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

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

**What is the Application Deadline?**

Application for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m., Friday, November 4.

**What is the Return Deadline?**

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

**Did my ballot arrive?**

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

# U. S. Congress - Michigan

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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## U. S. House - District 6

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I have proudly served Michigan's 12th District for nearly eight years.

Health care is a human right. Government must make good on that promise for all Americans, and that's why I am the co-author of Medicare for All in Congress. Over the last few years, we have seen – once again – in vivid detail that our fractured health care system leads to worse health outcomes with higher financial costs. It is immoral and unacceptable that we are the only industrialized nation on earth that does not guarantee its citizens access to health care.

We must pass legislation to provide relief at the pump, in the grocery store, and for housing. I have confronted oil executives price gouging consumers and advocated for policies to support families struggling to afford groceries and infant formula. As a proud supporter of labor and working families, I fight for policies that put workers first. From the PROAct to the Raise The Wage Act, I have led efforts to guarantee workers a living wage and workplace protections. Also, I have long been calling on Congress to strengthen our supply chain and support local manufacturers.

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## U. S. House - District 7

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**Education:** I graduated from Cornell with a BA, and from Columbia University with a Masters in International Affairs  
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All Americans should have access to affordable healthcare, regardless of pre-existing conditions, and nobody should go broke because they get sick. We must defend and improve upon the ACA with real bipartisan reforms, including allowing Medicare buy-ins at any age. Health care reform must also be accompanied by prescription drug pricing reform. That's why I've championed legislation that would cap monthly insulin cost at \$35 and allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug costs. My Real Time Benefits Act, signed into law by President Trump, allows consumers to comparison-shop for their prescriptions before they leave the doctor's office.

Michigan is the birthplace of the middle class, and we must enact policies that increase opportunity and help working people succeed. That means investing in talent and job training programs at home and connecting our small businesses to qualified workers. Michiganders have been warning politicians for 30 years that we have outsourced manufacturing too far, and during COVID the chickens came home to roost. Bringing our supply chains and manufacturing jobs back home is a national security and economic security imperative.

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The federal government's role is to ensure patient choice with less bureaucratic micromanaging of the relationship between patients and doctors. In regards to the COVID-19 pandemic and other health crisis' - the government's role is to provide the public with the best information and allow individuals to make health care decisions that best suit their individual needs. It is not the federal government's role to place mandates on individuals or employers.

Our national debt and spending has gotten out of control and it has a direct correlation on our current economic environment. Cost of living has skyrocketed, inflation is at a 40-year high, and the labor participation rate is at its lowest recorded level. When we cut wasteful spending, we can lower the inflation rate which hurts our economically disadvantaged Americans the most.

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## U. S. House - District 6

We must increase access to the ballot box and restrict the influence of special interests in our elections. I am a cosponsor of the For The People Act that would reform our nation's election laws to restore power to voters, end partisan and racial gerrymandering, and shed light on the dark money being spent to influence elections. To strengthen voting rights, I am a proud supporter of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore critical protections for Black and Brown voters in this country who have been marginalized in our democracy for far too long.

As the co-author of Medicare for All, I am leading efforts to increase healthcare access for Black and Brown patients who have been marginalized for centuries. I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 40 so we can finally begin to make good on the promise of reparations for African Americans and the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act to reform our law enforcement system. Finally, I'm the lead sponsor of the THRIVE Act in the House which would create jobs for 15 million Americans, focused on advancing economic recovery, racial justice, and climate action.

As an author of the 100% Clean Economy Act, I understand we can only create change by bringing together environmental advocates, labor and local leaders. I introduced the USA Electrify Forward Act to invest in EV infrastructure and to incentivize retooling auto plants. I have led conservation efforts by introducing the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which passed the House, and am a strong defender of NEPA and ESA laws. I am also the author of the PFAS Action Act, a bold and comprehensive package to protect human health and the environment.

We have a moral responsibility to fix our broken immigration system, and it is critical that we work together to build a fair and humane system that is consistent with our American values. I am a cosponsor of the U.S. Citizenship Act that would take long overdue action to reform the immigration system, and address the root causes of migration and protecting human rights within and beyond our borders. Also, I led efforts to extend and protect Temporary Protected Status for Yemen, while pushing to extend TPS for Lebanese nationals residing in the United States as their home country faces crises.

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## U. S. House - District 7

Special interests are eroding American democracy. When I first ran for Congress, I chose to refuse corporate PAC money because I never wanted my constituents to question why I voted the way I did. That's why I co-sponsored the Ban Corporate PACs Act—to stop self-interested politicians from bowing to big-money donors in exchange for campaign funds. If citizens are going to trust their representatives, we need to expand voting rights, curb partisan gerrymandering, and end Congress' culture of corruption. I will continue fighting to reform campaign finance laws and ensure that the voice of the people is heard.

No matter who they are, where they come from, or how they identify, every Michigander deserves to be safe, healthy, and supported. We have a long way to go to address the inequities that exist in every aspect of our society, from education to housing to employment, and these issues must be at the very top of an agenda to build an economy that works for everyone and a safer, fairer Michigan. Some of the policies I have supported to reduce these inequities include expanding broadband to help close the digital divide, lowering the cost of high-quality child care, and increasing federal support for schools that serve low-income students.

A threat to the environment is a threat to national security and to our way of life. We don't need to choose between protecting our environment and making sure we can meet our energy needs—this is a false choice. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will work to make sure our state is first in line for the thousands of skilled, good-paying jobs that renewable energy will create. I also believe access to clean water is a security issue. I championed six provisions to protect against the "forever chemical" PFAS that were signed into law by President Trump.

Our immigration system is fundamentally broken, and multiple administrations—Democrat and Republican—have failed to deliver any progress. We have to think about immigration as a national security issue, an economic issue, and a moral issue—because it is, indeed, all three. That's why I have introduced legislation to revamp our response to migrant surges, improve the technology used at our northern and southern borders, set up procedures that treat migrants humanely, and crack down on the human and drug trafficking that's causing immense harm to Americans and migrants alike.

The US Constitution says that election law should be left to the states. In the Michigan legislature I sponsored the legislation to require clerks to issue paper ballots in all elections, a bill that was supported nearly unanimously. I also sponsored the bill to require a photo ID to vote, a proposal supported by a supermajority of Americans in nearly every public opinion research poll.

When government gets bigger, so do our racial, economic, health, and education inequalities. We need to shrink the size of government, cut wasteful spending to lower the cost of living, and increase American energy production to lower the cost of gas that we need to fuel our vehicles and heat our homes. In addition, we know that the best ticket out of poverty is a quality education that provides bountiful opportunities. I support giving parents the right to control the direction of their kids education. And most importantly, we need to ensure that all students are capable of reading before they advance in school.

I support an all of the above strategy for energizing our economy and protecting our quality of life and our environment. In Michigan, I sponsored legislation to enable more individuals to install their own rooftop solar systems without egregious penalties from their energy provider, and my first bill signed into law by Gov Whitmer exempted homeowner's solar systems from property tax assessments. We must also reopen our pipelines and increase US energy production to become self reliant. Pipelines represent the safest and most efficient method to transport vital energy resources. When US is self-reliant, we also lower our carbon footprint

Border security and enforcing our laws on the southern border is critical for our national security. This year, the Biden administration has recorded the most illegal border crossings in history, with dozens of known terror suspects among them. This has put every single American community at risk. Our open southern border has created a humanitarian crisis that must be corrected. Human trafficking has skyrocketed, and fentanyl has free-flowed into communities and sadly now represents the leading cause of death of Americans age 18-45.

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# U. S. House - District 9

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I support President Biden's American Rescue Plan which enabled economic relief to individuals suffering from the effects of the Covid-19 epidemic in the US. I will continue to support the ACA, and fight so every American has lower prescription prices, and access to affordable healthcare. I would like to see a single payer healthcare system initiated in the US one day, that would put us on par with other first world countries throughout the world. It will take time, and as I said, will support the ACA, until this transition can be negotiated.

I support the American Rescue Plan, and support federal policies that enable those suffering from socioeconomic disadvantaged situations get the funding needed that allow them to provide for themselves, and family members.

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The Federal government needs to fully fund public health programs. We need to follow science and medicine, and not be swayed by partisan political beliefs.

The minimum wage needs to be raised to a livable wage. Wages need to keep up with inflation, and more. When prices go up, our wages should go up.

# U. S. House - District 10

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We should move to a comprehensive and worry-free system of providing health care which recognizes that access to health care is a basic human right. We can do this by taking the Medicare model and making it available for all. We must also rely on good science in making public health care decisions. There will always be conspiracy theory devotees who question the wisdom of vaccines and other public health care measures; we must combat their disinformation with the truth.

If health care were provided to all as a basic right, we will have addressed a major part of the economic insecurity that afflicts people. We would also lower the cost of products (since manufacturers would not be burdened with health care costs). This would make American products sell better in the world market. With a booming economy we would have the tax base to pay reasonable amounts for the care of disabled and disadvantaged individuals.

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I am on the same health care as my employees. I recognize how important it is to provide quality health care that is affordable and patient-centered. We need to repatriate our healthcare industry and resist efforts to give any one entity sole control of healthcare. COVID-19 demonstrated that the supply chains for important drugs and vital medical equipment do not prioritize the best interests of America. Our strategy must be to return the power to patients and doctors, not politicians. We need a patient-centered market-based approach which provides affordable, quality health care and must protect people with pre-existing conditions.

I am running for congress in Michigan's new 10th congressional district because my skills and experience align closely with this heavily automotive and defense manufacturing area. Relevant experience matters. I know what it takes to rebuild our supply chains and strengthen our economy because I've done it before. Investments in workforce development, access to affordable healthcare, a strong semiconductor supply chain and a secure energy future are vital to growing our economy here in Michigan. I will work to help make the American Dream possible for every Michiganders in the new 10th Congressional District.



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## U. S. House - District 9

I stand against corporations making direct political contributions to candidates, ending citizens united and support the John Lewis Voting Act that established new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect.

I fully support H.R. 1558 Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2021, which requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Census Bureau to take certain actions with respect to poverty measures and data related to child poverty. It also requires the National Academy of Sciences to report annually on child poverty and study other issues, such as policies to reduce intergenerational poverty.

I support H.R. 2021 Environmental Justice For All Act, which establishes several environmental justice requirements, advisory bodies, and programs to address the disproportionate adverse human health or environmental effects of federal laws or programs on communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal and indigenous communities. It also prohibits disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin as discrimination. Aggrieved persons may seek legal remedy when faced with such discrimination.

I support H.R. 1177 U.S. Citizenship Act, which establishes a path to citizenship for certain undocumented individuals. The bill also replaces the term alien with noncitizen in the immigration statutes and addresses other related issues. It also establishes a new status of lawful prospective immigrant. This status shall be available to an applying noncitizen who meets certain requirements, including being continually present in the United States from January 1, 2021, and passing background checks. After at least five years with this status, an eligible noncitizen may apply for and receive permanent resident status.

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The rich and the big corporations for too long have dominated politics, for their benefit. The Working Class is the majority in the country, yet we are shut out of politics. Voting rights need to be expanded and made as easy as possible to allow full participation. The United States has a low rate of voter participation compared to other countries. We need to do everything we can to reverse that trend.

The minimum wage needs to be raised to a livable wage. We live in the richest country in the world, so no one should be living in poverty. Wages need to go up as inflation goes up. Social Security needs to be raised. Health care needs to be made affordable for everyone.

Global warming is real. We need to seek ways to expand alternative energy by making it more affordable for Working Class and poor people in this country. The big corporations have got away with polluting this country, wasting energy and contributing to global warming. The big corporations should have to pay to fix what they have broken.

Immigration controls are a form of racism and is used to divide the working class. People from other countries are not our enemies. We should not allow ourselves to be divided by national origin, gender, race, or any other category.

## U. S. House - District 10

It is important that we remove any and all impediments to voting. Every qualified person who is registered to vote must have his or her vote counted. Schemes to discourage people from voting must be strongly resisted. I support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act.

These are the thing we must do: 1. Adopt Medicare for all; 2. Have a serious commitment to federal aid to education, including vocational education to maximize the employment skills of all people; 3. Take steps to revitalize the economy by encouraging the manufacture of the new cost-saving environmentally friendly products (like fast charging stations for electronic vehicles and heat pumps for heating and cooling) so that the United States will lead the world in manufacturing. With improvements in our economy we will have the tax base to increase Social Security benefits to truly provide for our senior population.

We must make the United States the leading county in manufacturing products to take full advantage of renewable energy. Each day, mother nature lavishes upon us enough energy -- in the form of sun, wind, tides, and geo-thermal energy -- to power our planet for several decades. We waste almost all of it, preferring for some inexplicable reason to burn fossil fuels which release huge amounts of carbon. Government must play a role in providing research and development and tax incentives to wean us away from our devotion to burning fossil fuels. If we do things right, we could both save our planet and enjoy a booming economy.

There must be a clear path to citizenship for undocumented children -- who have known no other country -- to become citizens. We also need to greatly expand the number of immigration judges to quickly handle all the cases of people trying to flee persecution and oppression. We must secure our borders, but we cannot in good conscience send people back to a place where they will be murdered by drug gangs or violent governments.

I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country enshrined in our Constitution. I support and encourage every American's right to vote. This is the cornerstone of our democracy. Every registered voter should have the right to vote in secure elections where every legal vote is counted.

I'm in the position to run for Congress because somebody marched for me. My father grew up in the Jim Crow South. He moved to Michigan and started a family while creating a business. I'm looking forward to using my platform and opportunity to fight for anybody else who wants to work for an opportunity to achieve the American dream. We need to offer all in Michigan, who wish to achieve it, a path to prosperity. This path will tear down barriers to education, increase access to affordable healthcare, provide economic opportunity and will help us keep our promises to our seniors.

I'm for an "all of the above energy strategy" that brings American energy production back home. We cannot rely on foreign dictators to keep our homes heated in the winter. No family should have to choose between buying groceries, filling the car with gas or paying the electric bill. Safe, affordable energy is a must for our country, as is being good caretakers of the environment for the next generation. I support strong funding for the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair. We must protect our precious natural resources from contaminants like PFAS, incentivize private sector innovation, invest in our energy infrastructure and harden utility grids.

Legal immigration is an economic and moral imperative for the United States of America. We cannot afford to turn away people who want to become hard working American citizens. However, a nation with no borders is not a nation at all. We need to ensure that our borders are secure. Congress and the career politicians that run it have failed to put forward any immigration system that works to keep this country safe from both an economic security and national security standpoint.

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The federal government has no defined role or enumerated powers to deal with a pandemic. Local committees should be able to determine what is best for their specific and unique needs

HR 25, The FAIRtax. If passed, all people spending at the poverty level will be completely untaxed, everyone keeps their entire paycheck, trillions of dollars become invested and reinvested in the United States, foreign companies are incentivized to move operations to the United States, and US-made goods become more competitive in the global market.

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Wife, mother of 2, union leader/organizer

For everyday hard-working individuals, the financial cost associated with getting quality health care is too high. Public funds have been diverted from health care and given to banks, corporations and the wealthy in tax breaks, bailouts and subsidies. At the same time as corporations are reporting record profits and CEOs are making million-dollar salaries. COVID put a spotlight on the health, economic and racial disparities that we have suffered under for years. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money you have. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

Our financial security will occur when worker's wages go up at the same time prices go up. Workers need wage increases now just to make up for the years of lost inflation. In order to improve the lives of all sections of the American public, we need to take back our money from the corporations and banks. Money to be used for the needs of the working class. These funds should be used for teachers, schools, create trade programs, provide free early childhood education and open local community centers. This is not going to be happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.

## U. S. House - District 11

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**Education:** American University, Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy and Master of Arts in Social Policy and Philosophy

**Qualifications and Experience:** I served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue in the Obama Administration. Then, in 2018, I was elected to the US House of Representatives, Michigan 11 and then in 2020, I was re-elected to t

Every single American deserves access to affordable and quality healthcare. For too many Michiganders, cost remains a major barrier to accessing healthcare. I support protections for pre-existing conditions and will continue fighting against any rollbacks of these essential protections. I believe the ACA is working and I also support creating a public option and a Medicare buy-in to add more options for coverage. Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we must ensure that our health care facilities are well funded, staffed, and supplied. I will also continue to support policies that recruit more health providers to the front lines.

I believe in a 21st century labor movement that protects workers, supports training programs, and pays a living wage. That is why I was proud to vote to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Further, I believe we must once and for all end the gender pay gap and support paid family leave for all Americans. I have also been a champion for STEM education and passed a bill that puts forth a suite of sweeping proposals. Manufacturing is the backbone of our economy in southeast Michigan. We need a federal government that strategically invests in research and development that supports the great innovation taking place here at home.

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We must have a safety net to protect our most vulnerable neighbors, however, the government should not mandate the type of coverage that we are allowed to have. Government is inefficient in its allocation of resources. We must trust families to make their own decisions as to what healthcare package works best for them. COVID-19: The Center for Disease Control has lost credibility and become highly political. It must be restructured to encourage honest debate within the scientific community. Branding doctors as heretics if they interpret data in a different way seems to veer into the realm of religion and does not honor science.

Inflation is devastating our poorest citizens. This level of inflation was avoidable. It is a tragedy caused by our own bad policies. Inflation (particularly core inflation that excludes volatile food and energy) is significantly lower in many developed economies than it is in the United States. We must reverse the failures that brought us to this point:

- 1) Stop the reckless spending/fiscal policy
- 2) Encourage domestic energy production to lower prices and make the U.S. energy independent
- 3) Ensure the Federal Reserve remains above politics and does what is necessary within its dual mandate to lower inflation and maximize employment.

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## U. S. House - District 10 (continued)

I'm a big supporter of Ranked Choice Voting and Star Voting programs to give voters more choices in our elections.

HR 25, The FAIRtax. If passed, all people spending at the poverty level will be completely untaxed, and everyone keeps their entire paycheck.

Open up the ability for people harmed by harmful fuel sources to sue the users for damages. The most harmful fuel sources will become more expensive to use and safer fuels will become cheaper.

Pass HR 25, The FAIRtax to make all undocumented workers into taxpayers which will remove the financial incentive to remain undocumented.

The attacks on the voting rights, of not just the black and brown populations, are obvious signs of a process that is not inclusive of all people. The election process in this country doesn't result in what the people want. Elections are dictated by who has the most money, not the voice of the population. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy have always found a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the legislation says. Workers need their own political party that will advance working class issues. The conditions of the working class will change when the working class fights to change its condition.

The working-class population generates of all the wealth in this country, yet most of it ends up being pocketed by the 1%. The theft of this money is what has caused the inequalities we see in this country. The working class has the power, knowledge and forces to get back and manage the wealth we create. Money that can be used for quality health care for all, free education and training, housing and much more. This will be the only way to ensure the elimination of these inequalities.

Global warming is destroying the planet but corporations and government legislators are making decisions based on profits not human lives. Energy producing methods such as fracking are destroying the planet, corporations are polluting the Great Lakes for their own profits, and the working class is paying the price. There are different ways to produce sustainable energy but money is needed to be able to produce viable, long-term solutions. The changes that are needed to protect working class are not going to come through just legislation but rather a fight from the working class.

This country was built on the backs of immigrants seeking a better life. Migrants to this country are working class people who want to work and provide a safe environment for their families. They should be allowed to do so. Corporations push the myth that immigrants take jobs from U.S. born citizens, but this is used to divide the working class. The voice of immigrants are silenced by threat of deportation, which keeps them unable to speak for themselves. Immigrants earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and wealth. Immigrants should be given U.S. citizenship and they could stand with other workers for the betterment of us all.

## U. S. House - District 11

Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our democracy. That is why I am a proud supporter and cosponsor of the H.R. 1, the For the People Act. This crucial legislation would increase access to the ballot box by creating automatic voter registration across the country, expanding early voting, simplifying voting by mail and much more. The legislation also shines a light on dark money in elections by improving political ad disclosures and reporting the large donors of all politically active organizations. Finally, it protects our right to vote by enhancing voter system security.

We must do more to level the playing fields for all communities to give everyone a fair shot, including communities impacted by racial discrimination. That is why I was proud to introduce legislation that will develop a network of business accelerators that promote growth for minority-owned businesses through enhanced access to economic tools. I will continue to fight for initiatives that make our society a more fair and equitable place to live. We must take steps to lower the cost of education for all our children and neighbors. For students who choose to attend 4-year universities, the cost of higher education is out of control.

For too long Michigan communities have been plagued by dangerous lead pipes. That's why I was proud to support legislation that was the single largest federal investment in clean water in American history, and nothing short of transformational. Also, In 2020, the House passed my bill that adds PFAS to the Environmental Protection Agency's list of hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. Protecting Michiganders drinking water. As we work towards a greener future, effective recycling plays a huge role. I have led the charge in Congress on this issue and am the founder and chair of the Congressional Plastic Solutions Task Force.

Unfortunately, our immigration system is broken and needs comprehensive reform. In Congress, I have voted repeatedly to secure our borders and worked to provide a path to citizenship for those living and working in the U.S. I proudly voted for the American Dream and Promise Act which would provide a pathway to citizenship for U.S.-raised immigrant youth known as "Dreamers." Dreamers are American in every way except on a piece of paper, and the United States is the only home they have ever known.

States should continue to set the rules for ballot access and election integrity. Governors and judges should not circumvent the legislature by issuing executive orders and rulings that change voting rules. Those decisions are intended to be made by the legislatures of each state, not by a single person.

America is a shining light in the world that has brought more opportunity to more people of every background than any country in the history of mankind. Still, there is much work to do. A starting point is education for our children. I am an advocate of giving parents an opportunity to choose a school that best fits the needs of their children, whether that school is public or private. Funding for the education of each child should follow the child to whatever school they choose. For seniors, we must ensure that social security is protected and that annual adjustments keep up with the inflation that our irresponsible policies have created.

I have been an advocate for alternative energy since my time commuting to Downtown Los Angeles. Most mornings a film of yellow-brown smog hovered over the city. We need a solution so that our kids will not have to breathe the same polluted air. I wanted to contribute, so I drive an all-electric Chevrolet Bolt. The car is a great example of the revolutionary technology that Michigan companies are capable of. I want to foster an innovation-friendly environment that will encourage Michigan companies to create a world-changing battery and other technologies that will make our state the capital of the automotive industry for the next century.

This Administration's neglect of the crisis at our Southern Border is hurting both U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants. It is irresponsible and cynical. I am a strong advocate for legal immigration. I support those who wish to abide by our nation's laws and processes to become lawful citizens of the United States. As an Army reservist, I served along our Border in Douglas, Arizona. I was shocked at the violence this small Arizona town endured, due to human trafficking and drug smuggling. The situation is not sustainable, and it is killing U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants alike. Our priority must be to secure our Southern Border.

# U. S. Congress - Michigan

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Q: HEALTH CARE:** What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the COVID-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding public health in the U.S.?

**Q: ECONOMY:** What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

# U. S. House - District 12

## RASHIDA TLAIB PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Congresswoman /Representative  
**Education:** B.S. Political Science JD: Law  
**Qualifications and Experience:** My team and I created 4 Neighborhood Service Centers in the district, which help people with college debt, veterans' services, immigration issues, and Social Security benefits, as well as help

I have and will continue to support policies that move us closer to a single-payer system and Medicare for All. No one should have to worry about whether or not they can afford a doctor's visit or the prescription drug that they need. Healthcare is a right, and not a privilege. The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated public health issues that were already affecting everyday people. My concern is now that as less attention is focused on the pandemic, the same will happen to these issues. I will continue to support the work of my colleagues, and legislation that keeps attention on these issues.

I support policies that reduce economic inequality and support economic mobility, including policies to pay a livable and family-sustaining wage, narrow the racial and gender pay gap, and combat workforce discrimination. I also support workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain for fairer pay and better working conditions. Our economic system should be fair, fulfill everyone's basic needs, and should offer opportunities to all regardless of socioeconomic status or geography. Also to reiterate my answer to an earlier question, the need for Medicare for All not only gives access to health care but rids the burden of medical debt.

## STEVEN ELLIOTT PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## GARY WALKOWICZ PARTY: WORKING CLASS PARTY

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired from Ford Motor Company. Worked on the assembly line and as an elected UAW representative.  
**Education:** High school, some college, 45 years as an auto worker.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I organized workers and fought against concessions and for better working conditions.

Something is drastically wrong when the richest country in the world had one of the highest deaths rates. Over a million people here died from Covid, most of them ordinary working-class people. This high death rate was a result of not having national health care and because of a deliberate policy to defund public health care. Governments led by both major parties have taken public money away from public health care in order to give money to the corporations, the banks and the wealthy in the form of tax breaks, subsidies and bailouts. The working class has the right to demand that public money be used for good public health care for all.

Rising prices are reducing the standard of living of the working class. When corporations raise prices, but workers' wages don't go up by the same amount, that is a wage cut. The answer to rising prices is for the working class to demand and fight for our wages to go up when prices go up. Workers need an immediate big raise to make up for what we have already lost to inflation. When prices go up in the future, our wages should immediately go up by an equal amount. Workers have shown in the past that we have the power to fight for this. Workers can only depend on ourselves and our own struggles to defend and improve our standard of living.

# State Senator - Michigan

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

**Duties:** The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.  
**Qualifications:** State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Q: EDUCATION:** What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

# Michigan Senate District 3

## STEPHANIE CHANG PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Before running for office, Stephanie worked as a community organizer in Detroit on issues such as affirmative action, criminal justice reform, voting rights, and immigration reform.  
**Education:** BA Psychology & APIA Studies Minor and MPP/MSW, University of Michigan  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Senator

We need to ensure adequate per pupil funding for all students and ensure that over the long term, we provide additional funding for students who are at-risk, English Language Learners, receiving special education services, etc. Proposal A and Headlee need to be revisited. To address the teacher shortage, we should increase teacher pay and ensure quality benefits, address the lack of quality and affordable childcare, and strengthen programs for building the teacher pipeline.

I support raising the minimum wage, strengthening our earned paid sick time law, restoring collective bargaining rights, providing support to small businesses who are pursuing employee-friendly practices, expanding the EITC, ending the senior retirement tax, addressing the lack of affordable childcare, etc.

## LINDA RAYBURN PARTY: WORKING CLASS PARTY

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## U. S. Congress - Michigan

**Q: ELECTIONS:** What federal policies do you support regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

**Q: SOCIAL JUSTICE:** How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?

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

**Q: IMMIGRATION:** What policies do you support relative to immigration to the U.S.?

## U. S. House - District 12

We need to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the Democracy for All Act to overturn years of the Supreme Court attacks on the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We must end Citizens United and get dark money out of our political system.

I've introduced legislation that would cut child poverty drastically across the board by expanding the child income tax credit to all children and giving families a monthly benefit to live. I am also a strong supporter of expanding Social Security and increasing the benefit for our seniors. We also need to require the federal government to fund affordable housing at a scale that will make the biggest impact. We know that Michigan lost more Black homeownership than any other state and it is because of the foreclosure crisis. We must address the wrongs with over-taxation in Detroit and the unfair foreclosure process in Wayne County.

I support action at all levels of government to curb climate change, protect clean air and water in our communities, defend public lands, increase energy efficiency and energy access, keep dirty fuels in the ground, invest in clean and renewable energy sources, and regulate harmful pollutants. I believe we all deserve to breathe clean air and drink clean water. I am a huge advocate for bold policy changes and values set in the Green New Deal.

I support action at all levels of government to decriminalize immigration by the creation of a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and other undocumented people living in America. I have been hyper-vigilant on how the Department of Homeland security strips people of their basic human rights so I have tried to hold them accountable by introducing legislation like the Family Unity Act which aims to protect immigrant families. I also called on the UN for independent investigations into the Department of Homeland Security's inhumane treatment of immigrants and refugees. Our immigration system is broken and we must fix it immediately.

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Moves to restrict voting rights, making it more difficult to vote, are an attack on all working people and on the black population. But the biggest problem with elections is that the results don't represent what the population wants. Elections are determined by who has the most money -- meaning the politicians of both major parties work on behalf of the rich and the one per cent. The Working Class Party says that the workers cannot depend these politicians and on elections to improve our situation. The two big parties don't represent us. The working class needs its own party. Only a struggle by the working class will improve our lives.

This inequality is a result of a system in which the labor of working people produce all the wealth of society, but most of this wealth ends up in the pockets of the 1% of the population. The only answer is for the working class to take back what has been stolen from us. The working class has the power to force the corporations, the banks and the Wall Street speculators to give up the wealth they never earned and to use that wealth to provide good health care for all, good schools for all children, good housing for everyone. The working class answer would be to divide up the work among all who want to work and pay everyone a decent income.

The world is headed for an environmental and human disaster due to global warming. The use of fossil fuels is only one part of that problem. Corporations make decisions on what to produce and how to produce based on what is best for their profits, not what is best for human society. Government administrations have always served the interests of these corporations, putting profit first before human needs. But they have no right to destroy the planet that we all live on. Decisions that effect the environment should be made socially, by the whole population, and not by a few people who are only seeking the greatest profit.

Immigrants are mostly working people who come here looking for a job. If they get a job, they are not taking away a job because they earn money and spend money, which creates more jobs. The problem is that the corporations, and the government, want to keep these workers "illegal", so they are always under the threat of deportation and can be forced to work for lower wages. Every immigrant who comes here to work should get full citizenship rights. The bosses also try to pit native-born workers against immigrant workers, in order to divide and weaken the working class. Wherever we are born, we are all part of the same working class.

## State Senator - Michigan

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

**Duties:** Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives. **Qualifications:** A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022.

**Q: ELECTIONS:** What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

**Q: ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:** What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**Q: SOCIAL JUSTICE:** How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including Michigan's 23% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

## Michigan Senate District 3

I support expanding early voting options, retaining the affidavit option for those without photo ID, expanding language access for those who cannot read or understand English, preregistering young people to vote, and more.

I support increasing the renewable energy standard and energy efficiency. I have introduced numerous bills regarding air quality especially in environmental justice communities, protecting Michigan's waterways from dangerous spills, and water affordability/shutoff protections. I led the development of a climate resilience package that includes jobs programs for weatherization and climate resilience projects.

Housing justice is critical to addressing inequity. Far too many people do not have access to affordable housing which leads to further racial, economic, health and education inequities. I have introduced bills regarding property taxes, rent stabilization, and more. Expanding the EITC would have a dramatic impact for many, including communities of color. We need to ensure that the history of all communities is taught in our schools - this would help students stay engaged and learn critical thinking skills to prepare them for the future.

We should pass our bills regarding universal background checks, extreme risk protection orders, safe storage of firearms to keep kids safe, domestic violence abuser prohibitions, ammunition capacity limits, and more. I've sponsored and cosponsored several of these bills.

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# State Senator - Michigan

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Q: EDUCATION:** What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan Senate District 6

### MARY CAVANAGH PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Qualifications and Experience:** 20+ Years Public Service; current State Representative; Ex Board MDP Women's Caucus; Direct-Care Worker, worked in DPS Schools; Commissioner Redford Div. & Inclusion Comm.; Project Dir. for Non-Profit

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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Physical Anthropology from Wayne State University focused on the evolutionary analysis of human behavior from a socio-economic and political approach

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(1) Equitable per-pupil funding; providing universal pre-k funding; accountability and diverging taxpayer dollars away from for-profit charter schools; increase mental & behavioral health funding and resources; investments in facility & technology improvements; increase weighted funding for students with greater needs (special ed/at-risk); funding for essential tutoring & support (2) student loan repayment for teachers; increase starting salary for teachers with additional benefit packages; lessen burdens on out-of-state teaching licenses; increase paid-sick leave; benefits for students who pursue teaching degrees; grants for student teachers

Maintain & increase funding for MI Reconnect while lowering the age to 21; investing in skill trades & vocational training; expand paid sick-leave; push for livable wages; increase Earned Income tax credit for working families; invest in small business start-ups in our communities; uplift minority-owned businesses; increase unemployment benefits; invest in technological advances; critically invest in our infrastructure & regional transportation; affordable housing initiatives for residents & workers; invest in quality education for a talented & educated workforce; affordable child care options; expand access to affordable healthcare options

### KEN CRIDER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Qualifications and Experience:** Elected Precinct Delegate, Vice Chair-11th Cong. Rep. Committee, Chair-Wayne 11th Cong. Rep. Committee, Vice Chair-Wayne 11th Cong. Rep. Committee, 2016 Presidential Elector

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**Education:** South East Oakland County Vocational Center

**Occupation / Current Position:** 39yr Supervisor-Project Manager- HVAC / Blue-Collar skilled tradesman 25 yr union member

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It is important that parents have the right to choose. It should be obvious that a one size fits all method of education is not appropriate for every student. Parents know their children best, and should have the right to choose the style of education that works best for their child. A recent study exposed, the number one influencer for teacher leaving the classroom, was student behavioral issues. We must address the behavioral issues thereby creating an environment that is safe and enjoyable for all.

Creating an educated work force that entices businesses to relocate to Michigan, thereby increasing economic opportunities for those who call Michigan their home, and there families together. The 2020 census results lost Michigan a congressional district do to dwindling population. We must create an environment where businesses and families want to call Michigan home.

### KIMBERLY GIVENS PARTY: WORKING CLASS PARTY

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There has always been disparity within classes in our society. That disparity is seen most pointedly in our education system. Rich folks have the best schools and education pipelines because property tax is used as a basis for funding. The working class can change this unequal system by demanding the funds be allocated in a fair and equal manner. The working class has the power to change the way the education system is run and pay teachers a livable wage.

The working class needs policy that allows for wages to rise with the rate of inflation. Corporations should not be able to make profit, and wages stay stagnate. When wages don't rise with the rate of inflation a cut in pay is what happens. Your money doesn't go as far because you're spending more on goods and services and your wage is the same. Working class people have the collective power to change this paradigm and demand that corporations pay wages at the rate of inflation.

## Michigan Senate District 7

### JEREMY MOSS PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I'm a product of the communities in our new Senate District -- raised here, educated here, and served on the Southfield City Council and in the State House. I'm currently the incumbent State Senator.

**Education:** BA from Michigan State University in Journalism with an additional major in Political Science and studied Race Relations abroad in South Africa

**Occupation / Current Position:** State Senator

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Michigan's public school system must enable all students, regardless of their zip code, to acquire the advanced skills and knowledge to compete for jobs in an ever-changing global economy. To achieve this, the Legislature must: support quality education and instruction goals; direct adequate funding to our schools; and uplift professional working conditions. I was educated in our district and proudly voted in the Senate to return the investment by delivering an historic K-12 budget that provides more equitable funding among public school districts.

The crisis response to the pandemic implemented short-term fixes to our major economic gaps. We must now implement long-term strategies to: help working families by supporting family leave, earned sick time, and affordable childcare; strengthen Michigan's unemployment system that keeps residents afloat between jobs; and protect consumers by taking on price gouging and predatory businesses that exploit vulnerable people. Housing security is also economic security and I've been leading on bipartisan legislation to increase housing programs that help Michigan's workforce access attainable, affordable housing.

# State Senator - Michigan

**Q: ELECTIONS:** What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

**Q: ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:** What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**Q: SOCIAL JUSTICE:** How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including Michigan's 23% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

## Michigan Senate District 6

Early processing of absentee ballots; increased access to voting locations; local transportation options to voting locations; pre-paid postage on absentee ballots; dedicated funding for our local clerks; increased penalties to harassing election workers; increase secured drop-box locations for ballots; fight for early voting options; penalties for intentionally spreading misinformation about elections; requiring petition transparency; electronic voting option for those serving in the military/over seas; continue to allow for ID options at the polls including signed affidavit

Holding companies accountable for outages and pollution; investing in contaminated site clean-ups; rebuild storm water and sewage systems in our communities; invest in sustainable renewable energy sources; allowing the sale of power back to grids; updated outdated grid systems; funding for additional CSO basins within communities to avoid reoccurring flooding; investment in greenways and local parks; adopt avenues for MI to be the leading producers of EV vehicles; I support the increased production & usage of clean & safe renewable energy sources; upgrading buildings & communities to cut energy costs; creating good-paying clean energy jobs

Universal healthcare; affordable childcare options; repealing retirement tax burdening our seniors; increased senior housing; eliminating source of income discrimination to housing; equitably funding our schools; universal pre-k education; increase minimum wage; increase funding for infrastructure reform; increase SNAP benefits; lowering prescription drug costs; ensuring bodily autonomy; access to clean drinking water; investments in resources for mental and behavioral health in our communities; increase restorative practices within our schools; provide resources for residents to stay in their homes; push for regional transportation

Increase age to 21 to purchase a firearm; limit access to magazine capacity; eliminating sale of assault weapons; require mental health & comprehensive background checks for all firearms including those sold online or at gun shows; require registration & training for gun owners; increase mental and behavioral health resources in our communities & schools; ensuring anyone with a history of domestic abuse is unable to purchase firearms; require firearms to be secured in the home by lock/lockbox/secure container; require waiting periods for gun purchases

Every voter should be assured that their vote counted. Any attempt to gain the system must be dealt with severely and swiftly. There is nothing more sacred to our form of government, than a secure and far election.

The Book I study every day teaches that we are to be a good stewards of the earth. As an avid outdoorsman and amateur outdoor photographer I know and see the importance of conservation. Outdoor recreation drives Michigan's economic recovery. If we fail to protect these valuable natural resources, Michigan's economy will fail and our children's future will suffer. As far as energy efficiency, I am fiscally conservative, so anything that will lower my energy bills I am all for, including renewable energy where it makes sense.

While campaigning and knocking on doors, I have never been asked these questions. The number one concern of metro Detroit voters I have encountered is the economy, basic education, the cost of gas, inflation and the blatant disregard for our borders and laws. The lack of education and job opportunities along with the growing addiction crisis throughout the United State and Michigan are the major factors in determining an individuals economic future. Strengthening the education system, attacking the addiction crisis, and creating a business friendly environment in Michigan will address these problems.

Inform the public that there will be severe penalties for using a firearm while committing a crime. The legal system must strictly enforce the laws already on the books. We did a study on African American Detroit resident Dr. Ossian Sweet. Dr. Sweet, was an activist who bought a home in an all white "redlined" neighborhood almost 100 years ago. This study lead us to the conclusion that, Michigans gun laws and gun boards were created to prevent non whites from owning guns.

The history of who can vote in this country is a history struggle. Women and blacks in this country had to fight for the right to vote, and that struggle still continues. Money should not be a factor to become an elected official. Campaign funding should not mean that the richest person gets to run. The working Class needs its own party so that corporations and the people who own them are not able to make policy to restrict voting rights and keep us divided.

I support actions that are based on what humans need to continue to live on this planet. Corporations are the biggest polluters on the planet and need to be kept in check. The Working Class has the collective power to make sure our environment is clean and safe from corporations and their drive for profit at the expense humans and the planet.

Our current economic system steals labor and gives it to the rich. If people were paid for the wealth that they produce instead of that wealth going to the top 1% in this country we would not have these inequities. There is enough wealth in this country to ensure that all people have every need met, and getting basic needs met goes a long way to solve inequities within our society. Capitalism need a permanent underclass to thrive. The Working Class can do away with that permanence and build a society that addresses these inequities.

The majority of people in this country support common sense gun laws. Limit the sale of guns. Demand extensive training to own a gun and no selling guns at your local department store.

## Michigan Senate District 7

Voting rights secure all other rights. I've supported legislation to ensure our elections are fair, accessible, and efficient. Michigan's election administrators must receive adequate resources and proper training for each election. I'm working on proposals to permit clerks to start processing absentee ballots earlier, just as other states do, thereby expediting the results and avoiding election night chaos. Instead, Senate Republicans are trying to restrict how you vote, chasing disproven claims about our election. I am leading the fight in the State Senate to protect your right to access your ballot.

Communities in our district endured states of emergency after widespread flooding and storm damage last summer. We must ensure our neighborhoods and roads become more resilient to these extreme weather events, while making systemic changes to reverse the long-term negative impact on our water, air and land. I am championing policies that: upgrade infrastructure and flooding mitigation systems; increase renewable energy standards and invest in a green economy; and hold polluters accountable for the environmental damage they cause.

Rising costs amplify these inequities impacting working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and other Michiganders facing economic challenges. I support legislation to: increase access to health care and reduce prescription costs; restore the earned income tax credit; and repeal the tax on retirees. I am also working with my colleagues to eliminate racial disparities in our justice system -- from policing to sentencing -- that disproportionately shut out minority communities from accessing economic opportunities. I successfully reformed our state licensing law to ease restrictions for returning citizens seeking employment.

I helped to form the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus in the Legislature in 2016 to draft legislation to reduce gun deaths and injuries. Since then, each mass shooting and everyday gun violence sorely demonstrates the failures of the majority in the Legislature, which has squandered opportunities to take preventative measures to reduce gun violence and ensure our communities are safe. I have sponsored and supported legislation to: implement background checks for all firearm purchases; require firearms in homes with minors be properly secured and stored; and enact a red flag law to prevent someone from carrying out a threat with a firearm.

# State Senator - Michigan

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Q: EDUCATION:** What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan Senate District 7

### CORINNE KHEDERIAN PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Qualifications and Experience:** Bloomfield Township Elected Trustee, Member of Election Commission & Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Director of District Affairs-Sen Pappageorge, Executive Office Rep in Oakland Co - SOS Johnson.  
**Education:** BA with Honors- State University of NY at Binghamton, JD-Syracuse University College of Law  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney and Community Volunteer

Every child deserves a quality education in Michigan and every parent should have a say in their child's education. Inequities in education can be addressed by letting parents decide what academic setting is best for their child - whether it be home, public or private schooling or trade school. One type of educational path does not fit all students' educational needs. Funds allocated by the State per pupil should be available to parents to use for alternatives to public school education and tutoring. We should be recruiting the best and brightest college students by offering them incentives, grants and scholarships to teach in Michigan.

The economy is in a downward spiral and Michigan families and businesses are struggling. Government needs to step in to offer them a lifeline by eliminating burdensome regulations and offering incentives to businesses. This creates an environment where Michigan businesses and employees flourish and new businesses move to Michigan to keep or create good, high paying jobs. The Legislature must work to lower and eventually eliminate the personal income tax to provide relief to Michiganders. Government mandates that the state has experienced destroyed or eliminated businesses and should be considered illegal and no longer tolerated.

## Michigan Senate District 8

### MALLORY MCMORROW PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Qualifications and Experience:** Currently serving in the State Senate  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Senator, 13th District  
**Education:** University of Notre Dame, BA in Industrial Design

We must work to increase funding in line with the School Finance Research Collaborative recommendations and ensure that we do not continue to cut into the School Aid Fund to fund other programs. We need to push back on attempts to add more frequent, ineffective testing, hurdles, or burdens on teachers' backs and ensure quality teachers are retained with wraparound support, career growth opportunities, and adequate support staff and counselors in adequately-resourced classrooms.

We need tax reform that better balances our system to ensure sustainable long-term revenue while taking the bulk of the tax burden off of lower- and middle-income families, such as a graduated income tax, and we need to fundamentally overhaul our state's approach to economic development to improve our return on investment and ensure any incentive utilizing taxpayer dollars ultimately benefits the region and residents, not just one company. Additionally, we need to adopt policies that support working families, such as universal pre-k, making childcare more affordable and accessible, and adopting statewide family and paid sick leave policies.

### BRANDON RONALD SIMPSON PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan Senate District 9

### PADMA KUPPA PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Education:** Bachelor's Mechanical Engineering  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/ReElectPadma  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Michigan State Representative, HD 41 (2nd Term)

Severe funding cuts have hurt Michigan's students and teachers. I oppose diverting funding from public schools to charter schools that aren't accountable or transparent. We must improve school funding formula per FundMISchools.org, address the underlying economic inequities (no child should come to school hungry), invest in STEAM education so kids are prepared for jobs of today, provide mental health services and implement policies for school safety. We can encourage more people to become educators by lowering costs for training, valuing experience, and improve compensation and working conditions.

As a former business analyst and engineer in auto and auto finance, I believe we must support both hard working families and employers. Affordable clean energy, climate resilient infrastructure, and good roads attract residents and businesses and will help create a sustainable economy for generations. I have advanced legislation supported by small business community to address worker shortages. Improving municipal services & public education are critical to attracting working families. Affordable, quality health care and prescription drugs and paid family leave ensure worker retention.

### MICHAEL WEBBER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Website:** www.electwebber.com  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Over 30 year Resident of the district, Former State Representative 2015-2020, Former Rochester Hills City Councilman 2007-2014, involved with various local boards and organizations.  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @electwebber  
**Education:** BA in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/electwebber  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Insurance Agent/Account Executive

As a State Senator, I would advocate for the school districts within this district first and make sure they are receiving equitable funding in comparison to other districts. The state has been on a trajectory to raise the Per Pupil funding floor and make school aid funding more equitable. This funding needs to be put to good use to raise our reading proficiency and career readiness. As parents we have a right to be involved in our child's education, offering feedback, and asking questions as appropriate. Regarding teacher shortages, union contracts should be amended at the local level to allow for increased pay for new teachers coming in.

Inflation and rising Gas prices are hurting all our families right now. The federal government - trying with some success to help residents and small businesses through the pandemic - has borrowed and spent too much money which has contributed to the current situation. Government needs to stop the spending and get our economy and jobs back on track. The state must continue to evaluate our regulatory and tax environment. The state also should provide needed vocational and job training opportunities. The legislature is right to attempt to help families right now with tax relief at the pump and through an income tax reduction.



# State Senator - Michigan

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**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

## Michigan Senate District 7

Every United States citizen should have the right to legally vote. Government issued photo identification should be required to vote. Signatures should be verified. Absentee ballots should only be mailed by local government offices upon request. Voter rolls should be cleaned up to eliminate those that have died or moved out of state. This has been standard procedure for years and should be upheld so that citizens feel confident in the outcome of state elections. Additionally, the Legislature should enact strict criminal laws to address voter fraud and there should be a ban on any private funding of the administration of elections.

Michigan and the United States must become energy self-reliant. This is now being reinforced by the incredibly high prices at the pump and skyrocketing energy costs. As a step in the right direction, I support the Line 5 Tunnel Project which not only ensures protection of the Great Lakes, but also provides greatly needed resources and jobs to Michiganders. Additionally, I support developing an Energy Plan with the input from Michigan citizens and businesses just like the one being developed by Gov Youngkin in Virginia. This will allow for a plan that meets approval by citizens while meeting current and future energy needs of the state.

I believe all people are born equal and am compassionate towards all regardless of race, religion, sexuality or other differences that make this country great. I also believe that most inequities that exist can be eliminated by virtue of a good education. If citizens are given access to learn skills in school, whether it be in a traditional or trade school setting, they will have more opportunities to better themselves. Quality school breakfast and lunch programs for children living in poverty and quality meal programs for the elderly poor should be provided to supply proper and healthy nutrition.

Our students and citizens should be protected from crimes which are often perpetrated by individuals suffering from severe mental illness. We need to provide better means to identify and report to authorities individuals who have made verbal or written harmful threats in our communities. We must provide mental healthcare for those individuals making threats and are deemed mentally ill. Good, quality mental healthcare should be a right for all citizens and not just the rich. Law abiding citizens should be able to own guns and enjoy the use of them whether it be for hunting, sportsmanship, collecting, self-defense or other legal uses.

## Michigan Senate District 8

Our clerks - both Republican and Democratic - have consistently asked the legislature to pass legislation and funding to sufficiently adapt to the changes made in 2018, including more time to process and count absentee ballots and requiring training for poll challengers. Overall, I will continue to fight against efforts to create barriers to voting, support additional campaign finance transparency reforms, and ensure our elections are sufficiently funded and staffed with experts to ensure every voter has an opportunity to vote, and every vote will be counted.

I've advocated for increased funding for water infrastructure to tackle and remediate PFAS contamination, hold polluters accountable, and worked with a number of colleagues on a comprehensive Climate Resiliency plan. I support the policy recommendations of Governor Whitmer's MIHealthy Climate Plan. As a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology I have supported policies that would ensure higher levels of investment in alternative energy sources. I also serve on the Governor's Council on Future Mobility which has developed policy priorities to support EV infrastructure and adoption.

Every issue we tackle must be addressed through the lens of equity. From healthcare to voting rights to education to economic opportunity and climate change, disparities are too often magnified by racial, gender, and economic background. Supporting programs like Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, access to paid sick leave and paid family leave in order to help working families is a priority to ensure everyone can participate fully in our communities and economy, along with ensuring child care is affordable and accessible. We must support our seniors and working families by repealing the pension tax and tackling the price of prescription drugs.

For the past three years I've introduced legislation alongside my colleagues in the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus to create "red flag" laws to give law enforcement and judges a tool to temporarily confiscate firearms from those who are an immediate risk to themselves or others, safe storage legislation to require that firearms be securely stored away from minors and those who should not have access to them, expanding background checks, and more. Additionally, I've consistently supported legislation to expand mental health access, increase the number of counselors in schools, and more.

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## Michigan Senate District 9

All Michigan voters should be encouraged to participate in our democracy and we should make it an easy and safe process through such measures as early voting, absentee ballot pre-processing, easily accessible polling places, and full funding of our election administration. We should require improved campaign finance transparency so that the public knows the source of all monies spent on elections, and remove dark money from elections. I have advanced legislation, working with local and county clerks, to improve the ability to vote from home and the strength of our elections.

Protecting our water, from the Great Lakes and our ground water, all the way to our taps, is critical for Michigan's future and our tourism industry. I have championed legislation to improve EV infrastructure, invest in clean water initiatives, hold polluters accountable, encourage sustainable development, and protect bees and butterflies. I have introduced the World Water Day resolution annually to remind everyone that we must provide clean, safe drinking water for all. Pursuing clean energy & energy efficiency are critical for future generations: we are borrowing the earth from our children

Work for policies that give everyone across our state access to education, skill training, and good paying jobs, so that all Michiganders can earn higher wages to support their families and also increase the state's revenue base. Implement policy that supports small business and entrepreneurs and economic recovery; expand access to healthcare and restore earned paid sick time to provide security to families, children, and seniors. Reduce gender disparity starting with equal pay. Champion long term care infrastructure so seniors can age with dignity, and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Over 100K people are shot and injured annually due to gun violence, over 36K die, over 60% are suicides. Limit gun access for people who are dangerous to themselves or others. Institute common sense measures: background checks, safe storage, "Red Flag" laws; disarm domestic abusers, hold gun manufacturers accountable. With millions of Americans staying at home due to the pandemic, gun safety advocates have raised concerns about increased violence. Other states have passed bipartisan measures to protect 2nd Amendment rights while ensuring public safety. I champion such efforts in MI.

We must have fair and free elections in our state that both sides can have faith in. With increased Absentee Ballot voting, we must look at ways to strengthen Voter ID laws, something that most people agree with. The state needs to get back to working in a bi-partisan fashion to agree upon election law changes that make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

The state must invest, along with local units of government, in improving our water and sewer infrastructure systems. These critical systems need improvements and updates to maintain our Quality of Life in metro Detroit and throughout the state. The state has good existing laws on the books that protect our water and air. I think we must take advantage of places where we can improve energy efficiency and use renewable energy. The more that we can improve our energy independence as a state and nation, the better.

As mentioned above, the state must invest equitably in educational opportunities for all students. Parents and students deserve options, such as charter and virtual schools, in areas where the local school district is failing. We must have high expectations for student achievement so that we can prepare students for the careers of tomorrow. The state should also work towards economic growth and a vibrant economy. A strong economy will help lift more families up in our state.

In order to curb gun violence, we must properly fund our local law enforcement and empower them to protect our communities. Public safety professionals feel devalued with the push to Defund the Police. Officers are retiring and new people are not joining the ranks. We must work with local law enforcement leadership on ways we can recruit new officers. Existing gun laws that are on the books should be enforced and prosecuted.

# State Senator - Michigan

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan Senate District 13

**ROSEMARY K. BAYER**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Senator  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** twitter.com/Bayer4MISenate  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Current State Senator running for reelection. Computer engineering and business career history.  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/RosemaryforMISenate  
**Education:** Lawrence Tech University 2003, Central Michigan University 1986, Anchor Bay High School, New Baltimore, MI 1977

We should use the research and conclusions in the School Finance Research Collaborative report to create an equitable funding model with resources specific to each student's need, look at long-term structural changes to increase overall funding, and pass bills to support and retain current educators and attract new ones. I'm proud to have introduced the "Excellence in Education Act" to provide student debt relief to our teachers and I support scholarship programs for prospective teachers. We must stop the unfair attacks on our educators and allow them to teach in a safe and controllable environment like the trained professionals they are.

We need to eliminate the income gap to maintain a healthy society and create equitable opportunities for all. Full, living-wage employment is critical to moving us to this ideal. The decline of union influence is a direct contributor to the increase in income inequality and I oppose laws intended to weaken unions and fully support the rights of workers to unionize and collectively bargain. Other crucial needs are a minimum wage increase to at least \$15 an hour, paid sick time and family leave, access to birth control and reproductive choices, and childcare and long term family care that is affordable, safe, and available.

**JASON RHINES**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan Senate District 22

**JORDAN GENSO**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Qualifications and Experience:** Current Vice President of the Brighton District Library Board of Trustees. City of Brighton ZBA Board Member. Former President of the FlexTech High School Board of Directors.  
**Education:** '07 BBA, University of Michigan Ross School of Business  
**Website:** www.JordanGenso.com  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Realtor

We should all agree that teaching should be a comfortably middle-class profession. Which means we absolutely need to pay them more. (Full disclosure: my wife is a high school teacher, and yes, I believe she is worth more than she's paid.) If we increase the State Education Tax -- a statewide property tax millage -- by 2 mills (so a \$200,000 home would see a \$200 increase in property taxes), that would raise nearly \$800 million, which could provide every teacher a \$9,000 raise. To me, that's a worthwhile tradeoff.

I would like to shift the tax burden off of working families and the middle class. The trend over the past several decades is that whenever a change occurs, the net result is a shift of the tax burden off the wealthy and onto everyone else. I would like to undo those shifts, by significantly increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit (to help working families), and raising the cap on the Homestead Property Tax Credit (to help the middle class).

**LANA L. THEIS**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**JON ELGAS**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am your average guy who wants less taxes and less regulations  
**Education:** BBA from Saginaw Valley State University  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/Elect-Jon-Elgas-101873235950396/?ref=pages\_you\_manage  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Quality Inspector

I believe that a local school board is better equipped to address these issues. The more the Michigan State School board and the US department of education forces a one sized fits all upon the schools will only worsen teacher shortages, and sacrifice any quality education that the schools have for an agenda that the people who run those departments might have.

I would want to get rid of the personal income and property tax, thus freeing up your hard earned money to save or spend on how you chose.

**VICTORIA MCCASEY**  
PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

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## Michigan Senate District 13

We are currently seeing a coordinated attack on voting rights. I have vocally opposed all legislation to limit a person's right to vote. I support making Election Day a state holiday, expanding access to early voting, allowing pre-processing of absentee ballots, and providing funding to keep Michigan's voting technology safe and up to date. Fundamentally, campaign funding needs to be reassessed in Michigan and the United States as a whole. Elections should be about who is the better candidate to represent a constituency, not who has the most money.

Climate change is a very real threat and we need to do more to address it. I am proud to be part of a package of bills that would enact systemic changes and provide much-needed funding to make Michigan's aging infrastructure climate resilient and address the effects of widespread flooding caused by extreme climate events. I was also a key supporter of Senate Bill 565, which appropriated \$2.5 billion for drinking water and water infrastructure programs. I am a strong supporter of energy efficiency and renewable energy. We cannot continue to be reliant on outdated and dangerous forms of energy and need to look towards the future.

I am the co-chair of the Poverty and Homelessness Caucus, working with the Governor's Taskforce on Poverty to take their specific recommendations to reduce poverty and turn them into legislation or change through departmental action. As a state and as a country, we must continuously work to dismantle racist systems and amplify the voices of people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and women in all levels of government and society. For too long, the Michigan Legislature has attacked marginalized communities. We must elect leaders who will fight for civil rights and against inequality.

Gun violence is a public health crisis and we need to treat it as such. As the senator representing Oxford and the Senate Chair of the Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Caucus, I have worked extensively on this issue. Bills I have introduced include: universal background checks, Red Flag laws, a ban on high capacity magazines, requiring safe storage of firearms, and banning firearms in the Michigan Capitol. While none of these bills have been given a hearing, I have not stopped working and pushing on the Senate Majority Leader to act on these bills.

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## Michigan Senate District 22

First, we must acknowledge that any change in voting procedures that would result in a legal voter having their vote suppressed is just as harmful to the integrity of our elections as a fraudulent vote that is counted. So I oppose any change to our elections that would prevent more legal votes than illegal ones (recognizing that fraudulent voting is effectively non-existent, meaning the current safeguards are sufficient). Aside from that, I support reforming our elections, to have ranked-choice voting, and I support policies that work to remove the corrupting influence of campaign donations.

I strongly support policies that acknowledge the externalities found in our carbon-based energy system, where businesses place the cost burden on the public to account for their activity, rather than paying for it themselves. So at the national level, I'd like to see a carbon tax. One thing I'd like to see our state do to protect our resources is to first acknowledge that property rights are not so unconstrained as to allow a corporation to pull unlimited water from the ground without paying for it, so I'd want to see a 1 cent/gallon tax on companies bottling our water and selling it.

As a Realtor, I recognize the lasting consequences from past policies, such as the racist policy of redlining. My grandparents could purchase a home wherever they wanted, but some of my peers can not say the same. And the harms from those policies still exist, so I would want to see the state government provide extra resources and funding to those areas, to help bring up their property values to be comparable to others nearby that weren't harmed by redlining. I think that is a moderate approach to addressing current inequities, as it's about geography which was undeniably and specifically targeted for racist purposes.

The first step is to place the same liability on someone who gives a firearm to someone else that we place on someone who gives alcohol to someone else -- if the person they're giving that firearm to isn't legally allowed to possess it, then the supplier should be criminally liable (just like giving alcohol to a minor). When it comes to the firearms themselves, it would be preferable for it to be addressed at the national level, but I recognize that there is a difference between firearms designed for defense, and those designed for combat, and the latter should be regulated like fully-automatic firearms.

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I would support ranked choice voting, a permanent forensic audit of all elections, a photo ID (or two non photo ID's) to vote, I would support spending caps on races. The race for a state wide race would have a higher cap than a state legislative branch, which would have a higher cap than a county position.

I am a let the market decide without interference from local, state, or federal bureaucracies.

I would encourage the people of Michigan to help their neighbors, and would work to remove barriers that encumber charities and private people to do so.

No matter what laws get put in place those who wish to commit a crime with a gun, will find a way. The best defense is to put a gun in the hands of a good guy, who wants to have one. I have no problem requiring a gun safety course in order to obtain a gun.

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## State Senator - Michigan

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## Michigan Senate District 23

**UNA HEPBURN**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Occupation / Current Position:** Tour Manager Yoga Instructor  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Worked in Public Relations for Prosecuting Attorneys office  
**Education:** BS Political Science BA Business

Pay teachers more , give them more support and less restrictive teaching guidelines. Get rid of Standardized testing and focus more on curriculum rather than getting them ready for useless testing. All of the above I believe would help lessen the shortage of teachers. It's a crime that the ones shaping our children's future ( and, thus, ours) are paid and regarded so poorly.

Pay a better Minimum Wage and help with funding Child care for families most in need.

**JIM RUNESTAD**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan Senate District 24

**THERESA J. FOUNGIE**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/ElectTheresaFougnie  
**Education:** Wayne State University- PhB  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired  
**Website:** electtheresafougnie.com  
**Qualifications and Experience:** For many years (30+) I have worked and volunteered with an organization that has as it's core value, to teach children and adults to use imagination and cooperation to solve the challenges that life th

The second question gets answered first for me. You pay them well and give them a safe working environment. The first does not get answered as easily, but if we could find a way to work together recognizing that the needs of All of our children need to be addressed, we could make much more progress. Economic inequities will always exist between districts and we need to work together to find a way to address this in a real way.

Safe, affordable childcare for all families. This is a must!  
Public Transportation for all areas.  
Raising the minimum wage.

**RUTH JOHNSON**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## State Representative - Michigan

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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## Michigan House District 5

**NATALIE PRICE**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/votenatalieprice  
**Website:** www.votenatalieprice.com  
**Education:** MA, English Studies from University of Exeter (UK), 2006. BA, English and Classics from Vassar College, 2004.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** As a city councilmember, my voting record reflects our values of inclusion, environmental protections, and support for local businesses. As a former teacher, I understand the need for strong schools.  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Councilmember, City of Berkley  
**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @VoteNPrice

As a former teacher, I've seen how subpar education policy has a direct impact on students' lives and futures—and how improving funding and policy benefits kids in every classroom. We must increase per-pupil funding and make our funding models more equitable to boost the most under-resourced schools and students with the greatest needs. We should implement recommendations from the School Finance Research Collaborative, including reducing class sizes, holding charter schools to the same standards as public schools, and abolishing for-profit charter schools that divert our valuable tax dollars.

I support Governor Whitmer's recently proposed budget and spending plan, which would roll back the retirement tax and triple the Earned Income Tax Credit, make the highest per-student investment ever, continue rebuilding our infrastructure, spur economic development programs, and lower costs. I also support many policies that will help working families, including access to affordable quality healthcare, liveable minimum wages, paid sick time, and the fundamental right to collectively bargain.

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### Michigan Senate District 23

Make it easy for all to vote ... help with transportation to voting precincts &/ or make sure ballots are mailed out and received. Put limits on campaign funding , although this is more a National level issue. And anyone ho is a citizen and only a US citizen has right to vote

Getting more solar energy out to average households. Prosecute & set high fines for corporations who contaminate air and water. No "getting out of jail free" card.

Non white districts need to get equal funding for education, which is not the case now.. highly inequitable currently. Systematic policies work against children of color to affect their opportunities for achieving educational goals. The same can be said for health disparities... if they were better educated, had better living environments and equal resources the people of color would not be so much more susceptible to disease and l'll health. Unfortunately with the previous White House , racial hate and vitriol was made"okay" again .... We have stepped back 50 years sadly

Any and all assault type weapons should be banned . Make it much harder to buy guns and larger fines and jail time for gun sellers who don't do their due diligence

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### Michigan Senate District 24

No reason absentee with one application. Adequate ballot drop boxes. Early voting. Guaranteed non harassment at the polls

I believe we must do everything we can to ensure that everyone has clean, healthy water in their homes and that we must take steps to protect our precious Michigan waters. I live what I believe for energy efficiency: We have solar panels, an electric car, and a hybrid car.

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I support strong gun safety reform. Red flag laws, safe storage requirements, background checks, and an assault weapon ban. I am a current member of Mom Demand Action and Everytown.

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### Michigan House District 5

When more people participate, our democracy gets stronger. Voters strengthened our democracy when they amended our state constitution in 2018 to enable no-reason absentee voting and required automatic voter registration. I support such changes that empower more eligible voters to participate and will fight against any changes to election laws that limit participation in our democratic process.

Protecting our environment is a critical part of strengthening our communities. My plan for preserving Michigan's vast natural resources and green spaces includes: investing in renewable energy to promote sustainability and create new, high-quality jobs for Michigan workers; holding corporate polluters accountable for the contamination they cause, making them cover the cost of mitigation, and increasing reporting requirements; increasing staffing and funding for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

I will fight for fair wages and affordable health and mental health care for all, including protecting access to abortion care. I will advocate for our legislature to both acknowledge and address disparities in health care and employment among people in protected classes and underserved populations. I will also collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services to draft bills that strengthen the safety net for children, seniors, families and those needing mental health treatment.

We must limit the types of weapons that are available to the public. I support a ban on assault weapons, "NFA" weapons such as short-barreled rifles/shotguns, automatic firearms, silencers, and explosive ordnance. We must also keep guns away from people who pose a real threat to themselves or others. We must require mandatory background checks for private sales of long guns, not just handguns. I also support red flag laws, which allow police or family members to petition a state court to temporarily confiscate guns from people who may cause harm with them, including domestic abusers.

# State Representative - Michigan

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## Michigan House District 5 (continued)

### PAUL TAROS PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Website:** TIMEFORTAROS.COM  
**Education:** MBA Wayne State University, BBA University of Michigan  
**Qualifications and Experience:** As a CPA I have discovered fraud, waste and embezzlement. I hope to improve Michigan government for the citizens  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Owner of the Certified Public Accounting firm Taros & Associates, PC

Creating a safe learning environment in schools is one of the most important factors in determining a state's quality of life. Competition between private and public schools would improve all student's education. I would support amending Article VIII, Section 2 of the state's constitution to allow for tuition vouchers and tax credits. In addition, we should increase the number of charter schools allowed and expand the schools-of-choice program to include all public schools. With schools competing for students, they would become more vested in providing their students with the best education.

Michigan needs to create more better paying jobs by fostering a business-friendly environment. This would include cutting (income and/or property) taxes. Also, eliminating unnecessary and burdensome regulations would go a long way to encourage businesses to locate and expand in Michigan. In addition, we need to stop trying to pick winners and losers through corporate welfare programs like the MEDC. When we give a tax break to one business, not only are we betting on the success of that project, but we have a hidden lost opportunity cost associated with what others would have done if their taxes had not been used for that project.

## Michigan House District 6

### REGINA WEISS PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Education:** BA History / Secondary Education  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I'm currently serving my first term as State Representative. Prior to my time in the legislature, I served as an Oak Park City Councilmember and as a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools District.  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

We need to better fund our public schools, & we need to fund them in a way that is equitable. I currently serve as the Minority Vice Chair on the School Aid budget, and have fought to eliminate the funding gap, increase education funding, and ensure equitable funding. I've also been a strong proponent of providing equitable funding for school facilities. Additionally, I support Governor Whitmer's and the Michigan Department of Education's plan to increase teacher recruitment / retention through providing student loan / tuition forgiveness, student teacher stipends, grow your own programs, teacher bonuses, and other funding increases.

I am a strong proponent of implementing a graduated income tax and a 15 dollar minimum wage increase. These measures will help the vast majority of Michiganders gain more equity that they will invest back into the economy. As the Secretary of the Legislative Labor Caucus, I have fought to protect organized labor in Michigan through the repeal of right to work, restoring prevailing wage, repealing the pension tax, and enhancing collective bargaining rights. I also support increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit. Additionally, I support expanding programs that invest in small businesses and help create good paying jobs.

### CHARLES T. VILLEROT PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan House District 7

### HELENA SCOTT PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I currently serve as the MI State Representative HD7

All students in Michigan deserve an equitable education for all students regardless of their socio economic status, race, language or any other factor. To achieve this end more funding needs to be allocated and distributed in a way that levels the playing field by elevating those on the lower end to the same level as those of their more advantaged peers. The shortage of teachers is a serious issue in our state, teachers should be paid more and given incentives to stay to retain our good teachers and to attract and recruit talented teachers. As a legislator I voted to bring over \$1 Billion dollars in federal funds for Detroit Public Schools.

I support the plan Gov Whitmer has to grow our middle class, supporting small businesses to build stronger communities. This plan will and has resulted in better paying jobs, better trained skilled workers and more people reentering the workforce, which will ultimately result in a better workforce. As a member of the Communications & Technology Committee I voted in favor of Gov Whitmer's recommendation of Michigan's High-Speed Internet Office to make the internet more accessible and affordable to all Michiganders because residents can't achieve a prosperous, equitable economy without vibrant communities, the internet is essential to that end.

# State Representative - Michigan

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**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

## Michigan House District 5 (continued)

Nothing is more sacred and critical than fair, secure and accurate elections to our state and country. The McBroom report cited that the Secretary of State used old voter files to send out requests for absentee ballots. These files had been purged of dead voters and voters who moved out of state, and yet the Secretary of State failed to use the purged voter file. Unsecured absentee ballot drop boxes were installed. For far too long recounts have revealed significant discrepancies between the number of ballots and the number of votes registered. All these issues need to be addressed and corrected.

Currently Michigan residents pay the highest rates in the region for some of the least reliable electricity. If Michigan is to be a manufacturing powerhouse once again, we need cheap clean reliable power. DTE and Consumers Energy have been granted a monopoly over 90% of the electricity market in the lower peninsula. We need to eliminate their stranglehold on our electricity by increasing energy choice from the current 10% cap. All forms of power should be encouraged, from clean coal, natural gas, wind, solar and even nuclear. If market forces are allowed to work, we will achieve the cleanest energy at the lowest cost.

Elites like order and compliance, which leads to tyranny and misery. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery." Freedom is the great equalizer. Freedom to make our own choices, to succeed or to fail. Social justice seeks to redistribute wealth and opportunity how a select few see fit. These few seek to garner wealth and power, more than they desire to help the masses. Our state has safety nets to care for the least amongst us. We are all called upon to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We are all saddened and outraged when we hear of another school shooting. Unfortunately, schools have been gun-free zones since 1990 and the school shootings have not stopped. Most of these shooters are discovered to have mental illness or have been bullied at school. Let's refocus our efforts to identify those who suffer from mental illness and give them the care they need. We also must do a better job to stop the bullying that is occurring in our schools.

## Michigan House District 6

I support measures that increase accessibility to voting. I support no-reason absentee voting, same day registration, early voting, & I believe that local clerks should be able to begin counting absentee ballots before election day to ensure rapid & accurate results. Transparency is a crucial element in protecting our electoral process, & I believe in the expansion of FOIA applicability to the governor's office & the state legislature, as well as requiring financial disclosure. I fully support increasing political contribution transparency & limiting the role that Super PACs play in Michigan's elections.

I support legislation to increase enforcement efforts & provide funding for contaminated site cleanup. It's essential to protect Michigan's water from harmful elements like PFAS, toxic algae blooms, & other contaminants. Climate change is a major crisis, & I'm committed to doing everything in my power to reduce its effects. I support appropriating funding for local governments to implement climate action plans to address this issue, modernizing infrastructure to prepare for frequent flooding events, encouraging the development of renewable energy sources, increasing Michigan's energy efficiency standards, & ensuring water affordability.

I support increased & equitable investments into education. I also support increasing intervention programs to divert juveniles & non-violent offenders out of the criminal justice system, as well as requiring anti-bias training & de-escalation training for law enforcement. I support increased funding for affordable, mixed-income, & senior housing, & repealing the pension tax. I support expanding access to mental health services & substance abuse treatment. I support raising the minimum wage to \$15, guaranteeing paid sick time & family leave, instituting a graduated income tax, & increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Michigan has a gun violence problem, & I believe strongly in instituting common sense gun reform to combat it. The Second Amendment was written at a time when "the right of the people to keep & bear arms" referred primarily to muskets. We live in a much different world now, & public safety should not be sacrificed to the belief that the Second Amendment allows access to any & all weapons without restrictions. I am a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, & I have sponsored or cosponsored legislation to require universal background checks, safe storage, red flag laws, high magazine capacity bans, & more to prevent senseless violence.

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## Michigan House District 7

I support every voter using their democratic right to vote. We can only achieve this through fair elections that residents have access to voter registration, unencumbered ballot access, the option of early voting and absentee voting.

As a member of the Energy Committee I am in support of renewable energy and community solar rooftop programs to help residents save on their energy consumption and bills. I am in support of keeping Michigan's drinking water safe for residents by upgrading old infrastructure (pipes/lead lines). I support helping keep our Great Lakes free of pollutants and PFAS in addition to our air and land by proper disposal of hazardous and toxic materials, the use of rain barrels and water conservation practices. I support the MI Healthy Climate Plan to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

Racial, economic and health disparity issues can be addressed by creating good paying jobs, providing more education for a skilled work force with equal pay for women, while raising wages to a living wage and having access to free and affordable healthcare and medicine for children and seniors.

Gun violence can be curbed by stronger background checks (ie: mental assessments) for potential purchasers and the banning of assault weapons, and additionally raise the age to purchase an assault weapon to 21 years of age.

# State Representative - Michigan

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan House District 8

**MIKE MCFALL**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am the current Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Hazel Park, I have spent my professional life in the nonprofit sector serving families.  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Development Officer Williams Syndrome Association  
**Education:** Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Community Development and Public Administration

Michigan's school funding system is broken. For too long those in lower income areas have had less access to quality education. We need a new system that increases per pupil funding that more equitably steers money to under-resourced schools. Teachers need better pay and working conditions. So many teachers are passionate about teaching, and our school systems need to support and pay them properly so that we lose fewer gifted teachers because of lack of resources.

I support if \$15 minimum wage and the ability to collectively bargain and organize without interference in order to establish better pay and working conditions. I also support Governor Whitmer's recent budget which rolls back the retirement tax and increases the Earned income Tax Credit. With continued investments in infrastructure, we can attract more businesses to our state and provide for more well-paying jobs.

**ROBERT NOBLE**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a US Navy Vet, a former deputy sheriff, I have been in business in management roles to business ownership. I have years of common sense experience with a logical mind.  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** self employed marine flooring industry  
**Education:** Assoc from Purdue Univ Gbl pre law

Being married to a teacher who has been in the classroom 29 years...this is close to my heart. We need to revisit proposal A and how we fund our schools. We have lost amazing teachers because of the horrid direction of many of the teacher unions. Teachers do not have the respect they once had. Many districts are forcing woke culture education to very young kids on LGBTQ lifestyles... LET KIDS, BE KIDS... they have plenty of time to decides what they are or wish to be. Next is teacher pay... we must stay in parallel to corporate America. I am for teachers to strike for better wages and benefits that was taken from them under the Snyder Admin.

I oppose \$15 min. wage. We need self-reliance not handouts. Min. wage was NEVER meant to be a career. I propose that the state offers 0% student loans for trade schools for 5 years after graduation. The trades offer excellent pay and benefits and we sorely need trades people. From cosmetology to electricians, plumbers, welders, boiler makers, radiation techs, to Phlebotomists, paralegals and more. I also have a plan on how to pay for these loans, W/O costing the tax payer 1 penny in add'l funds.

## Michigan House District 18

**JASON HOSKINS**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Education:** Juris Doctor, Masters of Public Administration  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Southfield City Councilor  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Jason is a two term Southfield City Councilor. He has served two of the last State Legislators, accruing nearly a decade of experience in service to the people of Southfield and it's surrounding areas  
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The last few years have highlighted what a crisis we have in public education. Teachers and Students need more support from their legislature. While growing Per Pupil Funding in Public Education is key, prioritizing doing it in a fair and equitable way is my priority. I will prioritize our brick and mortar, public schools. To attract the best teachers we can offer tuition reimbursement for teachers who serve in high-need areas for a length of time. I also want to cap class sizes to make our learning environments safer not only for teachers, but for the students they are charged with.

I support raising the minimum wage and increasing paid sick leave for families. I will be exploring every avenue to help families and individuals fight inflation and the rising costs impacting their pocketbook. I will champion repealing the Senior Pension Tax to help our seniors take home more of their hard earned dollars. Last, but certainly not least will be expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit from 6% back to 20% allowing Michiganders to save more during tax time.

**WENDY WEBSTER JACKSON**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Education:** B.S. Biology, Doctorate in Podiatric Medicine  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Podiatrist  
**Qualifications and Experience:** As a physician, I am a problem solver. I listen to people and make recommendatons to improve their condition.  
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The schools in economically depressed areas should get the same activites that wealthy areas get. Chess, optimist clubs, Lacrosse, etc.

Michigan resident should be able to curb food costs by growing as much as they can and trading. have local coops that can help with this.



# State Representative - Michigan

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## Michigan House District 8

I am a big supporter of the Voters Not Politicians drive that brought us no-reason absentee voting and an independent redistricting committee. We have farther to go to protect the voting rights and access to voting for all Michiganders and I will fight for more Michiganders to have access to exercise their right to vote in every election.

I support the added investments in restoration and remediation of contaminated sites through Michigan as well as addressing our water infrastructure (no more lead pipes). We must address environmental threats posed by corporate polluters, prepare for a growing electric vehicle fleet and ensure our electric grid is ready by ending reliance of foreign oil, ending coal powered electric plants and putting a greater emphasis on renewable energy. The time is long past needed to take action to reduce the threat of climate change.

Real change can happen when policies are put into place that value people over corporations. Access to mental healthcare, universal healthcare, and education equity are key to addressing the the wealth gap in our state and investing in people and communities who have suffered over decades of disinvestment will have a direct impact on the lives of those who live in poverty. I would also fight for a living wage, lower prescription drug costs and accessible childcare and education for all.

Gun violence will not end unless we can keep guns out of the hands of those who would seek to do harm. Mental health access, safety training, red flag laws and outright bans of certain types of military-type weapons will be important in the overall fight to end gun violence.

we need to be logical and keep it simple. We need full identification. NO Drop boxes, and mail in ballots for the infirmed and seniors. We need to ensure that voting is on the up and up. I suggest placing a ballot ID number on each ballot as assigned to each person. The number goes with the name ad needs to be tracked. We also need to cleanse the voter rolls continually. Next we need to ensure that people voting in Michigan are primary residents of the state and not using another state as their primary which makes Michigan a 'second home'

We are far too soon for the E.V. trend. Our electrical grid is not even close to handling E.V.'s The only solution to power is Nuclear. Otherwise, we need to build far more coal producing plants which makes the concept of electric vehicles as a hypocritical stance by the left. We need to be energy self-sufficient in the U.S.A. and in Michigan. We need line 5 to remain open and we have the ability to drill for over 1 million barrels of oil in our state which we can refine and utilize to reduce energy costs her in Michigan. This will create good paying jobs and help our tax base.

My opponent has rose colored glasses concepts without the economic reality that nothing is free and the only way to pay for it is on the backs of the hard-working people of Michigan. If you work in the auto industry, healthcare industry and even the local factories and small businesses'.... You work for a corporation. If that corp. is not profitable people get laid off and lose their jobs. If you have a 401k.. you are invested in corporations and if they fail so does your 401k.... Think it through.

Again, the thought is directed to the wrong place by the left. We already have safety training in place, we have federal background checks in place. An AR is not a military weapon. NO WEAPON is fully automatic and a law is in place that a fully auto gun cannot be sold. We need HARSH criminal sentencing when a gun is used in a crime. I propose a 10-year mandatory sentence above any judicial sentence. NEXT, we need to open juvenile records on background checks currently they are sealed at 18. Many school shooters have a juvenile violent record that gets shut down at age 18. The onus needs to be on the criminal not law abiding citizens.

## Michigan House District 18

The vote is crucial and must be protected. While some would attempt to make voting access harder for those who have the right, I support increasing access to voting for every legal voter. Exploring options like early vote or continuing to support absentee voting. As a lawyer and longtime volunteer with the ACLU I am concerned about the rising voices of those who would hamper democracy. That is why I support protections for poll workers, making sure petition gatherers aren't falsely representing information, and addressing troubling trend of political organizations circumventing the voters by petitioning issues directly to the legislature.

I'd like to introduce legislation that utilizes a best practice that the City of Southfield is using, where we look at the Sustainability Impact of decisions before making them. This ensures we are being the best stewards of the environment that we can be. I support increased Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and providing incentives to people to not only purchase an EV but also retrofit their home with EV charging infrastructure. I also support a large scale increase in state funding to make buildings more environmentally sustainable with a priority on low-income housing and state buildings that serve the community.

First it is important to acknowledge the inequities going on and that is why I will support the teaching of all aspects of our history, including African American History. I will champion the protections of all, including the LGBTQIA+ community, under the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act. I support the legislation at the state level that examines the Equity Impact of State Legislation. I support elimination the Senior Pension Tax and increasing the EITC. I am in favor of legislation to cap Insulin and make life-saving medicines affordable and prioritizing the huge inequity in mental health access to the underserved is a major concern of also.

I support common-sense gun legislation like Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), also called "red flag laws" they empower families & law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies by temporarily restricting access to guns for those with an elevated risk of harming themselves or others. I support life saving reforms like universal background checks, keeping guns out of schools, and getting "ghost guns" or illegally modified guns off the streets. I also support Safe Storage legislation that can help people better store their firearms away from children and those who shouldn't be operating them.

I think Michigan is good with voter id. I support the current legislation.

We need to do more studies to prevent exploratin that can have negative outcomes for our environment. I do like solar and wind. Electricity still needs raw materials to create and sustain. So, it;s not the best to replace gas.

Studythe cause of the poverty, if its single mother's let's encourage self steern and education. If it's high prices let's carpool. Let's grow food. If it's meds, let's reduce the cost of medications.

Answer the question of why people need to randomly shoot each other? I believe in the 2nd amendment and legalgun owners should keep their guns.

## State Representative - Michigan

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## Michigan House District 19

### SAMANTHA STECKLOFF

PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Farmington Hills City Councilmember (2013-2022), Farmington Hills Mayor Pro-tem (2016-2017) State Representative (2020-current).

**Education:** B.A. in Political Science from Purdue University

1. Establish universal pre-K. Increase access to skilled trades by lowering the age of Michigan Reconnect to 21. Create an ultra-low-interest State student loan. Reduce class size to 20. Provide full oversight of charter schools. Provide additional funding to upgrade school facilities.

2. Provide resources including scholarships for students entering the field, student loan forgiveness programs for teachers in the field for 5 years, tuition reimbursement for certification programs. Include recruitment incentives and bonuses in supplemental budgets, as we have with other struggling professions.

The State must invest in additional career opportunities by increasing access to technical programs in our public schools. With raising interest rates and high inflation, the State needs to create programs that alleviate personal debt. Providing paid sick leave and higher minimum wage will allow folks working 40 hrs/wk to rise from poverty. We should expand Medicaid and create a State health care program so everyone gets affordable and quality health insurance. Finally, we should increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for hard working families and repeal the Pension Tax.

### ANTHONY PAESANO

PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan House District 20

### NOAH ARBIT

PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a proud, lifelong West Bloomfield resident, alum of Bloomfield Hills Schools, and a congregant at Temple Israel. I have worked for Governor Whitmer and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

**Occupation / Current Position:** Founder and Executive Director, Michigan Democratic Jewish Caucus

**Education:** B.A. in Comparative Politics and Jewish Studies, Wayne State University

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What stands out to me is lack of support for educators, namely, dignified compensation that is commensurate with the vital role that educators play in our society, enduring structural deficiencies in Michigan's school funding formulas that starve every single school district of needed resources, and inadequate resources for mental health and for special education. As state representative, I will work with anyone to ensure that every kid in Michigan has access to the highest quality education to enable them to go as far as their talents and ambitions take them - the kind of education I was so blessed to receive at Bloomfield Hills Schools.

It is critical that we reduce "brain drain" in Michigan. I'm prioritizing boosting regional competitiveness, innovation, and job growth in Oakland County, including in dynamic sectors new to our region, such as defense. But we have to ask the broader question: what is it about Michigan that often makes our best and brightest leave? We MUST invest in the critical infrastructure - including regional transit and cultural amenities - that attracts talent and employers. And we must implement family-first policies like paid family leave and affordable child care that make settling down and raising a family in Michigan easier, not harder.

### ALBERT MANSOUR

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## Michigan House District 21

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**Occupation / Current Position:** MI State Representative House District 38

**Education:** Bachelors- Michigan State University, J.D.- Wayne State University

**Qualifications and Experience:** State Legislator HD-38, City Council Member, Attorney

Every child in Michigan has the right to a quality public education. Education directly tied to our future, and with increased support and funding we will ensure our society, economy and job market can grow and thrive with a strong educational foundation. Making sure we provide equitable, quality public education for all students begins and ends with funding our public education systems. Ensuring our teachers our fairly compensated for their work and time will improve teacher recruitment and retention. I have introduced legislation to keep teachers' pay competitive and allow administrators to participate in collective bargaining.

We must be forward-looking and ensure our state is competitive by maintaining an educated workforce, updating our infrastructure, and incentivizing new industries and businesses to bring good-paying jobs to our communities. I am committed to advocating for programs and resources that grow our local businesses and pursue industries that bring well-paid, quality jobs and important services to our region. I will propose the use of strategies like public/private partnerships and Michigan Economic Development Corporation grant funding to help us grow and compete, today and tomorrow.

### DAVID STAUDT

PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Comptroller/Accountant

**Education:** BA - Business Admin, MS - Management

**Qualifications and Experience:** 30 Years of Business Management Experience, Small Business Owner for 15 Years, Novi City Council - 15 Years

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## Michigan House District 19

I believe the State should expand voting access by requiring the offering of early voting at nine days, provide paid postage for absentee ballots, help municipalities acquire secure drop boxes for absentee ballots, provide voters with free IDs, automatically register voters at age 18, and allow clerks to begin processing absentee ballots two days in advance of election day. The State must also be required to cover these costs so they are not an undue burden on municipalities.

We must strengthen and expand polluter pay laws, create grant programs for hazardous waste location cleanup, create stricter PFAS laws and restrictions, and expand our Public Trust Doctrine. For increasing energy efficiency, we must remove the solar cap and allow individuals to sell power back to the grid. We need to go back to net metering and expand programs like Michigan Saves.

Education: Universal pre-k and adequately fund our public schools and universities. Lower the age of Michigan Reconnect to 21.  
Health: Expand Medicaid, create a State public option, and lower prescription costs.  
Labor: Repeal Right to Work, enact equal pay for equal work laws, and raise the minimum wage.  
Security: Increase affordable housing, expand EITC, increase public safety funding revenue sharing for municipalities.  
Environment: Strengthen polluter pay laws, replace all lead pipes for safe drinking water, and increase funding for rebuilding our aging infrastructure.

We must require universal background checks on firearm sales, enact extreme risk prevention order laws, limit the sale of ammunition magazine rounds, create safe storage laws, and raise the minimum age to own a firearm to 21 and possibly banning all assault weapons all together.

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## Michigan House District 20

I believe in expanding the franchise, so that every Michigander has access to the foundational constitutional right to elect their own government, and I will relentlessly fight any measure seeking to curtail that right. It's time to empower local clerks to pre-process absentee ballots, so the public can receive results in a timely manner, make Election Day a state holiday, and cease underfunding municipal and county clerks' budgets for election administration. These are the kinds of legitimate reforms that would substantially improve Michigan's elections and boost confidence and trust in our voting system.

I'm running because I am sick and tired seeing my hometown, West Bloomfield, be gerrymandered and treated as an afterthought in policymaking conversations in Lansing. Representing Greater West Bloomfield and Commerce means representing the largest inland lakes in Southeast Michigan. Our representative should be a leader on environmental issues. That's why one of my top priorities in the Legislature will be to support policies and funding to protect our lakes, water, and environment. And as your representative, I will work tirelessly to implement Gov. Whitmer's MI Healthy Climate Plan to make Michigan a carbon-neutral economy by 2050.

One of my foremost passions and priorities if elected to the Legislature is addressing Michigan's mental health crisis. I am committed to ensuring every kid, every senior, and everyone in-between - from Keego Harbor to Copper Harbor - has access to the resources and treatments to enable them to achieve their potential. I know what it's like to struggle with depression, anxiety, and ADHD - and I also know what it's like to succeed despite them. Access to affordable mental health treatment will help inequities in a number of other areas, including economic mobility, and also prevent more people from entering the criminal justice system.

I support all common-sense policies and reforms to reduce gun violence, which is just one of several critical issues related to public safety. As a member of the Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities, the issue of rising hate crimes is personal to me, as it is to so many who call Greater West Bloomfield home. If elected, I will work relentlessly to pass a comprehensive bill package to make Michigan a national leader on hate crimes prevention, intervention, and prosecution, including by reforming the outdated, ineffective ethnic intimidation law, offering anti-bias education in diversionary sentencing, and criminalizing attacks on houses of worship.

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## Michigan House District 21

As a public official, I feel strongly about the need to keep residents informed about the work we do in government as public servants. I believe my duty as a legislator is to represent my community in Lansing, and I believe in running a grassroots movement powered by my community. I have faith in our democracy and democratic process but realize there are faults in our system. I am passionate about making voting accessible to all and ensuring our elections are fair and free. Everybody deserves representation in government as a public servant I cherish that responsibility.

If we want our families to have fresh air to breathe and safe water to drink we must make sustainable practices a priority. I have voted to support a \$4.7 billion supplement to our budget that includes critical funding to shore up aging dams, improve wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure, replace lead service lines and secure our drinking water. Conservation and sustainability efforts will also be key to dampening the effects of climate change. I will back efforts to support EV and related infrastructure, increase green spaces in our communities and protect our life, water, and land from PFAS contamination.

It is vital we work to make sure needs like housing, healthcare, clean water, and a good education are accessible and affordable to all. We must make sure we appropriate funding to communities who need it the most and make long-term investments in our infrastructure and our people, and pass laws that protect Michiganders from corporate greed. As a legislator, it is my responsibility to work closely with my community to recognize the gaps in our system, such as systemic racism and inaccessible child and eldercare, and work to pass legislation that addresses and fixes these issues in the long term.

I am a member of the School Safety Task Force working on recommendations to protect our students from gun violence at school. We are proposing bipartisan solutions that schools can implement, from improving building security to increasing mental health support. With a multifaceted approach that increases the support available to our students, we can reduce violence and mitigate its consequences throughout Michigan schools. A critical factor in gun violence will always be the widespread availability of guns in our country and we must support commonsense measures that have the potential to keep us safe, from red flag laws to greater regulation.

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## State Representative - Michigan

### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

### Michigan House District 21 (continued)

**JAMES K. YOUNG**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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### Michigan House District 23

**JASON MORGAN**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** votejasonmorgan.com

**Occupation / Current Position:** Instructor at Washtenaw County Community College and Washtenaw County Commissioner (elected).

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Northern Michigan University, Master of Public Administration - University of Michigan

**Qualifications and Experience:** Jason has extensive public service experience, including six years as a county commissioner, service to five members of the Congress, and as Flotilla Vice Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard-Auxiliary

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As a union educator myself, I know firsthand the struggles that our teachers face. We must increase school funding so that schools can hire more teachers, raise salaries, and incentivize veteran and well-qualified teachers to continue teaching. Through better funding and institutional support, we can work to reduce teacher workloads and lower student-teacher ratios to improve the educational experience for all. We must provide the resources needed by low-income students and ensure a more equitable funding model. There is no better investment we can make to secure our country's future than investing in a strong education system.

First and foremost, I support removing Michigan's harmful "Right to Work" law and raising the minimum wage to \$15/hr. Unions are an essential part of protecting workers' rights, and every single Michigander deserves at least a livable wage. We must address growing economic inequality by ensuring that the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes and reduce the burden on hardworking middle-income families. We also need to get smarter in our support of manufacturing and economic development to continue the revitalization of Michigan's economy and increase funding for roads and infrastructure, that create union and well-paying jobs for residents.

**RICHARD L. SHARLAND**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 49

**CHRISTINA M. KAFKAKIS**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** vote4christinak

**Education:** BS Food Technology & Management, MSU

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am running because I haven't seen my values represented in the current leadership. I'm a wife, Mom of four kids in public schools, and a small business owner.

**Website:** voteforchristinak.com

I believe we should expand vocational and technical education programs and community college offerings. We need to properly fund our public schools and pay our educators appropriately, and competitively, and provide educators opportunities to use their expertise and innovate in their classrooms. We need to make teaching a career that is revered, not one that is scrutinized.

I will advocate for living wages, collective bargaining rights and workplace protections. I will prioritize working families by offering affordable child care and paid family leave. As a small business owner, I believe we should support small business and the skilled trades, including apprenticeship programs and internships.

**ANN BOLLIN**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 51

**SARAH MAY-SEWARD**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Qualifications and Experience:** Democratic Precinct Delegate 2018-2022; CAC for Oakland Co's Neighborhood & Housing Development; Board Member Oakland Community Health Network; CMHAM Children's Issues Panel

**Education:** Some College

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** SMSforMI51

**Occupation / Current Position:** Bartender

1) Michigan must provide a quality education to every child, regardless of what zip code they live in. Adequate funding, dedicated teachers and classroom resources, and safe environments must be made a top priority, with any excess federal or other funds being considered for classroom and school funding.  
2) The teacher shortage has been fueled by a lack of proper funding for teacher salaries and incentive to choose education as a career. We must pay teachers a fair wage commensurate with their experience and education, which will increase job satisfaction and extend tenure.

I am a bartender who has been in the service industry for many years. Ensuring all Michiganders are paid fair, livable wages (with reasonable taxes) is an incredibly impactful way to improve many folks' economic positions. This includes ending the pension tax that affects so many in our area. Also, a dearth of affordable, decent housing greatly impacts many Michiganders' economic reality, along with largely inaccessible federal, state and county-funded resources and services. We need to overhaul municipal zoning and work to improve access across the board, so all Michiganders have access to what are basic human needs and rights.

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**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

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### Michigan House District 23

Our democracy is under attack, from efforts to restrict our fundamental right to vote to those who would seek to overturn elections simply because they are unhappy with the outcome. I will fight tirelessly to protect and expand access to democracy in Michigan by working to make Election Day a holiday and protecting recent changes that allow no-reason vote-by-mail, early voting, and same-day registration. We must also increase support for our state and local election officials. As the former Constituent Services Director for Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, I've seen firsthand how important these offices are in protecting our elections.

I strongly support increased funding for renewable and green energy projects, including research and development to ensure Michigan is innovative in tackling climate change and can move rapidly to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. We need to invest in public transportation, green infrastructure, transit-oriented development, and more to increase the walkability of cities. We also need to protect our environment by increasing funding to remediate dangerous chemicals from our water, along with strong polluter pay laws that make sure that those who pollute—not hardworking Michigan residents—are on the hook for environmental cleanup.

Michigan needs to work for everyone, no matter your race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, or income. Too many families are working too hard to barely get by. We've been making great strides under Governor Whitmer's leadership toward a more equitable future, but we have a long way to go. We've also barely scratched the surface in unraveling centuries of inequitable and, in many cases, racist state policies. We need to expand the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to protect LGBTQ+ individuals, codify abortion rights into our state constitution, and ensure universal access to affordable childcare and paid parental leave.

Time and again, we are heartbroken by the news of another tragedy targeting our children and families. Hope and prayers no longer provide solace for our loss -- we must take immediate action. The science is abundantly clear: more guns do not stop crime. Guns are a public health crisis and we are failing our kids each and every day that we fail to do something. I support common-sense gun safety legislation, including, but not limited to, red flag laws, limits on automatic/assault/high-capacity weapons, and mandatory background check and applications for the purchase of firearms, including at trade shows and other traditionally exempted venues.

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### Michigan House District 49

I would ensure that voters can vote free from harassment, intimidation and interference. I support voters to request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for all future elections without having to apply each time.

I want to hold polluters accountable for contamination and cleanup efforts. I will strengthen environmental protections for our lakes and shorelines. I support expanding renewable energy and clean manufacturing.

All Michiganders deserve the freedom to feel safe and welcome in their communities. I am committed to not only fighting discrimination but also ensuring we are proactive in fostering a community where everyone is safe and can achieve their fullest potential.

I believe in common-sense gun violence prevention legislation, including: maintaining and strengthening the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns. I would require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns. I would require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.

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### Michigan House District 51

Fair elections are a founding principle of our democracy. I believe that getting super PACs and dark money out of our elections and government will go a long way toward making elections and the government more transparent, while encouraging all qualified citizens to run and creating more-equal playing fields.

Clean water, protecting the environment, and promoting sustainability are top priorities for me. Our waterways in beautiful Oakland County and beyond must be protected, first with immediate cleanup efforts and then with stringent, ongoing regulatory policies. I will ensure our vibrant hunting and fishing communities can safely thrive for generations to come by supporting strong regulation of chemicals and other potential pollutants that can cause harm. I also look forward to focusing efforts on creating "green" communities, making beneficial programs like off-site composting feasibly and cost-effective.

We must increase funding and programs so all Michiganders can access all social and other services they need. For many, it is currently at least a 40-minute drive from our area to reach Social Security, MDHHS, Oakland County Health Department, housing assistance and counseling, community mental healthcare, etc; we must make transportation and access easier for those who most need it. Social support programs, including well-funded schools with dedicated teachers and services (like free meals and before/after-school childcare), good-paying jobs, and strong oversight of each can begin to address inequities our communities face.

As a gun owner, I believe that universal background checks, enhanced red-flag rules, and safe-storage laws would go a long way to protect our community while respecting the Second Amendment rights of responsible, law-abiding citizens.

## State Representative - Michigan

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### Michigan House District 51 (continued)

**MATT MADDOCK**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 52

**ROBIN MCGREGOR**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** robinmcgregorforstaterep.com

**Education:** I graduated from Waterford Kettering High School. I studied criminal justice at Oakland Community College, catholic protection at West Virginia University, labor law at Wayne State University and Corn

**Occupation / Current Position:** Catholic Specialist for a utility company

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @Robin4StateRep

**Qualifications and Experience:** The most important qualifications that I bring are being a community champion/volunteer, union president, school board member, and parent. I have led many projects that helped to improve our community

To provide a good education for Michigan students we need to make sure that students have the tools and experiences they need so that they can compete in the global market. In order to make this possible we need to have quality educators. To keep those educators, we need to pay them a living wage and provide benefits that are equitable to the work that they are doing. For example, teachers should not have to work for free their first year of teaching, or have a starting salary that is just above the poverty line.

When reviewing past debt to GDP ratios we see that building better infrastructure, providing education and opportunities, and improving health care creates demand, increases available jobs, and provides growth in an economy. These things help people not be afraid to spend, which fuels our economy. Furthermore, evidence shows that strengthening infrastructure, education, and health care create both long- and short-term benefits.

**MIKE HARRIS**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 53

**BRENDA CARTER**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Representative House District 29

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**Website:** brendajcarter.com

**Qualifications and Experience:** Current State Representative, District of Poverty and Homeless Task Force, Executive Vice-Chair of the Labor Caucus, Minority Vice-Chair of the Insurance Committee

**Education:** I have a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in public administration

To both questions, I say funding is a significant component. Unfortunately, Michigan has historically failed to invest in our schools. When I first came to Lansing, I learned we were dead last in funding. I am thankful to say that under the leadership of Governor Whitmer, we have consistently increased our K-12 funding, setting records with every budget. We need to continue this trend while at the same time making sure impoverished school districts don't fall behind. Headlee and Prop A were designed to help with these inequities. Unfortunately, both failed to produce the desired results. Parity in education should resolve these disparities.

As a former GM worker and Pontiac resident, I have seen and experienced firsthand what it is like when one of these plants pulls out of a community. It destroys it. To fight this, we need to diversify Michigan's economy. For example, I want Michigan to be the hub for electric vehicle creation in the United States and worldwide. Also, having lived in Michigan all of my life, one thing that comes to mind is tourism. We have the largest freshwater bodies in the world, seemingly endless forests, and pristine beaches. We need to protect these natural wonders while at the same time utilizing them to attract tourist dollars to our state.

**ANTHONY M. BARTOLOTTA**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 54

**SHADIA MARTINI**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** martini2022.com

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Architectural Engineering, University of Aleppo. Master of Business Administration, University of Michigan.

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/ShadiaMartiniForStateRep

**Occupation / Current Position:** Businessowner

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** ShadiaMartini

**Qualifications and Experience:** I have been a Metro-Detroit real estate broker, builder, and small businessowner for over 20 years. Since 2011, I've been an outspoken human rights advocate at the state and national level.

Our public education system is the last place our state government should be looking to pinch pennies. Our Bloomfield, Lake Orion, and Avondale school systems are among the strongest in the state and I will strive to keep them that way. We must ensure that our schools are robustly funded, our teachers are being supported through this new pandemic-induced transition, and in turn, that our children are receiving the highest-quality education possible.

Cut the gas tax, end the retirement tax, and return our budget surpluses to the taxpayers. These are actionable, bipartisan policy initiatives that will provide immediate relief to all Michiganders during this time of economic uncertainty.

# State Representative - Michigan

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## Michigan House District 52

The US Constitution guarantees the rights of all citizens to vote. We should honor this instead of creating laws that prevent people from voting. When considering campaign funding, it is concerning that corporations (not small businesses) can give unlimited funds to push for the policies that they want, while individuals are much more limited in what they can donate to campaigns. If elected, I will support policies that put stricter limits on donations from large corporations.

I have fought to protect the water and land where we live. When the landfill was leaching benzene and other chemicals into Waterford lakes, I fought to get it closed safely while also continuously testing to make sure that residents were safe. There are a number of sites, like old, contaminated gas stations, that we need to clean up in our district. There is already federal money available to do this, we simply need to apply to use those funds. Using these funds would also help stimulate our economy and help small businesses. Further, I believe in renewable energy. It reduces waste and it contributes to increased national security.

We need to start by making people aware of the health programs that are available to them. Next, we need to bring back free after school programs for all children. These programs should include STEM education, as well as hands-on experiences to ensure that all students have access to opportunities that can provide successful career paths. Lastly, we need to make sure that programs for seniors in poverty like meals-on-wheels and winter heating support continue to be funded.

In situations where we know that someone intends to harm others or themselves, we should temporarily remove their firearms using due process until they can show that they are of sound mind. This would have prevented recent shooting like that in Oxford. Furthermore, we need to make sure that gun owners know how to responsibly use and store guns. For instance, making sure that guns are only loaded when they are being used would prevent many accidental shootings, and protect police officers and civilians. Lastly, I support policies that require 3D printed guns to be registered, specifically because they can go through metal detectors undetected.

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## Michigan House District 53

I want to make sure that every eligible Michigander can vote. The voters made it clear in 2018 when they passed comprehensive voting reform. I believe it is the legislature's job to listen to what the voters did then and fight to ensure that these reforms stay in place. Every Michigander deserves the right to vote from home without an excuse. Voters shouldn't be required to produce photo identification when voting so long as you sign an affidavit. Our elections in Michigan are safe and secure. The voter suppression bills introduced over the past few months are repulsive. I will continue to fight to ensure every Michigander can vote.

I see renewable energy as the way of the future. If we do not continue our shift toward renewable energy sources now, I can only imagine what the world my grandchildren would look like. I support expanding Michigan's electric vehicle charging station infrastructure and tax credits to encourage residents to purchase electric cars. We need strong policies to protect Michigan's lakes, streams, and rivers from polluters and hold polluters accountable. I want to make sure I leave a better Michigan than the way I found it. If we introduce policies to support renewable energy, then the next generation may have a planet to use.

As the Chair of the bi-partisan bi-cameral Poverty and Homelessness Caucus, I know a thing or two about the inequities in our state. The Pontiac School District has at least 200 homeless children. The lack of resources is a significant factor. I am working with the Poverty and Homelessness Caucus and the governor's Poverty Task Force to find ways to mitigate poverty in Michigan. One of the primary ways we believe we can minimize poverty is by increasing the earned income tax credit. This tax credit is among the most effective anti-poverty tools. I encourage everyone to review the governor's Poverty Task Force Report from 2021

We are facing a gun violence epidemic in this country. This violence must stop. We need to pass background check legislation, monitor ghost guns, or any of the two dozen bills introduced in the House and Senate. As a mother who lost her son and an aunt whose nephew was killed by a gun in Grand Rapids to the trauma of guns, I know the pain. As the Vice-Chair of the Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Caucus, I can assure you that Chair Rosemary Bayer and I are doing absolutely everything to fight this growing problem in our state.

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## Michigan House District 54

In 2018, over 65% of Michiganders voted in favor of the "Promote the Vote" ballot initiative, which included provisions to include straight-ticket voting on our ballots, no-reason absentee ballots, and automatic voter registration when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state ID card. I support the will of the bipartisan group of voters that voted in favor of Promote the Vote. I grew up in Syria, a country where our presidential ballots listed only one man with an option for 'yes' or 'no': I know what a rigged election looks like. I categorically reject the allegations of fraud in the 2020 election in Michigan.

We need to increase investment in our water infrastructure for the safety of all Michiganders. Contaminants like PFAS are a sustained threat that need to be tackled.

As a builder, I have built ENERGY STAR energy-efficient homes for years. I am a major supporter of energy-efficiency initiatives and the transition to renewable energy sources for the sake of our and our children's health.

On a larger scale, we must examine our existing state laws, and the gaps in-between those laws, that continue to sustain racial and economic inequities. Right now, Michiganders are undergoing a period of economic uncertainty and stress, I support bipartisan, actionable relief through a tax rebate to all Michigan taxpayers from our budget surplus to offset the effects of inflation, a cut to the gas tax, and an end to the retirement tax for our seniors.

Growing up in Syria, I am no stranger to gun violence. When I was 13, a protest at the secret police headquarters next to my home turned into a massacre, as police agents began indiscriminately gunning down protesters. Bullets rained into my family home. No child anywhere should experience the trauma of gun violence. It's hit our own backyard in Oxford. We must implement common-sense gun violence prevention legislation like safe storage laws and expanded background checks to help curb the violence. These are simple reforms that no law-abiding gun-owner should have concern about.

## State Representative - Michigan

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**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan House District 54 (continued)

### DONNI STEELE PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Western Michigan University

**Facebook:** facebook.com/donnisteeleforstaterepresentative

**Occupation / Current Position:** Treasurer for Orion Township

**Qualifications and Experience:** Currently I am serving my second four year term as treasurer of Orion Township & 4 years prior I was a township trustee. My background is a realtor/broker/ manager and RE owner.

I believe education should allow more freedom and flexibility. Flexible on how, what and where the teaching occurs. More teaching of trades; online options; college advance classes- in college; homeschooling; schools of choice; with academic excellence as the number one goal. I believe we drive up the salaries based on merit for teachers and give teachers more autonomy which would attract better and more teachers. Education should be from the bottom up, not top down. Teachers and parents know the students best- not administrators, state school boards or teacher unions.

Government needs to spend less money- the government continues to drive up inflation for our residents through over-borrowing, over spending and over taxing. Our state should be more user friendly to attract and retain residents: ease of entrance for businesses; charge less (or no) income or lower taxes; provide excellent education in all districts- close the schools that are not; give tax credits for education; broadband in rural districts. Jobs are key to personal and state economic health.

## Michigan House District 55

### PATRICIA BERNARD PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Education:** Ph.D. Strategic Leadership School of Education

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**Occupation / Current Position:** CEO of Semi-Trucking Company

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Qualifications consist of CEO of Semi-Trucking Co., retired army GS-15 equivalent to colonel, real estate broker 30 years, adjunct college professor and single parent of three college graduate sons.

1) Michigan should ensure that public tax dollars are appropriated only to public schools in order to maintain a high-quality education. Michigan should also develop a more equitable formula for funding public schools. There should also be equal access to training and apprenticeship programs for everyone regardless of their socioeconomic status. 2) Michigan can help solve teacher shortages by increasing teachers' salaries, reduce class sizes, and ensure proper resources are available. Also, teachers must be part of the policy making process. Incentives, additional training, certifications and better benefit package are also solutions.

There's a shortage of worker and it's mainly due to the fact that people need to be paid more money in order to justify working a job. Therefore, I support policies such as the recently reinstated Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, which raised the minimum wage to \$12.00; and I am in support of the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) that provides paid sick leave to employees including exempted part time, executive administrative, professional and outside sales employees. Employers must provide one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

### MARK TISDEL PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Education:** Drake University, BA Journalism

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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative 45th District

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**Website:** marktisdell.com

**Qualifications and Experience:** 33-yr resident of Rochester Hills, 25 yrs charitable fundraising, 23 yrs small business owner, 8 yrs RH At-Large Council Member (1 yr VP / 4 yrs President), current State Rep.

I voted for the House Education budget that appropriated \$500M for teacher recruitment, training and retention. Public schools must also relax certification requirements for those with professional / career subject matter mastery that wish to enter teaching. Additional school choice flexibility so parents can be more selective in the schools their children attend. Voting with your feet is the best way to indicate preferences and encourage systemwide change.

Our corporate income tax is 1/3 higher than the Top 10 Inbound Population states. This, along with our uncompetitive average January temperature (can't change that), makes it difficult to attract new employers. Michigan's electricity pricing is more than 40% higher than the average of the Top 10 Inbound Population states. This is, certainly, an additional disadvantage. We must reduce and streamline licensing requirements, continuing education requirements, and increase license reciprocity for inbound professionals.

## Michigan House District 56

### SHARON MACDONELL PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Education:** BA, History, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

**Occupation / Current Position:** Advertising, Manager, Advertising and Video

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**Website:** electsharonmac.com

**Qualifications and Experience:** Community activist for years working to Save the Troy Public Library, recall an unqualified mayor, expose an embezzling city manager, and get the best people into office by volunteering on campaigns.

I believe education is critical to the success of our state. I will make it a priority to better fund our schools, increase in-school mental healthcare resources, and add diversity directors and training in districts. The teacher shortage is not surprising, given the disrespectful way some have politicized education. But the teacher shortage is also not just a Michigan problem, it is a national problem. In Michigan, we must provide incentives to rebuild our teaching pool. I would recommend creating an hourly wage for student teachers and developing a student loan repayment program to help grow the field.

We must make higher education more affordable for working families. Also, I believe it's time to bring more skilled trades education into schools' technical programs, including apprenticeship programs that provide paid training and add little to no debt.

I support raising the minimum wage every year until it becomes a livable wage. A couple or parent shouldn't have to work multiple jobs to raise their children. Giving incentives to businesses that provide childcare on-site would offer our working families a healthier work/life balance.

We should also make tax policy fairer, end the retirement tax and bring back the estate tax in Michigan.



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## Michigan House District 54 (continued)

I supported Secure my Vote ballot initiative - especially voter identification. Campaign funding in my experience is very specific and monitored closely- we have to report all our revenues and expenses in the state. I work in Orion Township and witness the multitude of options and accessibility to rightfully voting.

I believe we have systems and departments in place at the state level- such as EGLE to address water, land and air. The Michigan waterways and green spaces have vastly improved over the past decades. However some of these departments could probably be more efficient and effective without being more burdensome for the public and businesses. We found at the local level some our our biggest frustrations is the bureaucracy in state government. Working collaboratively with non profits such as Clinton River Watershed, Trout unlimited at the state level could do better. More energy efficient w/renewable energy provided its cost efficient & reliable

We need to provide opportunity and equity through education, strong families and strong communities. Complete reliability on government is not the answer. We all need to participate in this process and collectively remove barriers.

Gun violence is a serious concern and needs to be addressed in a wholistic and collaborative effort that involves multitude of groups: mental health experts; gun safety experts & gun education experts; schools; parents; counselors; legislature; law enforcement-first responders; students. We need to to start a task force immediately to come up with non-political solutions for the safety of our entire society.

## Michigan House District 55

The Michigan 2020 election process was proven to be safe and accurate based on several audit results. In order to protect the integrity of the election I'm in support of the 2018 constitutional expansion of voter rights that includes no reason absentee voting and same day voter registration. I also support the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, which regulates political activity, campaign financing and restricts contribution and expenditures. Campaign statements and reports are required and also should regulate anonymous contributions as well as campaign advertising and literature.

I'm in support of the Michigan Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, which protects the environment and natural resources of the state to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment, regulates use of certain land and water and other natural resources of the state, protects people's rights to hunt and fish; and to prescribe power and duties of certain state to local agencies and officials. With respect to renewable energy and energy efficiency, it's imperative that we expand the manufacturing of electric vehicles in the U.S. I'm also in support of funding renewable energy projects.

We must maintain free breakfast and lunch programs for grades pre-K through 12. It is necessary to support our head start programs; and develop more programs to support single-parent homes, especially single mothers and children. Reducing the cost of prescription drugs is key, particularly for seniors. Let's make sure that there is adequate affordable housing in all geographic areas regardless to socio-economic status. Ensure that there are mental health services available for K-12 as well as programs for adults.

Steps should be taken to enhance our gun polices to include safe storage, universal background checks, and red flag laws. I am also for banning assault weapons for the general public.

The Michigan House has passed more than two-dozen common sense election integrity bills based, primarily, on the Office of the Auditor General's report. Voter ID has been Michigan law for a long time. There's no point in having a comprehensive Qualified Voter File if it is not implemented at the time people are actually voting. The QVF is only as good as the data that has been entered. Regular and thorough additions, updates and deletions must be completed by local and county clerks. Signature verification, against a quality state QVF, is essential for all absentee ballot applications and submissions.

Water and air pay no attention to international, state or county borders. A comprehensive agreement between Canada, the US and all Great Lakes states must be enhanced and strictly enforced. Air quality standards need to be regionally and nationally agreed upon, as well. Energy efficiency cannot be decoupled from energy reliability. The excessive land-use footprint, transmission expense and line-loss, and production intermittency make wind and solar poor choices. Natural gas generation is the primary reason behind US world-leading reductions in emissions. Michigan must become a leader in nuclear power generation and embrace new technologies.

I prefer to focus on individual justice. Equality before the law is the single greatest benefit any government can offer. Economic growth and two-parent households are the greatest weapons against poverty. Education advances will be made when more children are well-prepared by their parents to begin learning. The nation's highest dollars per-pupil districts are among the worst academic performers. Money helps, but it's not the answer. Today, government pays for more than 50% of all health care in the US. The complex rules and regulations increase costs, do not adequately compensate for care of the needy thus resulting in reduced access.

I am currently working on a four-bill package that rewards responsible gun storage and creates incentives for ongoing training and the purchasing gun-liability insurance. Exercising codified best practices can act as a criminal and civil shield, as well as, identifying negligence.

## Michigan House District 56

The 2020 election saw the greatest turnout in our state's history. Election audits have found no evidence of voter fraud. Yet, some lawmakers have introduced bills to restrict voting accessibility under the false narrative that the 2020 election was stolen. I believe this attack on our voting rights is the most significant threat to our democracy. I fully support any legislation that makes voting easy and accessible to all Michiganders. I would also support and promote efforts to make campaign funding public to level the playing field and end the flagrant use of dark money in politics.

The importance of our Great Lakes cannot be overstated. PFAS pose a great health risk to Michiganders. I support the Dept of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's recent collaboration with experts, advocacy groups, and the public to enact strong, transparent, science-based standards for PFAS chemicals. Additionally, I will support bills like HB 6059 to rectify the conflicts of interest at the Environmental Rules Review Committee. I support incentivizing energy efficiencies and renewable energy technology and the jobs that come with it as we work to protect our environment.

Poor people are too often stigmatized and blamed for their situation in Michigan, even though many of their problems are structural and built into the system. Taxing policy should be changed to ensure corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share. We should eliminate the retirement tax, bring back the estate tax, and offer Medicare and Medicaid to those who need them. All of these efforts will help grow the middle class and raise everyone. Instead of constantly cutting aid and making it harder to receive, we should help those in need. There should be more weight behind laws protecting minorities at work, home, school, and in society.

Adults and children must be able to go to school, church, concerts, and stores without worrying about being shot. Many simple, common-sense laws can be passed to keep weapons locked, safe, and out of the wrong hands. I support closing registration loopholes, mandatory waiting periods, raising the minimum age to purchase firearms, background checks, red flag laws, and better access to mental health resources. Unfortunately, many elected officials in Lansing refuse to hear common-sense ideas that can save hundreds and thousands of lives. If we have control of the State Senate and House, we can pass these laws.

## State Representative - Michigan

### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**Q: EDUCATION:** What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

## Michigan House District 56 (continued)

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## Michigan House District 57

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Michigan must reevaluate how we fund public education. We must have consistent funding available to our students, and all students deserve to have an equitable education no matter their zip code. I believe we should offer student debt relief to public educators, with parameters, to encourage and grow our teacher community.

Passing legislation to help families afford health care and reduce prescription drug cost is vital to help alleviate some of the burden we are facing. I would support investing in EV initiatives to help keep our region competitive and to attract young workers to our district. I also support working to make college and trade schools affordable so that our young generation can receive the skills that they need to continue to grow our local economy.

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The state needs to fix the K-12 education system and assure that no kids are left behind. The state has failed to enable our kids, to make sure all are reading at grade level; many are graduating without having the reading skills that will allow them to advance to post-secondary education or to vocational jobs. We need to expand options for our parents and students such as tutoring and vocational education, to foster student success in school and post-graduation. The state has imposed unnecessary restrictions that often prevent those who are qualified from entering the teaching profession. Those restrictions need to be re-evaluated.

The state must improve the environment for business expansion and job creation. Excessive regulation has no economic or social benefit: It merely sets barriers for our businesses and limits job growth. The imposition of closures and mandates has further undermined job growth in our state. We must stop these unnecessary burdens: they undermine Michigan residents' opportunity to improve their business growth and job opportunities. In addition to expanding job opportunities, the state must do more to assure our citizens have access to adequate vocational and job training to meet their needs for existing and future jobs in our state economy.

## Michigan House District 66

**EMILY C. BUSCH**  
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Making sure that all students have access to a free and appropriate public education is critical. However, we need to find ways to make sure all students are able to learn while addressing disparities. Unfortunately, some measures put into place to ensure all children learn have also inadvertently prevented many students from learning and teachers from teaching. Teachers are tasked mitigating disruptive and worrisome behaviors in the classroom without the support needed for the students who need more resources. With class sizes growing and teachers leaving the field, we need to find ways to incentivize people to go into teaching.

This is a difficult issue for me to address being new to politics. I decided to run for office on March 4th and I'm trying to play catch up with many public policies about which I've been previously unfamiliar. I won't ever try to talk about an issue with which I'm not familiar. Whatever measures help to support and promote familial prosperity while being fiscally responsible should be explored and vetted.

**JOSH SCHRIVER**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## State Representative - Michigan

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**Q: ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:** What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**Q: SOCIAL JUSTICE:** How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including Michigan's 23% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?

**Q: GUNS:** What steps, if any, should be taken to curb gun violence in our communities?

### Michigan House District 56 (continued)

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### Michigan House District 57

I believe that we must ensure all citizens are able to access voting safely. Absentee ballots and same day registration are key to ensuring all citizens can exercise their right to vote. I believe that campaign finance should have aggressive transparency. I believe we must protect the right to vote for all. Dark money should not be allowed to influence our elections.

I would support legislation that protects our water above profit, and imposes financial penalties to corporations that pollute our natural resources. I support following the stricter criteria set forth recently by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. I strongly support investing in the renewable energy industry and providing incentives for energy efficiency in businesses as well as for individuals.

I believe that the legislature must pass bills that support businesses that provide child care and flexible benefits for working families. Many of our citizens cannot get out of poverty because of lack of child care and public transit to commute to work. I would work to create initiatives to provide adequate child care for low income families as well as accessible transportation. I would also support increasing investments in before and after school child care for communities that need it the most.

Common sense gun laws, including background checks and a waiting period before obtaining a weapon are basic policies that we can enact to curb this epidemic. I would also support gun restrictions on domestic abusers in Michigan.

We need to have fair and free elections that allow easy access by registered voters in the state. Candidate financial committees should be open and transparent. Voter ID laws are one of many commonsense approaches to assuring election integrity and should be adopted.

We must make sure that our critical infrastructure is properly funded, particularly our water supply and sewers. For too long, state funding has gone to pet political projects, rather than the needed improvements in water and sewer infrastructure. We have a dire problem with combined sewers that regularly overflow allowing raw sewage to run through our cities, streams and rivers. The state must address this as soon as possible. Many major sewer pumping stations are outdated and subject to catastrophic failure. They need to be replaced/updated. Reliability of energy production must be our highest priority to assure meeting energy needs.

We need to assure that every child has equal opportunity to succeed in our society. This burden falls principally on our K-12 public education system. The state must provide all parents and children with a wider variety of options for education that will best suit each student's individual needs and assure student success. The state also needs to encourage economic expansion and job growth. The stronger our economy, the wider the prosperity for all. In particular, the state needs to address and eliminate runaway inflation which is a burdensome tax on all our citizens and businesses-- and attacks our most vulnerable children and seniors.

We need to empower our local police and sheriffs. The state has woefully underfunded local law enforcement. We should start with incentivizing law enforcement as a career; local law enforcement needs dramatically increased funding for training. Critical infrastructure such as 911 and dispatch technology is expensive but pays dividends in fighting crime. Forensic science has been a huge success as a tool for law enforcement, but the state has failed to provide adequate funding for our local forensic labs and technicians-- leading to massive backlogs in solving violent crime and allowing violent criminals to remain at large on our streets.

### Michigan House District 66

Better access to voting is a necessity to upholding our precious democracy. We should be supporting efforts to ensure better access to qualified voters, not restricting it. Campaign funding should be closely monitored; super PACs and shady funding should not be allowed and reprimanded appropriately.

We live in a beautiful state that cherishes its green spaces and clean fresh waterways. We are a state where deer and fowl hunting and freshwater fishing are a religion; we are home to some of the most passionate conservationists in the country. We need to work together to keep our waterways clean and our greenspaces healthy. We also need to reduce our reliance on non-renewable resources. We only get one Earth; let's work to harness sources of energy that don't do damage to our planet.

We need to implement fiscally responsible social programs that work to eliminate these disparities and help to lift families out of poverty. We know access to effective and quality K-12 education is where this starts. We have to work harder to incentivize people to go into the field of teaching. If we treat our teachers like the critical foundation of our society they are (and pay them as such), we will do a better job of lifting children and their families out of poverty.

Universal background checks, red flag laws, raising the age to 21 to purchase, mandatory waiting periods, safe storage laws and the banning of AR style weapons. Period. School shootings and mass shootings (outside of war violence) are uniquely American problems. Our children deserve a nation where they shouldn't have to worry about being shot in class and their fellow classmates and teachers getting gunned down while in school.

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## Michigan House District 68

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I believe the state needs to provide more funding for school districts. In particular, those in lower income communities. School districts need to pay teachers more to retain them.

Tax credits for first time home buyers. Increase the minimum wage. Expand retirement coverage and repeal pension tax. Access to quality and affordable childcare.

### DAVID W. MARTIN PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## Michigan House District 72

### STACY TAYLOR PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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### MIKE MUELLER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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### Michigan House District 68

The ability of all Michiganders to vote absentee without a reason. Same day voter registration. Early voting in the form of absentee voting.

I believe we should continue to invest in renewable energy programs. We should also have policies in place that protect the Great Lakes and oceans from pollution.

One way to address racial, economic, and health inequalities is to provide access to a higher quality education to minority communities. Provide incentives for high performing educators to teach in school districts located in minority communities. Provide funding to those districts to retain teachers.

A ban on assault weapons. Raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm to 21. Universal background checks.

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### Michigan House District 72

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## State Board of Education

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Eight Year Term

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

**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

**PAMELA PUGH**  
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**Qualifications and Experience:** 40+ years of teaching experience from K to doctoral students; policy researcher and author; teacher educator

**Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?**

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I am a career educator, with over 40 years of experience teaching students from Kindergarten to doctoral study. I hold bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in music education, and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration. I have been a classroom teacher, district supervisor, school administrator, teacher educator, and department chair, and have worked with state departments of education in New York, Connecticut, and Michigan. I have conducted and published research on music teacher evaluation systems and school-college collaboration, and served on the Editorial Boards of several research and policy journals.

**Q: What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?**

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Reduce or eliminate standardized testing requirements. No vouchers--public tax dollars are for public schools. Improve teacher working conditions and pay to address the teacher shortage. Restore music, art, and physical education classes that have been cut--all children deserve a rich, diverse curriculum. Eliminate the use of student test scores in teacher evaluation systems. Overturn "Right to Work" legislation. Require all teachers to be highly qualified and fully certified.

**Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?**

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Public education in Michigan is under attack. I'm tired of school board members and teachers being targeted with made-up ALEC talking points about CRT, furries, and banning books. The other side of the aisle has no positive vision for public education--because their real goal is to destroy it. We need serious people talking about serious issues:  
\* how to strengthen public institutions, like our schools;  
\* provide a high quality education for all children, not just those who grow up in the suburbs; and,  
\* defend our colleagues in the schools who are doing tremendous work under very difficult conditions.



# State Board of Education *(continued)*

**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

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**Education:** Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am an education expert & speaker at the national, state & local levels with 22 years of experience in the field. I have educated people of all ages & ability levels, including twice exceptional.

**Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?**

As a Corporate CPA/Process Improvement Expert, I have helped many large organizations operate more efficiently and effectively. I have a degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan, and my 2 children graduated from there as well, my son a biomedical engineer and my daughter a neuroscientist. In my 22 years of education activism, I have become an education expert and have led efforts on the national, state, and local levels to return our schools to excellence in academics. I speak about education all over MI. Please see the long list of experience I will bring to our SBE, and my plan of action, on my website.

**Q: What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?**

We must provide every child with an excellent education to set them up for a great future and so that our state and nation continue to thrive with innovation and prosperity. Our schools are failing at this job in a big way, and it is completely unacceptable. People must be held accountable for this critical job of educating our youth. We must get back to excellence in reading, writing, arithmetic, and accurate American history and civics. We must get back to explicit phonics. 3rd grade reading proficiency went from 75% pre-Common Core (2010) to 44% 10 years in! Children must be able to read to learn. See my website for my extensive plan.

**Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?**

The most pressing issue facing the SBE is its lack of fulfilling its role. We must return the board to its constitutional purpose, and we must get our schools back to providing an excellent education for all children. Everybody needs to understand the power and accountability structure of MI schools so we can get it working again. Children only get one chance at a K-12 education, and we must get it right. Local boards also need to be educated on their critical role, and we must get back to parental rights and local control. There is a reason our founding fathers did not want national control in education, and we are seeing it play out.

**LINDA LEE TARVER**  
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Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, Ed.D, is a proud mom of two college graduates who both earned academic scholarship at High School graduation thanks to School Choice! She has more than 25 years as an educational advocate. Linda Lee is a former Michigan Civil Rights Commissioner and believes education is a Civil Right. In 2019, Dr. Tarver received the "Leadership in Individual & Social Responsibility" Award from Olivet College & the "Women For Racial Equity & Social Justice" Award from She Leads MI. Liberal ideologies & indoctrination have failed MI students and Linda Lee refuses to sit back and watch! Education in MI is not just political, it's pitiful.

The public education in Michigan is inarguably dismantled and in great need of reconstruction. The pathway toward better education and excellence MUST come from the basics: reading (learning), writing (communication & comprehension), and arithmetic (critical thinking). My sole task is to promote policy to Educate, Not Indoctrinate, Not Incarcerate, & Not Cremate! Literacy is the most important success factor and the goal for which public education is expected to achieve. Literacy is defined simply as the ability to read & write. Yet, literacy is the most prevalent indicator of tragic failure to date among Michigan's 1.3 million students.

The Michigan State Board of Education is responsible for K-12 education and community colleges. Working with the Michigan Legislature and Governor, the SBE is essential in recommending funding and guidance. The most pressing issue facing the Michigan State Board of Education is the lack of guidance in supporting parents, students, & responding to obvious failures in Michigan's public education. Spending like drunken sailors on programs that don't lead to LITERACY will take our already pathetic academic ranking even lower! All available resources should go to literacy, keeping schools safe and protected & cooperating with PARENTS (MCL 380.10).

**DONNA GUNDLE-KRIEG**  
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**Education:** B.A. Communications, Wayne State University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** While I am currently a real estate broker, I have a strong interest and background in education. I worked for a short time as a high school teacher, and was an education policy journalist.

My experience is varied, which makes me ideal to represent a population with varied backgrounds. My experience includes teaching, and writing about education policy. My background in communications and leadership has trained me to serve effectively on several boards, including as an elected township official in Mancelona. I want to serve on the board because I would bring a voice to the table which has previously been missing. As a Libertarian, I am interested in representing all children, parents and teachers, regardless of which party they belong to. I want to work with all parties to get the job done.

The state board should have minimal interference in local education. The board should facilitate recommendations and communications, but the local school board should be the main decision-makers regarding school policy. There should be more communication between parents, teachers, and administration. The "PTO's" I have worked with are simply Parent Fundraising Organizations. Very few teachers are involved, and the function of these groups is to raise funds by selling candy. There would be far less conflict and more productivity if these PTOs were actually dedicated to education, and if parental input was valued beyond fundraising ideas.

Again, the department's primary role should be to support and make recommendations to local school districts. The most pressing issues facing Michigan schools involve the balancing act between respecting educators, and at the same time honoring parents. After all, parents are the ones responsible for raising their children. Division would be minimized if parents were given the opportunity for actual input, and if, in turn, teachers felt supported by parents.

**BILL HALL**  
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**Qualifications and Experience:** Attorney with 41 years' experience advising individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations. Served on many nonprofit boards, Boy Scout leader since 1994, 11 as Scoutmaster.

Attorney/partner in Warner Norcross + Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm specializing in commercial real estate/mining law. Managed firm's Real Estate Services Group for more than 10 years, about 40 attorneys/paralegals. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. Have a passion for serving our youth. Committed to improving education through freedom of choice and fiscal responsibility. Will be an independent voice on a Board riven by partisan politics.

The pandemic and the State's authoritarian response severely damaged the education of a generation of Michigan students. At the same time, they led us to try new and innovative approaches, some of which were successful and should be encouraged. We learned that in many cases home, private and charter schools should be incentivized, as they are much more flexible than traditional public schools and deliver superior educational results. One-size-fits-all edicts from the State are inferior to policies developed by parents, teachers and schools to address local needs and goals. Hybrid or remote schooling methods work well for some but not all.

Recovering from the Pandemic – Pursue an educational policy based, first and foremost, on respect for the freedom of parents, teachers and schools to choose public and private educational programs they feel are best for their children. Focus on tutoring to repair the loss of education. Federal mandates (common core, transgender rights, etc.) – Leave decisions to local school districts, teachers and parents. Fiscal Responsibility – Freeze participation in existing underfunded defined benefit pension plans and shift future contributions to defined contribution plans; don't bail out failing schools.

**ETHAN HOBSON**  
PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

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## State Board of Education *(continued)*

**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

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**Education:** Academic education as an undergraduate from University of Illinois, Chicago and Michigan State University for graduate school. Life experience education as an organizer in the working class.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a long-time community college teacher and advocate for quality public education for all.

*Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?*

I am a long-time community college teacher and have an inside perspective about how and if students come prepared academically from our K-12 system. I have also been politically active, organizing in the working class, especially at Ford Rouge. I can give voice to the problems students, families and workers face when it comes to the lack of access to a quality public school education. I also have the experience campaigning as a Working Class Party Candidate since 2016 and have talked to thousands of teachers, and other school employees, parents and students about the problems they have faced in the schools and this system.

*Q: What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?*

Simple. If children truly are our society's most valuable resource, then ALL the economic resources needed to provide an excellent quality education, including the social and cultural experiences, should be put into public education. And to provided decent working conditions and good pay for all school employees. Since this government can finds millions to give in tax breaks to corporations, and billions for war, the money is there. Working people know this. They know how much they pay in taxes, and how much the lottery takes in. It should go to what people need.

*Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?*

Although funding per pupil has increased; and there is COVID relief funding, public school funding has not kept up with economic growth. There continues to be huge disparities in school districts. We know it is the wealthy school districts that have the best academic results. EVERY child should have the best of opportunities. Public money should go to public education and not handed over to corporations and real estate speculators. I would use the resources the office has to give people information that is hidden from them and to encourage teachers, students and parents to organize to fight for a tidal wave of money for the public schools.

## University of Michigan Board of Regents

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Eight Year Term

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**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

**MIKE BEHM**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** mgobehm.com  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney  
**Education:** B.A. University of Michigan, 1989; J.D. Wayne State University, 1992

*Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?*

I first ran and was elected to the U of M Board of Regents in 2014. I am an attorney and have spent my career representing people who have been injured due to the negligence of others. Many of my clients are poor and from underserved communities and I have seen, first hand, the value of a college education. I have spent a great deal of my time on the Board working to expand opportunities to attend U of M for citizens of Michigan. We started the Go Blue Guarantee (free tuition for in-state students whose family incomes are \$65k or less) when I was Chair of the Board five years ago. Today 19% our our in-state undergrads are recipients

*Q: What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?*

While there are many important issues facing the University today, I believe, in addition to providing a world class education to Michigan citizens, we are duty-bound to do so in an environment that is safe and free from harassment. Over the past three years, we have uncovered instances of past abuse and unwanted harassment. We have addressed these situation head-on, and such behavior cannot be allowed to continue in the future. The second issue is related to the first; we must rebuild trust across our three campuses. Trust between faculty and students, administration and the campus as a whole, and members of our entire system.

*Q: What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?*

While we have addressed some of the economic issues regarding accessibility (Money magazine ranked U of M the best college value in the US this year) more can and should be done. We also raised the minimum wage of all employees, including part-time students, to \$15.00 this year. I am interested in offering free daycare to students with children and we're making progress in this area. Additionally, because our Flint and Dearborn campuses have more non-traditional and first generation students, we are providing more counseling and advising services so our students know they're valued and stay on track toward completing their degrees.

**KATHY WHITE**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** www.friendsofkathywhite.com  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Prof. of Law, Wayne State University. Registered Patent Attorney. Brigadier General Army NG.  
**Education:** Princeton University, B.S.E. Electrical Engineering & Computer Sci., Univ. of Washington School of Law, J.D., George Washington Univ. Law School, LL.M, US Army War College, Masters, Strategic Studies  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a current Regent having vast experience on the Board. Prof. of Law at Wayne State University. Brigadier General Army NG.

I am a current Regent having vast experience and expertise on the Board and other areas. I can provide steady leadership for dynamic times. I am a full-time tenured Professor of Law at Wayne State Univ. specializing in patent law, and contracts. In addition, I am a Brigadier General in the Army National Guard serving as the Deputy Commanding General of the 46th Military Police Command in Lansing, MI. I am a registered patent attorney, electrical engineer, Fulbright Senior Scholar, and a White House Fellow. I was inducted into the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor in November 2019.

First, quality education is central to America's ability to remain globally competitive. UM must engage in public/private partnerships to continue building bridges between education, science, industry and government to create synergies to improve the quality of higher education. UM is well positioned to continue to translate knowledge to solve problems of general public interest to meet societal needs. Second, keeping UM affordable enables students from all backgrounds, with different perspectives, to enrich the academic environment and develop empathy, which often instills the courage to stand up and do the right thing.

During my tenure on the Board of Regents, UM instituted the "Go Blue Guarantee," which provides "free tuition for up to four years for high-achieving, in-state, full-time undergraduates with family incomes less than \$65,000 and assets below \$50,000." This program is available on all three campuses: Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn. As more students became eligible for Veterans Benefits, I spearheaded the move to become part of the Yellow Ribbon Program and offer all veterans, reserve components, and active duty service members in-state tuition so they can take full advantage of their Veterans Benefits and maximize funding levels.

**LENA EPSTEIN**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**SEVAG VARTANIAN**  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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# University of Michigan Board of Regents *(continued)*

<b>CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<i>Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?</i>	<i>Q: What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?</i>	<i>Q: What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?</i>
<p><b>ERIC LARSON</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Physician Anesthesiologist <b>Education:</b> BSE - Nuclear Engineering, University of Michigan; MD University of Iowa College of Medicine <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> BSE - Nuclear Engineering 1996 from Univ. of Michigan, Past President of my medical practice, Former president of the Kent County Medical Society, Current board member of the MI State Medical Society</p>	<p>I am a graduate of the University of Michigan (1996) where I received by bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering. I then finished medical school and residency in Iowa (anesthesiology) and returned to the state in 2004 where I have practiced ever since. I want the University to maintain its academic rigor while also fostering a place where students of all stripes can learn from one another with respect. I am someone who has served in numerous leadership positions both in the private and public sphere. I want to bring those skills to UM and make it an even better institution than it already is.</p>	<p>1) Open and free discourse on campus encouraged to allow students exposure to ideas they may not have encountered. This setting is best for young adults as they will have plenty of resources to challenge and work through complicated issues. In a pluralistic society they will be faced with all sorts of ideologies and positions and we should help equip them to deal with these in an empathetic and logical manner to encourage civil discourse. 2) Reasonable COVID policies that follow the science and do not violate students' bodily autonomy.</p>	<p>Keep costs low to allow for those with less means to attend more easily. It is also worth considering using the massive endowment that UM has to help lower tuition costs. Finally, we should try to minimize administrative positions that do not affect the quality of education as a way to lower the cost of running the university.</p>
<p><b>JOE SANGER</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>SHERRY A. WELLS</b> PARTY: GREEN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.migreenparty.org <b>Facebook:</b> www.facebook.com/groups/1183728172176662 <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Semi-retired attorney / writer <b>Education:</b> Grand Rapids Jr. College, Assoc. Education, 1964 - 1966; Michigan State University, BA Education, 1968-1970; Wayne State University, JD Law Degree, 1973-1976. <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Practiced law for over 40 years; instructor of Intro. to Law; author and publisher of 5 editions of Michigan Law for Everyone; president and board member of many organizations.</p>	<p>Added to the above, an important role for third parties is to raise issues that the Big Two will not raise, to focus on social justice and the environment instead of Big Corporations and war, to "follow the money" which includes how the U of M gets and spends money. I learned much about education in Michigan in my runs for the State Board of Education in 2014, 2016 and 2018. I Zoomed in on its June meeting. I drove to St Ignace and attended its first U.P. meeting and will continue. I do my homework. Of the three elected university boards, I earned degrees from MSU and WSU so now I want to attend to U of M by being on its Board of Governors!</p>	<p>Fairness to employees who uphold its reputation: this includes supporting the nurses in its renown medical system and, like teachers and their students, their patients are as important and part of the working conditions they press for improvement. Also, U.M. Dearborn campus employees will be getting raises to \$15 soon but those at the Flint campus will be only gradually increased to \$15--WHY the difference?! Also, I want to learn how much defense money the U of M takes in and about how much research is focused on the environment, which is connected with health, instead of towards war, which is a major environmental detriment.</p>	<p>Years ago, the Montcalm Community College offered courses for prisoners and recidivism reduced dramatically. Of course, that program was cancelled. (Yes, sarcasm.) Michigan annually spends \$36,000 per prisoner yet U of M tuition, fees, books, room &amp; board and expenses is only \$33,000. Only 11 percent of Michigan prisoners have a post-high school degree. Despite 28 prisons and 38,500 prisoners in Michigan, the U of M is not among the six institutions offering post-secondary education for prisoners. Recidivism is 25% and this could reduce that as well as make the prisoners a role model for education for their families.</p>
<p><b>KATHLEEN OAKFORD</b> PARTY: NATURAL LAW</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

# Michigan State University Board of Trustees

## Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Eight Year Term

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

<b>CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<i>Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?</i>	<i>Q: What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?</i>	<i>Q: What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?</i>
<p><b>DENNIS DENO</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.dennisdenno.com <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Small business owner <b>Education:</b> BA and MA <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Graduate of MSU, understand complexities of MSU</p>	<p>As a small business owner, former staffer in the Michigan legislature, MSU graduate and someone who lives a mile from campus, I see the positives and negatives of MSU Board of Trustees' decisions. To get anything done, Trustees must put politics aside and build a consensus and also ask how their decisions affect the MSU community and the entire state. The number one job of the MSU Board is to serve as the fiduciary agent for our tax dollars and I want to use my business and political experience and community relations to ensure that MSU's budget reflects our priorities.</p>	<p>Transparency and safety. As a public body, the MSU Board must be more transparent with their decisions and budget process. The other big concern is safety--do our students, employees, and guests feel safe on campus? Is MSU a safe place for everyone? If students do not feel safe then they will not succeed academically, and if employees do not feel safe then they will not stay at MSU.</p>	<p>Every candidate is going to say that they are going to fight to lower tuition, but we all know that they can't, thanks to cuts from the federal and state government. I would first like to examine our budget and see where our finances are coming from and going and if there are cost savings. More grant money would be great, but also increasing all salaries on campus to \$15 an hour would help students pay their bills.</p>



# Michigan State University Board of Trustees *(continued)*

**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

*Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?*

*Q: What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?*

*Q: What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?*

**RENEE KNAKE JEFFERSON**  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Trustee, Michigan State University and Professor of Law, University of Houston  
**Education:** JD, University of Chicago Law School  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees in 2019. Running to continue my work as a champion of change for student success.

Governor Whitmer appointed me to the MSU Board of Trustees in 2019. She chose me based on my expertise as an attorney and professor in legal ethics and gender equity. I served on the MSU law faculty for a decade from 2006-16, and continue to reside in East Lansing. My husband and step-son are proud Spartan graduates. I believe education should be affordable, accessible, and inclusive. I value academic freedom, campus safety/healing, civility, diversity, equity, respect, sustainability and transparency. I have been a champion of change to further these values at Michigan State, and hope to continue my efforts for the next eight years.

There are several issues that I would rank as the most pressing for MSU today. Priorities for me include: (1) enhanced accountability and transparency in Board governance; (2) meaningful diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; (3) improved campus safety and healing, especially for survivors of sexual violence and misconduct; (4) affordable tuition and living costs, in particular for in-state students; and (5) increased educational and economic opportunities for all 83 of Michigan's counties through MSU's Extension Program.

Making education truly accessible to all Michigan residents requires more than keeping tuition affordable, though that is important. Pipeline programs starting in elementary school and extending through high school are essential to helping our youngest residents access higher education. MSU does this through the Extension program and other outreach efforts, but more can and should be done to help make university education a realistic option for anyone who wants to pursue it. In addition to K-12 pipeline programs, I recommend targeted outreach to first-generation university students and special support for them as they enter higher education.

**MIKE BALOW**  
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**TRAVIS MENGE**  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Orthopedic Surgeon  
**Education:** Michigan State University (BS); University of Colorado School of Medicine (MD); Vanderbilt University (Orthopedic Surgery Residency)  
**Qualifications and Experience:** As a physician, I have spent my entire career caring for patients and working to improve the lives of others. I understand the many healthcare-related challenges our students and universities face.

My healthcare leadership experience makes me uniquely qualified to successfully guide MSU through unexpected challenges, such as the COVID pandemic and Larry Nassar Scandal. Additionally, up to 15-20% of the annual budget (\$1.4 Billion) at MSU is related to medical education, health sciences, and research. The MSU Trustees provide supervision over the university and its funds, but do not have a member with healthcare experience when addressing these issues. I received a scholarship to attend MSU, and want to utilize my experience to give back and serve the university that has provided so much to me. Go Green!

Higher education and healthcare share many similar issues. I believe two of the most pressing issues facing MSU are the value of education offered and accessibility for students. Many people simply talk about cost, but I believe improving the value of education is more important. Value takes into account both the cost AND quality. I want to make high quality education affordable and lower costs, thereby offering the best value to students. Accessibility is also an issue facing students across Michigan. I want to ensure students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to obtain a world class education at Michigan State University.

Improving accessibility to a high quality education at MSU is very important to me. I grew up on a cattle ranch in northwestern Colorado, and attended high school in a rural Wyoming town of less than 400 people. Without the scholarship I received to Michigan State, I never could have dreamed of (or afforded) to come to Michigan and attend school at MSU. I will work to ensure opportunities are available for Michigan students from every background to earn both merit-based and needs-based scholarships. We need to leverage our corporate and industry partnerships to further expand funding sources, and make better use of our taxpayer dollars.

**CLARANNA GELINEAU**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** MI Dept. of Human Services/Retired  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am an alumna of Michigan State University.

Retired caseworker with much experience dealing with people, paper and problems.

1) Affordability of attending college. The government must stop making predatory loans and administration must reduce spending whenever possible.  
2) Student safety. (Nasser scandal and death of Brendan Santos)

Increasing the availability of online learning or establishing a 'earn as you learn' route for some courses of study.

**MAX RIEKSE**  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Lt Colonel (Ret); U.S. Army; 32 years; Retired Michigan Public School Teacher; 23 years;  
**Education:** Two MA's WMU; Political Science; International Relations; Education; History; US Army -CIB/ABN/LOM/BS/MSM; BA University of South Florida. Political Science & International Relations.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Not endorsed by the left wing socialist MEA; Vietnam War & Iraq War Veteran; VFW & NRA Life Member

Two Masters Degrees & K-12 Teaching Certificate from WMU; Libertarians are all about Lower taxes; Less Government in our lives & face; Individual Freedom; the Constitution & Bill of Rights; the Second Amendment; & Personal responsibility; No Mandates of any kind; Max Previously received :”Full Endorsement” from Michigan Vaccine Freedom PAC & “Friends of Conservative Energy Advocacy” - Michigan Conservative Energy Forum; & Michigan Right to Life; & the NRA - National Rifle Association - A Rated; Its all about Individual freedom; Enact strict control -legislation regarding RED (PRC) ownership of US - Michigan farm land;

NO Necon Wars; NO Antifa or Communist's on Campus; NO CIA/BATF/ NSA/WOKE/BLM/CRT/PRC/FBI/ on - at any Michigan University tax supported Campus; No draft to support future Necon wars; Free Speech on Campus; It's OK to be White; Re-elect President Donald Trump for 3rd time; No war with Iraq or Russia over Ukraine; Repeal 16th Amendment/Federal Income Tax; AX the Michigan Income tax; REMEMBER RHODESIA; Stop Genocide on the Roof of the World - Free TIBET; ? Boy Cot PRC.

No vaccine or mask mandates for all Michigan University students & Michigan National Guard; FREE Speech on campus; No Illegal alien attendance at Michigan K-12 university tax supported schools; NO Estate tax up to 50 million dollars; then 10%; NO estate tax on family farms; NO PRC/ Red Chinese students on campus; Priority attendance to Michigan students; (inappropriate response deleted); 5% Flat tax; Nonprofits/Billionaires pay 20% flat tax; Michigan Nonprofits with woke agenda pay 50% income tax; with money earmarked towards helping MI Poor with food; housing; gas; medical & Child Care.

**ROBIN LEA LAURAIN**  
PARTY: GREEN

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# Wayne State University Board of Governors

## Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Eight Year Term

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

<b>CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<b>Q: Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?</b>	<b>Q: What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?</b>	<b>Q: What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?</b>
<b>DANIELLE ATKINSON</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MARILYN KELLY</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT  <b>Website:</b> votemarilynkelly.com <b>Facebook:</b> facebook.com/marilynjelly1 <b>Campaign Twitter Handle:</b> marilynjkelly1 <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Law Professor/Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Wayne State University <b>Education:</b> JD Wayne State University, MA Middlebury College, BA Eastern Michigan University <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> 8 years' experience as Governor of the Wayne State University Board of Governors (immediate past Chair of the Board); 24 years as an appellate judge (a past Chief Justice of the Supreme Court).	I have been a member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors for nearly 8 years. Earlier, I was a member of the Michigan State Board of Education for 12 years. I have been the chair of both boards. My experience as a former student, current professor and board member at Wayne provides me a balanced view of the University, its strengths, its weaknesses and its needs. I want to serve a second term on the Board because I am devoted to the wellbeing of the University, its students, faculty and staff. I want Wayne State to provide the best possible education to its students, to enhance their social mobility, and enrich their lives.	Rapid changes in higher education and reduced funding. Like other universities, Wayne State is facing enormous changes caused by our changing society. I would concentrate on better use of technology in teaching, and I would promote new curricula to better prepare students for rapidly shifting workplace demands. In past years, the Michigan Legislature has slowed its financial backing of the University, putting pressure on the school to raise student tuition in order to maintain the quality of its educational offerings. I oppose increasing tuition unless grants and scholarships for the financially needy offset the increases.	1. More courses offered virtually. The opportunity to get a university education should not depend on where students live in the state. It should not depend on whether students are employed or have child care responsibilities. 2. More assistance to students who struggle to succeed in university courses. Many students need to have skilled people available to help them adjust to the demands of college, to help them sharpen their skills and answer their questions. The university must be a place where they feel accepted and welcomed. The faculty, staff and students alike must be sensitive to the destructive effect of implicit bias.
<b>CHRISTA MURPHY</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>CRAIG WILSHER</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>BRUCE JAQUAYS</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN  <b>Website:</b> votejaquays.com <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Retired from USPS, part-time Walmart Associate <b>Education:</b> BA from University of Michigan <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> I have some experience with union contracts from my time at the USPS. I'm a WSU dad, my daughter graduated from WSU.	I wish to serve on the Board of Governors as I have seen other universities' boards such as the University of Michigan, of which I am an alumni, make decisions that make the university less appealing to all students. I believe all groups should feel comfortable to come to the university. I support the first amendment on campus. I worked my way through college, I know what student debt is. I work with college age associates, who don't feel they have a future. A WSU degree would help them as it has others like my own daughter. I want WSU to become a first choice not a second or third choice. It has a lot to offer. I won't mess that up.	The two most pressing issues facing WSU are parking and not being considered a first choice of a university to the greater Detroit area. 1) Parking is a complaint from many students. Since WSU has a large commuter student body, safe and convenient parking issues are a major concern to them. My daughter was a commuter. Her car was broken into on campus. It wasn't the end of the world. It's also something that's often mentioned before great professors etc. 2) WSU is in Detroit. Duh?! Detroit has good points that match Ann Arbor and East Lansing if not better. Out state doesn't know that or care. A hurdle to be addressed.	Cost is the biggest road block to accessibility. As a governor, I would take being a steward of the financial resources very seriously. Also WSU must offer courses and classes that are practical. Parents want their children getting useful degrees. WSU needs to meet or exceed what are competitors are offering to students. WSU has a lot to offer but... it is Detroit vs Ann Arbor/ East Lansing/Mount Pleasant/etc. Actual campus crime may not be any different but... WSU needs to address this harder than other colleges. I'm in favor of spending more on security as it will benefit WSU students and our infrastructure.
<b>MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>SUSAN ODGERS</b> PARTY: GREEN	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion



# Oakland County Commissioner

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

Oakland County has a 19-member Board of Commissioners which functions much like a state legislature or city council. The Board acts on proposals of the County Executive; can over-ride an executive veto by two-thirds vote; passes the general government budget; and makes appointments to County boards and commissions.

### CANDIDATES

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

**Q: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?**

## District 1

**DAVE WOODWARD**  
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Unlike my opponent, I have a lifetime of experience in the private sector. I have worked in restaurants, family-owned businesses and in large corporate settings and I understand the realities of trying to make a living in all of them. I also have an appreciation for the concerns of such businesses and the challenges posed by government interference in their operation. I also owned a business for eleven years so I understand the concerns of employers. I have lived in my district for 27 years. During most of that time, Oakland County was the envy of the nation for its competent, business-like management. In the last few short years since my opponent has controlled the board of commissioners we have seen the damage done by a government more concerned with intruding in our lives and woke virtue-signaling than responsible management of the peoples' resources, particularly their tax dollars. County government shouldn't be about power, it should be about sustainable responsibility.

We need to restore transparency to county government and true security to our election process, even if that increases inconvenience. Too much work is done behind closed doors or delegated to agencies that are not directly accountable to the people. We need to reopen the process to the light of day so the people can watch and judge our actions. We need to take immediate action in reversing local government's intrusion into people's lives. This means reevaluating programs and eliminating those that are unnecessary, inefficient or counter-productive. By returning their tax dollars, the people become free to support the causes they—not the politicians—value. We need to restore responsible, sustainable management to Oakland County's government. County government needs to return to serving the people the of the county, not bullying them or making them dependent.

## District 2

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I was elected Oakland County Commissioner, District 16, in 2018. I was the longest standing Mayor in Clawson, from 2007-2017. I was on Clawson City Council from 2003-2007 and on the Zoning Board of Appeals 2002-2003. I have a Masters Degree in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University and have been employed at Easter Seals for more than 20 years. For many years, I have been the Clawson Youth Assistance Chairperson, Co-Organizer of the Clawson Farmers Market (since 2009) and secretary of Boy Scout Troop 1627, I am on the Clawson Chamber of Commerce and Area Agency on Aging 1B Board of Directors. I love people. Working with people and advocating for people is my idea of fun!

Balanced Budget  
Public Safety and Infrastructure  
Environment, mental health and senior services  
Our priorities dictate where we utilize money in the budget. Continuing a balanced budget and the AAA bond rating is the priority. Public safety and infrastructure is what councils and commissions were created for initially. Safe, clean and livable communities are what we strive for. We need a green environment, mental health and senior services to support people who live, work and play in Oakland County. Maintaining and improving our parks, homes and businesses with native plants will support our geographical area. We all need a helping hand at one time or another in our life and providing services to people in need is a moral value. Our seniors, our older generation, shared their life with us and now it is our time to support them to continue to live a good life, whether independently or with home health care and assisted living services.

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My name is Ken Roberts; a 44 year old, 22 year resident of Troy. I am a veteran of the Marine Corps and a former EMT. I have been married for over 17 years, and we share 3 boys; in 3 different Troy public schools. My occupation is in residential remodeling which I find very fulfilling in seeing the end results. I also have exercised my investment and used the GI Bill to fund 2 degrees at our very own Oakland Community College. I am running for Oakland County Commissioner because I see it as one of the most local ways to meet the needs of our community. I have served in the military; I have served as a first responder; and now it's time to serve my community and the future generations. As a business owner, I know that fiscal responsibility is a must. Tax paying dollars from our local neighborhoods should benefit the people in our local neighborhoods. Over spending, higher budgets, and unpopular proposals will only hurt the average households pocket book; especially in this economy.

The first of 3 priority issues in no particular order as I find them all equally important is Safety. We absolutely need to keep our officers, firefighters and first medical responders funded. Keeping criminals accountable for their actions is a must. The more leeway they get; the more crimes will be committed. Second priority would be the schools. We need to keep the parents involved in what our children's curriculum is. What they are learning, and what are on the library shelves. K through 12 education should not be political; it should be a learning path of basic knowledge before they grow into young adults and make their own decisions based on future experiences as we all did. Lastly, but certainly not least would be the fiscal responsibilities. District 2 is made up of a wonderful society that embraces family values. We need to keep taxes down for our seniors that are on fixed budgets. Certain proposals are raising taxes higher for unneeded purposes. This spending needs to stop



# Oakland County Commissioner

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## District 3

**GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY**  
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County Commissioner (2009 to Present), Madison Heights City Council (1983 to 2008- Both as City Councilman and Mayor). I'm currently Chairman of Oakland County Parks Commission. I also serve on Finance, Health & Safety, Airport (Chairman), Healthy Aging Ad Hoc Committee (which is to help Seniors age in place) and Chairman of the Local Road Improvement which is a committee to give grants to all communities in Oakland to help cities and villages with their local roads.. I have served in the past on Planing Committee (Chairman), Zoning Committee (Chairman) Youth Assistance Council (Both County and Madison Hts.) and several other committees. I have been married to my wife (Diane) for 47 years with two adult children Andrew and Amy. All of us have volunteered in our communities for 50 years. I have been on the Madison Heights Little Baseball Board for 40 years and the Youth Assistance Committee. I'm very committed to the communities that I serve both young and old.

**YOUR TAX DOLLARS** — The number one job as Commissioner is to spend your tax dollars wisely. As my record will show I'm not afraid to vote NO if I think your tax dollars could be spent in a better way. As a former Mayor, I think it is important to help local communities where the county can. So that is why I have worked hard to provide cities with grant dollars for local roads and to keep our communities safe from crimes committed against Oakland County residents.  
**SAFE COMMUNITIES** — We must do a better job to provide safe communities to all residents of Oakland County. It is very important to reduce crime of all kinds to both young and old. I'm very willing to work with both our Sheriff and Prosecutor to ways to improve our crime rate.  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** — We have to work hard to bring businesses to Oakland County that will build a robust economy that provides good paying jobs to our residents.

**RONALD DWYER**  
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## District 4

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I am a lifelong Oakland County (Rochester area) resident and very proud Michigander. I have a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University and an MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. My specialization is in transatlantic and national security, and I worked at the U.S. State Department and then for as a national security fellow for Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin. I ran for the Michigan State House in Rochester Hills in 2020 and am currently the Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Rep. Samantha Steckloff (D-Farmington Hills) where we have worked tirelessly to pass truly transformational budgets in Transportation and Higher Education. I've worked in government for the better part of a decade; I've seen bad leaders, and I've seen good leaders. My hometown deserve a good leader as our County Commissioner, and I promise to deliver that for us.

1) Healthcare - I want to make sure we can take our lessons learned from Covid to the post-pandemic world. We need to be providing holistic healthcare, from reproductive to mental at standing or mobile county health clinics covering all of our residents, from Holly to Ferndale, Rochester to Novi.  
 2) Workforce Development - I cannot wait to support programs like Going PRO and Michigan Works! to make sure the jobs of tomorrow find a ready workforce here in Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills. These programs also help to retrain folks currently in the workforce who might face job turbulence due to innovation, making sure that no one here is left behind in the race to the future.  
 3) Protecting Our Planet - We need to continue working to make sure that every Oakland County resident has access to safe, fresh drinking water. We also must act together with at least Wayne and Washtenaw Counties to create a coordinated, comprehensive public transportation system that actually works.

**KEVIN R. MCDANIEL**  
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I am a 4th generation lifelong resident of Oakland County's District 4 which serves the communities of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills. I have served on my City Council for 14 years, the last 8 as Mayor. I began my service to the community in 2003 as a police officer. I am also a past recipient of Oakland County's Elite 40 Under 40 Award. My wife, Erika, and I have two children, Addison (12) and Kailer (10). I am a graduate of Avondale High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Business, with a concentration in Information Technology from Oakland University which is also located in District 4. In addition to serving the community, I am an executive for a leading global biotech company, where I am responsible for managing cost-saving strategies that increase patient access to life-altering biologics while reducing financial burden. I am running to ensure that the County anchors itself in fiscal responsibility, supporting our local businesses, and keeping our residents safe.

As YOUR Commissioner, I will bring my leadership experience of 6 years as a City Councilmember and 8 years as Mayor to the County Commission. As I have achieved with my city council colleagues, I am committed to collaborating with the entire Board of Commissioners on sound fiscal policies and ensuring positive results on the following priorities.  
**MAINTAINING OUR HOMETOWN VALUES** - common sense decisions need to be made locally from input from the people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.  
**RESOURCES FOR OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – ensuring our Deputies have the tools and training to keep our communities safe and that the safety of our children is paramount.  
**FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE** - we need to return the County to responsible spending and good government, prioritizing and refocusing on EVERYONE within our community, and not special interest groups.

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## District 5

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I am active in the community, From volunteering on the DDA promotions team for the village of Oxford which lead me to being appointed to the DDA board as secretary in 2020. For 2 years I worked with the other respected board members to make decision for the best interest of the community.

I am also Moderator of my church, Immanuel congregational U.C.C. The council have worked together to make improvements to the church and community. We are working on making improvements to the 144 year old church , not just structurally, but also to meet the needs of individuals who may require accessibility. All doing so while continuing to serve the community in need.

Being elected as your commissioner requires the ability to work as a team for the best intention of the community. It also takes time to reach some goals and taking the right path is not always easy.

Please visit my Website and Facebook for more details.

I have Usher's Syndrome, a combination of hearing loss and Legally blind. I plan on advocating for the disabled community.

1. Create Job training for individuals who developed a challenge during adult age.

2. Affordable living for those who are on a fixed income and unable to find work while living on SSDI

3. Enforce and improve ADA requirements before new projects begin.

I want to focus on the Landfill and recycling program. We can all see how large trash mountain is getting. Educating the public what can be recycled and developing ways to encourage residents and companies to support the program. Oakland County should be setting the standards, nut just meeting them.

I also want to focus on the improvement of mental health . I am not a professional in the field, but I believe in working with the ones who are. As a team, we can make the necessary steps to provide tools and methods to help battle mental health issues. Ignoring the issues will not make it better.

### MICHAEL SPISZ

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I have been married for 22 years and we have two daughters. I earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Global Business. During the day I work as a Global Executive Director of Engineering for a Tier 1 Automotive supplier. Politics has been a growing passion of mine since college, and I started in 2008 when I ran for the Oxford Township Board of Trustees and was elected to a 4-year term. I served on many committees during this time and incorporated many fiscal policies and management practices that resulted in hundreds of thousands in savings. I was elected to my first term on the Oakland County Board of Commissioner in 2012. I have served in many leadership roles from Committee Chairs, Vice Chairman of the Board, Human Trafficking task force, Gun Violence Study group, Covid-19 Economic recovery task force, Oxford response Ad Hoc Committee, and the Minority Caucus chair.

1. Budget. We must continue to maintain Oakland County's financial position and AAA bond rating. With ensuing inflation we must maintain our multiyear balanced budget and continue to find ways to save cost within Government.

2. ARPA funding must be consider and used effectively and efficiently to ensure we are not creating long term programs that funding will no longer be available for in out years. We must also use these funds to support our local businesses and continue to bring employers to Oakland County. I will continue to work to find alternatives and inventive ways to continue to entice employers into the area.

3. We must continue to support our Sherriff's office and local law enforcement. With the social climate, mass shootings, threats, and overall anger in our communities we cannot afford to reduce funding of our law enforcement agencies. We must work together to find new ways and programs to support them and our citizens, including critical intervention training.

## District 6

### SARAH B. POUNDS

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My name is Sarah Pounds and I am running for Oakland County Commissioner for the 6th District.

I live in Orion Township with my husband, Nate, and our four young daughters. I was born and raised in Northern Oakland County. I graduated from Clarkston High School, then attended Oakland University, where I earned a bachelor's degree in History and Paralegal Certificate. For 15 years, I worked as a paralegal, specializing in construction and surety law. I was part of a team that worked with municipalities to complete or remedy public construction projects. I enjoyed this work and learned a lot about how local governments function.

In 2020, I said goodbye to my career in law and devoted myself to my family and serving my community. I was elected Precinct Delegate for Orion Township's 6th Precinct.

Now, I want to ensure that Oakland County is better prepared for the future, by prioritizing small businesses, public education, including school safety, and colleges & universities.

If I am elected Commissioner, I will always advocate for and vote to invest in education, including school safety, and Oakland County's great colleges and universities, small business growth and maintaining and improving our green spaces and environment.

### MICHAEL J. GINGELL

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I have spent the majority of my life in Oakland County. My family are some of the original pioneers and built a town in Orion Township called Gingellville. I was raised with a sense of community, a responsibility to help your neighbor and commitment to lead efforts that improved the lives of others. I have been a County Commissioner for the past 16 years and am the former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (Longest serving Chairman in Oakland County history). I have a good understanding of the governmental system and I know how to get things done in a bipartisan manner. I also have 25 years of private sector experience including running mature businesses globally, restructuring businesses globally and initiating and running start-ups. I have a MBA from Wayne State University, Bachelors in Business Administration from Oakland University and attended Oakland Christian high school.

1. Balanced Budget: Ensuring financial responsibility and viability. Making sure we do not spend more than what we have. I will not vote for a budget that is not balanced and responsible.

2. Investment in People and Assets: The County needs to continue to invest in its people to ensure they have the wages and benefits to have a quality life. In addition, we need to invest in our assets to to ensure they remain viable for the next decade and that they have the appropriate level of security and safety mechanisms in place. I will initiate and support these activities.

3. Viable Workforce: Unemployment in Oakland County is low and in order to the economy to continue to grow, we need to ensure we have a consistent supply of labor. We need to work with the schools, colleges and business community to invest in programs that provide the needed resources. I will initiate and support these activities.

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## District 7

### KRISTIN WATT

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I am a mother of two incredible young women, a wife, small businesses owner, community volunteer and advocate, Holly Township Library Board Trustee, and Democratic Precinct Delegate. I have had the privilege of working with an array of individuals, organizations, as well as local government bodies in North Oakland County over the last several years. My passion for service and ability to bring diverse groups of people together for a common purpose has been one of the great joys of my life. I am running for County Commissioner because I believe that a budget reflects our priorities and my priority is advocating for working families. I have experienced first hand the struggles of being a working mom, small business owner, and the overwhelming needs of families needing mental health resources. I am active and engaged with my community and the good people of our area are tired of division and want tangible results. Everyday people need a voice, I'm dedicated to being that voice.

Oakland County has an almost billion dollar budget. While great strides have been made to improve support in the following areas, I believe there's more work to do.

My top three priority issues are

1. Prioritizing additional funding and resources for working families, seniors, and veterans who continue to struggle due to the rising cost of living and are still recovering from the residual effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.
2. Increasing financial support for small business start ups as well as established small businesses.
3. Advocate for any and all additional resources to expand mental health services and increase accessibility for citizens of every age.

### BOB HOFFMAN

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I love being an Oakland County commissioner. This is a position where you can actually help people. One of my favorite quotes in life is from the Dalii Lama who said "our sole purpose in life should be to help others, and if you can't help them at least do not hurt them". I am a small business owner and farmer. I am a former Township Supervisor and current County Commissioner. I belong to a few Chamber of Commerces. I am chairman of the Holly DDA and a member of the Highland ZBA. I expend my time ,my energy and my money to represent my constituents. I believe that everything in life is experience and building relationships. That is the best quality I bring to this position. I have been able to help people when they thought that no one could solve their problem.

The three top priorities are. 1. To balance the budget and maintain our AAA bond rating. First and foremost it is our responsibility to spend the taxpayers money as if it were our own. We have a duty to live within our means and not to waste someone else's money. 2. While everyone has a responsibility to pay their taxes, The government has an absolute responsibility to assess peoples property in an equitable manner. There is so much of Oakland County that is over assessed. I have been fighting this for the last few years. 3. I represent my district 1st and Oakland County second. One size does not fit all. I do not need the State of Michigan or Oakland County to micromanage my district because they think they know what is good for us. Oakland County is an incredible place to live work and play. We must work together to do what is the best for all of Oakland County.

## District 8

### THOMAS J. KURZYNIEC

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I was born and raised in South West Detroit Michigan. Growing up in that multi racial area was the in my opinion the best thing that happened in my life. I've seen and associated myself with the poor, the middle class and the well off. This interaction has made me the person I am today. I help the poor, work for the middle class and support the well off. By the grace of God, I was hired into General Motors and quickly became involved in the union (UAW). I ran for office and won which started my path to help the working class. I was elected to many positions in my 33 years with GM and currently a UAW International Servicing Representative for Region 1. Being in this position for the last 5 years is primarily negotiating contracts on behalf of the working class with the companies. In doing so, I know the value of a worker but also know the value of the success of the company. As County Commissioner I will continue to work for the people with the other County Commissioners and Leadership.

In District 8, we have a large concentration of lakes in which I live on one of them. Countless times our lakes are closed due to water issues. I would like to oversee a program that keeps the lakes/beaches safe and open.

Also roads, some Oakland County roads are horrible. With the new infrastructure bill recently passed I will champion some help for these areas.

Finally, some of our schools are broken. Bullying and harassment is at an all time high. I will work with the other Commissioners and Leadership to get the proper assistance to help those schools that are in need.

### KAREN JOLIAT

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While completing my first term as County Commissioner, I'm pursuing a run for re-election to continue enforcing a fiscally conservative and transparent governance to the Board. In addition to my 4 year BA in Business Administration from Walsh College, I served as a Township Trustee for 8 years. My +25-years of experience in government and the for-profit sector as a pharmaceutical representative with Bristol-Myers & account executive for Detroit Newspapers. In addition, experience in the non-profit sector as past president Oakland County Children's Village Foundation for 8-years. These careers have equipped me with fair and balanced budgeting tools. I've been successful and resourceful in maximizing services and appropriating funding on a limited fluctuating budget. I have the flexibility, creativity, and drive to be a productive board member. My experience and community involvement has earned me retired Commissioner Middleton's endorsement.

Maintaining the County's AAA Bond rating is paramount. I will continue to work toward fiscally conservative budgeting practices to preserve this rating for the benefit of the taxpayers. The roads persist to be a challenge. I plan to work with Road Commission & SEMCOG to ensure fair appropriations from the State to District 8. Serving as a past Trustee, I saw firsthand the lack and need for funding of infrastructure to local units of government, specifically for subdivision roads. Economic development is more important than ever. Companies and employment remain in recovery mode from the effects of the pandemic. I will work with County's Economic Development team to support them, along with local governments, enticing businesses and workforce to relocate to Oakland County.

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## District 8 (continued)

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Angela Powell, a community activist, who has gracefully accepted the opportunity to help many citizens and elected officials throughout different counties in the state of Michigan. Angela was born and raised in the City of Pontiac to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Powell who are both deaf and has 6 siblings (5 sisters and 1 brother). Angela attended Oakland University, where she attained her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She has in the past worked in or with all levels of government (local, state, federal) and in the non profit sector. Currently, Angela Powell is the Oakland County Commissioner District 10 (City of Pontiac Only), works for Mayor Tim Greimel-City of Pontiac as the Community Liaison Specialist and a small business owner of Tax Savvy Refunds Company located in Pontiac, MI. Angela is known for her hard work and dedication and being a great mother to her daughter Makayla.

Housing-Finding resources and ways to improve individuals life in this area.  
Mental Health-find financial resources and get the government to address this issue more directly!  
Workforce- find strategies and resources to get people back involved in the workforce.

**GJYSTA NUCULAJ**  
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## District 10

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I'm a life-long Oakland County resident, born and raised in the District I represent! As a sitting member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners since 2018, I currently serve as the Majority Caucus Chair, Chair of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, Chair of the Healthy Aging Ad Hoc Committee, and I am a member of the Public Health and Safety Committee. As an energetic leader and passionate problem solver, I am running for re-election to further pursue my commitment in representing the diverse voices of District 10 while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Minor in Special Education and a Master of Education with a major in Special Education from WSU, and I completed board certification (Behavior Analyst) from FIT. Currently, I work full-time as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with individuals on the autism spectrum in our communities throughout Oakland County.

Public Health and Safety. The health and safety of our communities depends on the health of the people who make up our communities. I will continue to support Oakland County's collaborative efforts in providing equitable access to affordable mental health and behavioral health services and treatment to individuals across Oakland County. Improving the Quality of Life for all Oakland County Seniors. I will continue to implement the Blueprint for Successful Aging recommendations and strategies to meet the needs of our rapidly growing 65+ population and those who care for them. We must continue to strive to make Oakland County a retirement destination of choice and a community that allows seniors to age in place. Environmental Justice. Preserving our natural resources, community green spaces, parks, and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities. Everyone deserves access to clean air, clean water, and inclusive outdoor activities.

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I was born and raised in Oakland County as well as my wife and two children. I have both worked and been a small business owner in this great county. As a father of two school aged children I had seen enough. Current elected officials believe without even knowing you or your children, that they know how to parent and keep your kids educated better than you. That couldn't be further from the truth because nobody knows better for your kids than you, the parent! Oakland County Commissioners chose to stand by and do nothing to stop the unelected health department officials while they played politics with our children's future. To them it was party over the people's will. Join me as we change the future and bring back people over party.

We need to give parents an ear for their voices to be heard, they have been tirelessly pleading to a deaf commission who obviously has their own agendas. We need to put a stop to the new proposed tax increase on homeowners of the county which would add another \$66 million to an already mismanaged \$124 million dollars. I also would love to propose an increase our budget to the sheriff's department including more police officers during school hours to have more patrol and presence in the schools where our children are most vulnerable. We can do so much better for the taxpayer with that \$124 million that has been mismanaged for years, that money should be spent on behalf of all the residents in the county, not just a few.

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## District 11

### MARCIA GERSHENSON

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I was born in Detroit and graduated with a teaching degree from the University of Michigan. I have always been involved in the political scene and was finally convinced to run for office myself- and I am so glad I did. The pandemic has given County government the opportunity to really help people during a crisis. The Board of Commissioners was able to send out millions of dollars of aid to the unemployed, small businesses owners and non profits. My past experiences as a Commissioner helped me understand the needs in our community that would help foster our economic recovery. I am currently the Vice Chairwoman of the Board and try and use that position and to build coalitions among Commissioners. In addition, I have been working on bringing more childcare options to our County, affordable housing and increasing gun safety measures.

The Pandemic revealed some major areas that need more attention and support. Increasing mental health services for all residents has been and will continue to be a top priority. Continuing to help our economy recover and assist small businesses and entrepreneurs succeed is a major focus. With our new County sustainability officer, environmental safety and justice will be a priority.

### S. DAVE SULLIVAN

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## District 12

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Lifelong resident of White Lake Township. Married with two children. I am currently employed in the public sector while also running a small business. Graduate of Walled Lake Central High School. I have a Bachelor's Degree from GVSU in Liberal Studies with an emphasis on Leadership and Diversity. I have my Master of Public Administration from Oakland University and a Post Masters Certificate in Local Government Management. I have been a proud public servant for the past 18 years where I have worked for Oakland County, the City of Clawson, the Village of Wolverine Lake, and currently at the City of Berkley. I am committed to working with all residents, business owners, and constituents in this District. It is my goal to bring sound leadership, empowerment, equity, good governance, accountability, honesty, and integrity to the Board. I will be steadfast in living up to the duty of an elected official, by being the voice for the voiceless and doing what is right and just for all citizens.

#### 1) ECONOMY:

- Retraining the workforce to respond to emerging job sectors
- Creating incentives to bring new businesses to Michigan
- Protecting business owners who were affected by the pandemic
- Supporting local municipalities with economic development
- Maintaining the AAA bond rating for the County
- Reinvesting in our urban centers

#### 2) HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

- Establishing mental health funding for residents and schools
- Fighting for women's rights and LGBTQ+ members
- Partnerships with businesses, colleges, and trade schools
- Helping residents to attain affordable housing
- Educate residents on the resources the County offers
- Better access to health care for veterans and those in need

#### 3) ENVIRONMENT:

- Addressing our roads and infrastructure needs
- Addressing our need for safer water for residents
- Developing better practices for maintenance and construction
- Developing a more robust Regional Transportation System
- Conserving and Protecting open spaces, parks, water

### CHRISTINE A. LONG

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I have been your Oakland County Commissioner since 2003; serve on Finance Committee, Parks & Recreation, Airport Committee and was Chairperson of General Committee. I am a Registered Nurse, and a small business owner of Long Farm. "As your County Commissioner, I have been proud to serve the citizens of the county for the last 20 years. I have worked hard to keep us safe and rebuild our economy. As a business owner of a family farm, I know the challenges faced by small businesses because I live them everyday. We need someone who understands the real world and is committed to making Oakland County safe and profitable. I believe in providing quality services while keeping our taxes low. Most importantly, I will remain highly visible and available for ALL the citizens of Oakland County. I appreciate your vote for County Commissioner once again by absentee ballot or on August 2 2022.

#### 1. Stop irresponsible spending.

With an annual budget of a billion dollars, as a Finance member, I will continue to review county spending with diligence. The county receives American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. These funds are used for county programs such as mental health services in schools. However, these dollars need to be watched carefully to what programs there are used for. This government money is not "free"; it is all the peoples money. It is imperative to keep taxes low while providing quality services within a tight budget.

#### 2. Rebuild small business climate in Oakland County.

The pandemic has made many small businesses shut down. I will continue to fight to keep small business doors open by supporting Oakland County's small business initiatives.

#### 3. Support Law Enforcement .

Everyone deserves to feel safe where they live , work, and play, I will continue to support the Sheriffs department, including the new training faculty. Endorsed by Sheriff Bouchard.



# Oakland County Commissioner

## CANDIDATES

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**Q: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?**

## District 13

### JIM WILLIAMS

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I am a native Detroiter and a 50 year Highland resident. I am a retired state youth services caseworker and have been a small business artist for 45 years. Over the years I have also been a substitute teacher, a state transporter, a youth art instructor at inner city outreach programs, and a Meals on Wheels driver. Oakland County and the wider area face many issues: climate change, jobs, lake and water concerns, broadband, infrastructure, mental health, and quality of life. It requires a creative and progressive vision. On a personal note I was raised in a home with many uncertainties yet I knew I was fortunate to be living at a time in America with many possibilities. My work has allowed me to engage people with hard core needs. As a student of history I see a need to face the the current and ongoing issues. I hope to be part of solution by serving as district 13 commissioner. I am a member of Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, and contributor to many charitable needs.

Improving mental health services through the commissioners position. Serving the district by supporting existing small businesses and encouraging new economic development. Viewing projects and policies with an environmental benefit perspective. Climate change is now. Oakland County can set a standard for other counties to follow.

### PHIL WEIPERT

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Married to Pam & 30+ year resident South Lyon; Owner-Law Office Philip Weipert; Juris Doctor-Cooley Law School, B.A. U of M-Dearborn, Catholic Central H.S. Serving on Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee. Past Chair-SEMCOG, Milford, Highland, Wixom & South Lyon Historical Societies, Highland White Lake Business Owners Assoc.; Kensington Valley/S. Lyon, Huron Valley & Lakes Area Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 & 2005 Chamber Citizen of the Year, Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, Deputy Grand Knight K of C Council 7586 & P. Secretary K of C Assembly 3099 Milford-monthly Flag replacement on Veterans Graves; Member-Lyon (Twp.) Events Org. L.E.O./Kitefest; Operation Injured Soldiers; Huron River Watershed Council; Milford Memories & War Dog Memorial. I am currently serving as Commissioner, and am qualified because my background in law, public service, & leadership roles in numerous civic organizations has provided me with the skills and values to serve District 13.

Economy, Fiscal Responsibility, Roads & Infrastructure. As Commissioner, I have worked on & passed a Balanced 3 Year Budget-maintaining our County's AAA bond rating-saving residents millions in interest costs. I voted to lower the tax rate every year-protecting property values while providing quality services. My goals are to insure that all tax dollars, & the American Rescue Plan funds are spent/invested as intended, wisely and costs are contained. I voted for our Local Road Improvement and our Tri-Party Road Programs making millions of dollars available for local match to improve roads. I will continue to support the County programs to preserve property values and to attract and stimulate workforce development. I have experience with all aspects of County operations & I have demonstrated the ability to work with all County Depts. to continue the programs that provide quality services to residents, and will insure that all tax dollars are spent in a fiscally conservative manner.

## District 14

### AJAY V. RAMAN

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Thank you for the opportunity to share a bit about myself. As a physician of nearly 20 years and owner of a successful local medical practice, I have a proven track record of public service and dedication to the community. I have lived in Novi for the last 12 years with my wife and two kids where I've been elected for the last seven years to serve as the Vice-President/Treasurer of the largest homeowners' association in Novi. In these capacities, I have been responsible for making large-scale decisions, balancing budgets, and advocating for others. Attesting to my commitment to make a difference, I ran for Mayor of Novi in 2021 where I came within just a few percentage points of defeating a long-time incumbent. The overwhelming, continued support from both residents and elected officials alike, motivate me to remain passionate and focused on the priorities that resonate with so many, and why I believe I can make a positive impact as Oakland County Commissioner in the 14th district.

I am committed to listening to our residents and addressing their same universal concerns as my top priorities:  
 1) Public Safety: In a time when it has become unsafe to go to school, shop, or attend worship services, we need to support our first responders and ensure they have the resources needed to keep our communities a safe place to live and work.  
 2) Mental Health: The pandemic has only exacerbated the mental health crisis we have been experiencing for years. As a medical professional, I have a vested interest in making sure that residents have access to receive proper care and maintain their wellbeing.  
 3) Infrastructure: Whether it is working with the Oakland County Road Commission to ensure that our roads and bridges are maintained or collaborating with Sierra Club to ensure waterways are protected from septic/sewer contamination or teaming with the League of Conservation Voters to promote renewable energy and sustainability there are innumerable opportunities for improvement.

### ROBERT SMILEY

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As well as being a father and husband, I am a two-term City Councilman who is running to be your next County Commissioner in the new 14th District serving Commerce, Novi, Walled Lake, and Wixom. I have my own small design and marketing business and I have been active in the community for years, providing my abilities as a designer, coach, and leader. My experience has taught me how to maximize spending with a fluctuating budget. I have successfully worked to lower local tax rates in Wixom while maintaining a balanced budget each year. I will work with cities, townships, and villages to make sure they have the services they require and to ensure county policies benefit our residents. I have been a consistent voice for wise spending of our tax dollars and living within our means. With the economy in a delicate state, it is more important than ever to elect leaders who will serve our community by enacting policies and laws that enable individuals, businesses, and communities to prosper.

1 - As a city councilman, public safety has always been my top priority, and it is the responsibility of all elected officials to properly fund law enforcement. It is vital to return the millions of dollars cut from the Sheriff's budget. 2 - The Oakland County Transit Tax that is on the ballot in November was pushed forward to the ballot by commissioners at the last moment. It will raise property taxes by hundreds of dollars annually to bail out a transit system that is losing money and has failed. There are better ways to provide the transit needs to the many different types of communities in the county – starting with giving communities the ability to opt out of a system that does not serve them. 3 - It is important to be good stewards of our planet, but the "Green New Deal" plan for Oakland is filled with unproven objectives that will do more harm than good. I, like most folks, want to take better care of our environment, but our economy cannot afford excessive regulation.

# Oakland County Commissioner

## CANDIDATES

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**Q: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?**

## District 15

**GWEN MARKHAM**  
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I am running for a third term as Oakland County Commissioner, having been first elected in 2018. Before that I served 5 years on the Novi City Council. My professional background is in Manufacturing Operations and Engineering in the automotive and aerospace industries. I serve on several Board of Commissioners committees, including Finance (chair), Economic Development and Infrastructure, and Retirement and Drain Boards. It is our job to work with the Executive and other County leadership to help achieve goals related to workforce development, affordable housing, public health, and environmental sustainability.

1. Infrastructure upgrades and planning for the future, especially in areas of stormwater management, energy policy, and equitable restoration of communities like Pontiac, who need support to replace lead pipes in much of the community.
2. Create policies and programs to help develop more affordable housing throughout the region. Work with local communities to partner to make it possible for young people to have a home of their own.
3. Lead the region in support of small and medium size businesses. Continue the work of promoting growth across the manufacturing landscape here in Oakland County. Foster partnerships with local non-profits, educational institutions, labor, and others to create a talented workforce and the jobs of the future. Find a public transit plan that satisfies the region's needs for workforce mobility.

**MICHELLE DINARDO**  
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I am a single mother with two children (age 17 and age 14). I have been employed as a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) for 29 years. I have assumed many roles over the years while employed at the same RIA firm. Positions included Chief Compliance Officer, Operations Manager, Client Advisor and Portfolio Manager. I have a deep understanding of critical financial plan development to accumulate and grow funds for future purchases, such as children's education and retirement funds. My knowledge would be beneficial in assisting Oakland County's Board of Commissioners to develop a realistic financial plan based on what are necessary expenses versus wanted expenses. As a fiscal conservative, I would work to maintain Oakland County's AAA bond rating and will stand up for county residents, not special interests. I have been a life-long Republican and have long-time involvement in the Republican party.

Oakland County taxpayers cannot accept continuous higher tax rates! I would fight to lower tax rates which would offset the inflationary costs of gas, food, and energy. We need to control spending and demand accountability! Our tax dollars need to benefit our residents, not handed over to foreign entities such as THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM. We must fight to secure our borders. We should not be forced to pay for healthcare, education and housing for illegal immigrants arriving in our County and State.

## District 16

**WILLIAM MILLER**  
 PARTY: DEMOCRAT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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**MICHAEL F. MROZOVICH**  
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After a working career of over 40 years it's time to put those skills to work for the county. I've built and run multi-million dollar manufacturing systems in different countries and understand investment, return on investment, productivity and efficiency. With complexity of issues increasing, it is critical to have folks that have worked in the industries that populate Oakland County; while a lifetime in factories isn't glamorous, it teaches you to work with people, work hard, long hours and solve complex problems under the worst of conditions.

First, the county should return to the fiscally responsible ways that the county was run under L. Brooks Patterson. We should be very careful about spending tax dollars; money earned by our constituents should go only for needed projects that can show a benefit to our county. Too many projects have high expectations with no tangible benefit. That is the definition of charity. I'd prefer Oakland County residents make their own decisions on charities they'd like to support. Second, we need to keep Oakland County tax dollars in Oakland County, regional schemes where Oakland County taxes are used to prop up poorly run and expensive regional entities are a bad idea. Being an engineer, I had to do extensive "return on investment" calculations before my projects moved forward. We need a board that does hard analyses of projects before moving forward. Lastly, we saw horrendous overreach of government during the Covid problem. Parents and individuals should be making medical decisions.

## District 17

**YOLANDA SMITH CHARLES**  
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As the current Oakland County Commissioner in District 17, I am proud of the work I have accomplished in my short tenure. I represent the people when I go to work as Commissioner for Lathrup Village, Southfield, Oak Park and Royal Oak Township! My political career started when I saw a vacancy on the ballot for Southfield Board of Education Trustee. I ran as a write-in and won with 104 mighty votes! I served for nearly 10 years on the BOE being re-elected twice.. In 2020 I decided to run for Oakland County Commissioner. While on the Commission I have fought for all members of the District 17 community including homeowners, renters, landlords, businesses, seniors and families. I am a Toastmaster, alumni of Hampton University and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. I am asking for your vote, to re-elect me to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Let's continue the work! Vote Yolanda!

A proven record. While serving on the Board of Commissioners, I collaborated with my colleagues on the Democratic caucus and worked with staff to get things done. But the work is not over. Here are a few of my Top Priorities for my next term:  
 1. Economic and Workforce Development. 2. Accessibility 3. Transparency  
 +As majority Vice-Chair on the Oakland County Economic Development committee I have advocated for policies that bring jobs, training, and small business support to residents of Oakland County. I will continue that work.  
 +We have wonderful, world-class amenities in Oakland County from our County Parks and Recreation to the support for Seniors in the community. Let's make sure folks can access these features. I will continue to advocate in this area.  
 +Transparency in government is critical. Our website needs some TLC. It is my goal to make sure all the resolutions the Board has voted on are easy to find and share on the web. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

# Oakland County Commissioner

## CANDIDATES

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

**Q: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?**

## District 17 (continued)

**AARON TOBIN**  
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I am a lifelong Resident of Oakland County, and I graduated from Southfield-Lathrup, and Michigan State University. Having grown up in Southfield and Oak Park, and enjoying a wonderful childhood here, I would like to ensure that current and future generations have the same opportunity to grow and thrive as I did. The current County Commission has set their priorities on other issues, and I am running to shift our priorities back so that our county and its residents may thrive once again. With my years of experience as an Employer, owner, operator in the Automotive Industry, I have extensive experience dealing with Manufacturing, wholesale and retail sales. This real world experience will be extremely valuable in dealing with Oakland Counties budget, and seems to be sorely missing on the current Oakland County commission.

We must cut excessive spending. For example, the Current commission which is voted in to manage the county budget, has recklessly and irresponsibly wasted an estimated 23 MILLION dollars paying the Water Bill of Highland Park, which is in Wayne County. I was shocked and horrified when the current commission voted to reduce funding to the excellent Oakland County Sheriffs Department. Public Safety need must a top priority for all residents of Oakland County. Education must be addressed. Parents should have considerable input when it come to what is being taught to their children.

## District 18

**JANET JACKSON**  
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**KAT PHILLIPS**  
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A life-long Michigan resident and glass ceiling breaker, Kat Phillips resides in Franklin with her husband, son Alex and two Siberian Huskies. Alex began his education at The Roeper School and is now a Dean's List scholar athlete at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. A former AstraZeneca Regional Director, technology consultant, medical equipment sales professional, and Xerox Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award winner, Kat will bring balance, inclusivity, emotional intelligence, knowledge and expertise to the Commissioner role. Kat is currently a small business entrepreneur, a Cranbrook Upper School Parents' Council Co-President and Multicultural Awareness Think Tank leader, a Franklin City Council DEI Committee member, and a Right to Life advocate. She will deliver intentional engagement and focused research, while being committed to truth, transparency, informed consent, constitutional freedoms, inclusive community voice, and fiscal responsibility for all of Oakland County.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are...  
**LIFE:** The Right to Life is indisputable, and includes those most vulnerable, who are most certainly alive: the unborn.  
**LIBERTY:** The protection of individual constitutional freedoms and the safety of our Oakland County residents are priority Issues. Medical, firearm and safety decisions must involve public forums and critical thinking, welcome research from broad, uncensored sources, and enable our citizenry to freely make their own choices.  
**AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS:** Persistent inflation and soaring prices are decimating our economy and negatively impacting everyone in Oakland County. Ensuring focused fiscal responsibility of county finances will help enable the economic recovery of our residents and businesses – and provide them a renewed opportunity to pursue the American dream.

## District 19

**CHARLIE CAVELL**  
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I am running to continue leading our community towards justice in all its facets. This means racial, social, economic, and environmental justice. My experience comes from being a social worker, a municipal finance staffer for Mayor Duggan in Detroit, and 2 years as a County Commissioner.

1) Thriving Communities--  
 Making housing/living in a community in Oakland County more accessible for people of all incomes, age groups and races. Specifically this means increasing Oakland County's Fair Market Rent rate (FMR), incentivizing services that meet common needs like childcare and utility affordability. Furthermore, fully funding the efforts of the Sustainability Director and DEI Director Oakland County as these have yet to be seriously considered by leadership.  
 2) Happy/Healthy People  
 Focusing on expanding services that can improve the quality of life of residents. Specifically, turning the Blueprint for Aging into funded policy, criminal justice reforms such as redirecting funding upstream from policing to prevent crime as opposed to the current paradigm of reacting to it.  
 3) Smart Business  
 Continue to support Oakland County's efforts at focusing on small, local and minority/women/veteran owned businesses.

**JOSEPH C. PUCCI**  
 PARTY: REPUBLICAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Township Officials

### Addison Township Trustee

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**MARY A. FROST** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

### Holly Township Park Commissioner

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**KURT MISCOVICH** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

### Independence Township Supervisor

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**JOSE F. ALIAGA** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

### Oakland Township Park Commissioner

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**MATTHEW PEKLO** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

### Oxford Township Trustee

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**CATHERINE COLVIN** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

### Royal Oak Township Recall Supervisor

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**CANDIDATES**

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

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

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### Royal Oak Township Recall Clerk

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**GWENDOLYN TURNER**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**OSSIE DIXON**  
PARTY: NPA

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**ELLA MOORE**  
PARTY: NPA

Did not respond in time for inclusion

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## Township Officials

### Royal Oak Township Treasurer

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**JOEANN BROWN** PARTY: DEMOCRAT Unopposed on the ballot

### Royal Oak Township Recall Trustee

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**CANDIDATES**

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

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**WANDA ALLEN**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**JEFF CUSHINGBERRY**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**KIMBERLY BRADLEY REAVES**  
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I'm running for Trustee because I love and care about the residents of Royal Oak Township. I will always do the right thing and will be transparent and accountable to the residents of Royal Oak Township. We need qualified, decisive and effective leaders with integrity fighting for our families. I have the background to show that I am that leader. I have over 30 years of experience in the field of finance and operations. I served as Charter Township of Royal Oak Treasurer from 2012-2016. I'm a strong advocate for education and literacy and served 13 years on the ROT Library Board. I hold Master's degrees in both Business (MBA) and Accounting. In the November 8, election, I am running against candidates that are being recalled. Therefore, the election laws require that I run as a candidate with No Party Affiliation. But I am a true Democrat and I believe in the Democratic value system. To vote for Kimberly Bradley Reaves, Trustee, you MUST fill in the circle next to my name.

1. Property tax revenue is the greatest source of revenue for our community and during difficult economic times, property tax collection is negatively impacted. I will work to ensure that various economic development opportunities and sources of revenue are identified and that all cost-saving measures are considered.
2. Public Safety concerns must be addressed by developing a strategic plan that recognizes the connection between economic opportunity, enforcement, and prevention. Enforcing building/blight codes and establishing programs for seniors and children are examples of initiatives that are critical in creating a safe community. Which in-turn contributes to economic growth and sustainability.
3. Community engagement is required in every community. Everyone is affected by decisions made by Township government and should have a voice in the decision-making process. A strategic plan and process must be established that will allow the Board of Trustees to connect with residents.

**CASSANDRA S. RESPRESS**  
PARTY: NPA

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

### Royal Oak Township Park Commissioner

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**JAMES HARDMAN, JR.** PARTY: DEMOCRAT Unopposed on the ballot

**ARMOND RESPRESS** PARTY: DEMOCRAT Unopposed on the ballot

### Southfield Township Clerk

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**EILEEN HARRYVAN** PARTY: DEMOCRAT Unopposed on the ballot

### Springfield Township Trustee

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 11/20/2024

**BILL WHITLEY** PARTY: REPUBLICAN Unopposed on the ballot

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## Michigan Supreme Court Justice

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Eight Year Term

**Duties:** The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts. Although the election is nonpartisan, candidates (other than incumbents) are nominated by political parties.

#### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

#### RICHARD BERNSTEIN

PARTY: NP

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**Occupation / Current Position:**

Michigan Supreme Court Justice  
**Education:** Phi Beta Kappa Graduate of the University of Michigan and earned my Juris Doctor from Northwestern University Law School

**Q: Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court and how do your educational, occupational, civic and community experiences qualify you to serve on this court?**

I was born legally blind and my unique life challenge has helped fuel my passion for fairness and driven my professional, legal, and public service work. I believe in justice that is blind to ideology, blind to special interests, and blind to partisan politics. As a Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court, I listen, make sure all sides are heard, and that the rule of law is always served. A good judge knows what it means to struggle. As former head of the public service division of The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, I spent my career fighting to ensure justice is served for all people, including those with disabilities.

**Q: Describe, in lay terms, what the Michigan Supreme Court does and the challenges it faces. How would you address these challenges?**

The Michigan Supreme Court has two keys functions. The first is to serve as the court of "last resort" in which it decides some of the most significant judicial cases in the State of Michigan. The second is to oversee the administration of all other courts in the state which includes establishing rules for practices and procedures in all Michigan courts. A key issue facing Michigan courts right now is the backlog due to the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in lengthy waits for cases to be adjudicated. I believe all courts should safely return to in-person court, move through the backlog, and use virtual court when necessary.

**Q: What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?**

Greater access to justice in both criminal and civil justice systems are the biggest needs. For example, in order for public defenders to fairly represent their clients in criminal proceedings they need the tools and resources to conduct a proper investigation of the facts. In civil proceedings, the question is how can we ensure all people have an opportunity to participate and navigate the justice system without getting left behind. The Court's Justice For All Task Force is committed to working towards 100% access to justice in the civil system and I applaud the effort to make Michigan courts more accessible to all people statewide.

#### KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN

PARTY: NP

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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** Grand Valley State University, 2006-2010, Bachelor's degree; University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2011-2014, Juris Doctorate degree.

I am an attorney, currently serving my second term, representing the 35th District in the Michigan State House. I have gotten 5 bi-partisan bills passed and signed into law. I am a graduate of Southfield Public Schools and received my bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. I decided to run for Michigan Supreme Court because I love Michigan, have practiced law and participated in making state law, and I want to ensure equal justice under the law for generations.

The Michigan Supreme Court serves as an equal and impartial third branch of government and does not make policy or law. The Court is responsible for ruling on cases brought before it based upon the evidence presented and to make independent, reasoned judgment based upon the law. As a non-partisan judicial candidate, the Michigan Judicial Canons prohibit answering questions regarding issues, or taking positions on matters that could be presented to the court. I believe that we have an opportunity to protect justice for generations. We have the opportunity to ensure access to justice and equal justice under the law.

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#### PAUL HUDSON

PARTY: NP

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I'm often asked why I would run for elected office in a political environment as nasty and divisive as ours. My answer is always the same: We need good people of good character to step up for these positions. Now, more than ever, we need our most qualified and experienced candidates to step up to the plate to run for office. I lead the appeals group at one of Michigan's top law firms, clerked for a top federal judge, graduated from Cornell and Georgetown Law, and have served as lead counsel in more than 150 cases in the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The Michigan Supreme Court sits atop the justice system in the state, and serves as the ultimate umpire for all legal disputes in Michigan, especially those involving the most important and complex issues of constitutional interpretation. The biggest challenge the Michigan Supreme Court faces is the politicization of our courts. Simply put, we need to keep the politics and politicians out of our courts. The Michigan Supreme Court is a nonpartisan institution—it's on the nonpartisan section of the ballot for a reason—and I take this very seriously. People need to be able to trust that their judges are not just politicians in robes.

In addition to the politicization issue I discussed above, our justice system as a whole needs to be far more efficient. It can take years to process cases, and in many courtrooms across the state the system is set up for the convenience of the individual judge, rather than the public at large. There is no excuse for this, and it needs to change. One way to change this is through the smart use of technology. Through Zoom and other technology platforms, we can make the justice system more accessible, less expensive, and more efficient.

#### KERRY LEE MORGAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:**

Attorney. Kerry Lee Morgan is Of Counsel to the law firm of Pentiuik, Couvreur, & Kobiljak, P.C.

**Education:** Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981 Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, with honors, 1977.

The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over forty years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are sometimes reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular to the bench, so that Justice may be done.

Article VI of the Michigan Constitution provides the Court exercise only judicial power, including superintending control, adopting rule of practice and procedure, and to issue written decisions in cases and controversies that come before it. In so doing it must secure the rights of the people by confining the government's power strictly within its Constitutional boundaries. It does not enjoy any power to make law or carry the law into execution. It does not enjoy any power to substitute its own political matrix for that of the parties, the legislature or Governor. It has no power to insert new rights into the Constitution.

The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan by elimination of compulsory membership. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar. It compels lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. The Court also tramples down the natural rights of conscience in the process. Securing natural rights is the states only compelling interest.

## Michigan Supreme Court Justice *(continued)*

### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

#### BRIAN ZAHRA

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Justice, Michigan Supreme Court  
**Education:** Wayne State University (B.A.) University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (J.D.)

**Q: Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court and how do your educational, occupational, civic and community experiences qualify you to serve on this court?**

I am the only member of the Court to bring prior trial court and appellate court experience to the job. Having tried hundreds of cases and reviewed on appeal thousands more, I possess a wealth of experience and knowledge relating to the proper application of statutes and court rules to cases. My passion for the rule of law and equal justice under law has also led me to Chair the Justice for All Commission (discussed below), to ensure access to our civil justice system to those in need of legal assistance. This unparalleled blend of experience and dedication to our justice system makes me uniquely qualified to serve another term on the Court.

**Q: Describe, in lay terms, what the Michigan Supreme Court does and the challenges it faces. How would you address these challenges?**

The primary function of the Court is to interpret Michigan law. Courts do not make law. Elected legislative representatives make our laws. The greatest challenge for the Court is to state what the law is and not what we think the law ought to be. Judicial restraint accomplishes this challenge while acknowledging that equal justice under law is the foundational promise of our legal system. Equal justice under law can only be achieved when litigants can be confident that judges will restrain themselves to the proper interpretation of the law.

**Q: What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?**

Too many people are denied meaningful access to the civil justice system because they cannot afford a lawyer. These cases involve very important issues, like housing, domestic disputes and debt collection. I chair a commission that is developing strategies to narrow this justice gap by rethinking the delivery of legal assistance. Another significant challenge to our court system is catching up on the backlog of cases that developed as a result of the pandemic. This is best addressed by utilizing retired judges to help resolve old cases, and encouraging litigants to use alternative dispute resolution in the civil context.

## Judge of Circuit Court: 6th Circuit - Incumbent Position

Vote For No More Than Five (5)

**LISA LANGTON (INCUMBENT)**  
 Unopposed on the ballot

**CHERYL A. MATTHEWS (INCUMBENT)**  
 Unopposed on the ballot

**DANIEL PATRICK O'BRIEN (INCUMBENT)**  
 Unopposed on the ballot

**YASMINE I. POLES (INCUMBENT)**  
 Unopposed on the ballot

**VICTORIA A. VALENTINE (INCUMBENT)**  
 Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of Circuit Court: 6th Circuit - Incumbent Position

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**DAVID M. COHEN (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of Circuit Court: 6th Circuit - Incumbent Position

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**KWAME L. ROWE (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of Circuit Court: 6th Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**AMANDA J. SHELTON** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of Probate: Oakland County

Vote For No More Than Two (2)

**JENNIFER S. CALLAGHAN (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

**KATHLEEN A. RYAN (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of District Court: 44th District

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**JAMIE WITTENBERG (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of the District Court: 45th District

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

*Q: Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.*

*Q: Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.*

*Q: Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?*

**MICHELLE FRIEDMAN APPEL (INCUMBENT)**

University of Michigan, B.A 1977, University of Detroit/Mercy Law School, J.D. 1980, 45th District Court Judge 1-1-2003 to present; Chief Judge, Judicial Clerk to Oakland County Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien 1978 to 1981, Associate Attorney at Keller and Avadenka P.C. 1981-1985, Attorney at Law, Michelle T. Friedman P.C. 1985 to 2002, Huntington Woods City Commissioner 1995 to 1998, Oakland County Board of Commissioners 1999 to 2002, President, Michigan District Judges Association 2020 to 2021, Chair of State Bar of Michigan Judicial Section 2022 to present, Judicial Representative to State of Michigan Trial Court Funding Commission 2018 to 2020, Member of the Michigan Jail Reform Advisory Committee 2021 to 2022

For the last twenty years I have had the honor of serving as District Judge for Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge and the Township of Royal Oak. Before my election to the bench, I was an attorney for twenty years, with a concentration in family law and criminal defense. I also served as a Mediator in Family Court, Circuit Court and District Court. I handled all phases of legal practice including discovery, motions, epositions, trials and mediations, primarily in State Circuit and District Courts. My extensive legal experience provided an excellent foundation when I became Judge, and my twenty years on the bench has made me an experienced and highly competent Judge, able to handle any kind of case that comes to court.

As Judge for the past twenty years, I have earned a reputation for a strong work ethic, thorough preparation, a solid knowledge of the law, and for treating all who come before me with dignity and respect. My steady temperament allows me to calmly and skillfully manage my courtroom. Off the bench, I have always been active in the local communities within my judicial district. Each day I take the bench, I make a positive difference in the lives of those who appear in front of me, and make my community a better place. It is my privilege to serve, and I hope to add to my contribution in the coming six years.

**BRENDA RICHARD**

I earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Wayne State University (1991); and a JD from WSU Law School (1995). I clerked for a general practitioner during law school. I was an Associate at two law firms (1996-1997 and 1999-2001); the Legal Services Director for the Women's Justice Center (1998-1999); and formed a partnership with two colleagues (2007-2009). At all other times I've practiced as a sole practitioner. I was elected as a Precinct Delegate in 2018, performing telephone and neighborhood canvassing. I have provided free legal services through the William Booth Law Clinic and free legal consultations for the SAAS (Sisters Against Abuse Society). I am a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, the Oakland County Black Democratic Caucus, the Black Women Lawyers of Michigan, and the Wolverine Bar Association.

I have 27 years of legal experience. My practice spans many areas of the law. Although my primary area of practice is family law, I have expertise in personal injury, criminal defense, employment law, probate, landlord/tenant, consumer protection, contract disputes, small claims, civil infractions, and juvenile law. My geographic practice area is concentrated in Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb counties. However, I've also had cases in Monroe, Genesee, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Calhoun. I've practiced in Circuit and District Court. My client base consists, primarily, of the middle and working class. While at the Women's Justice Center, I assisted lower income residents of Wayne County, and residents of My Sister's Place (a shelter for victims of domestic violence), in family law related and housing disputes. In my current position, I assist low-income residents throughout Michigan.

There are so many answers to this question. First, I have compassion and I want to hear both sides of every story. As an attorney one of my biggest frustrations is leaving a courtroom with the belief that my client (and I) hasn't been heard. Litigants need to know that a judge fully understands what brought them to court. I believe this will bring a better acceptance of any verdict the court makes. Second, I have a calm demeanor and I'm a good listener. One of the things I hear frequently is that people feel comfortable talking to me and telling me their stories. I'm certain that I'd take that quality with me to the bench. Third, I'm fair and respectful. I believe in even-handed justice, and I believe everyone deserves to be respected. Litigants end up in court because they are at a difficult point in their lives. Finally, both sides of the aisle will come to know that I care what happens to them and to the community regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or social background.

## Judge of the District Court: 47th District

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**MARLA PARKER (INCUMBENT)** Unopposed on the ballot

## Judge of the District Court: 52nd District, 4th Division

Vote For No More Than One (1)

**TONYA CLAWSON GOETZ**

I graduated from Vassar College in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. I received my Juris Doctorate degree from Boston University School of Law in 1997. I have served as an assistant prosecutor for over twenty three years. I have honed the skills to effectively evaluate cases objectively through listening and considering the positions of all parties. My years of experience was built on the evaluation of cases in which I was tasked with considering the varying circumstances of each case and making decisions to ensure justice was served. I am a member of the District D Character and Fitness Committee Member, Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Oakland County Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association and the Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan.

The general nature of my law practice is criminal law, juvenile delinquency law and abuse and neglect law. However, my legal work has not been limited to the practice of criminal law. I am required to have a working knowledge of constitutional law, civil procedure, family law, probate law, freedom of information law, municipal law and appellate law. I have handled all aspects of criminal prosecutions involving felony and misdemeanor cases in District and Circuit Courts. This includes warrant authorization through post-sentencing and appellate proceedings. I have tried numerous bench and jury trials in Circuit Court and various District Courts.

I have spent my career protecting the community, working to be fair to everyone, 2022 Judicial Candidate and dedicating myself to ensuring that justice is served. I pride myself on my ability to consider various issues in cases and my willingness to change my position when presented with verifiable evidence that would support changing my position. I have spent my career treating all parties in a professional and courteous manner. As a judge, I will follow the law, issue opinions, and make rulings in a timely manner. I will treat everyone that appears before me fairly. I will also ensure that everyone is allowed the opportunity to not just be seen but to be heard and have a voice in my courtroom while still protecting everyone's rights



# Judge of the District Court: 52nd District, 4th Division

## Vote For No More Than One (1)

### CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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### KRISTEN NIELSEN HATIG (INCUMBENT)

- Michigan State University, graduated 1988
- The American University, Washington College of Law, 1991 Juris Doctorate
- Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor-1991-1995, Co-founded the Specialized Domestic Violence unit.
- Attorney at law, 1996-2010
- Judge of the 52-4 District Court, serving Troy and Clawson, 2011-present.
- Presiding Judge, Sobriety Treatment Court, 2013-present
- Presiding Judge, Mental Health Court, 2022
- Board Member, Troy Community Foundation, 2016-present
- Board Member, North Woodward Community Foundation, 2009 to 2016
- Kiwanis Club of Troy, 2007 to present, past President
- Oakland County District Judges' Association, 2011 to present, past President
- Michigan District Judges' Association, 2010 to present, Legislative Committee, 2019-present
- Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals, 2012 to present
- Families Against Narcotics, member, Key Note speaker, 2014 to present

As an assistant Oakland County Prosecutor, I handled all types of criminal matters from misdemeanors to felonies in all district and most circuit courts in Oakland County. As a criminal defense attorney, I handled cases involving both misdemeanors and felonies, including 1st degree murder, primarily in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties. I was also accepted to the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel for the Federal Court, Eastern District of Michigan to represent defendants charged with serious federal crimes involving multiple co-defendants. As a district judge my docket includes landlord/tenant matters, civil lawsuits less than \$25,000, and arraignments, preliminary cause conferences and preliminary exams for felony matters and arraignments, pretrials and bench and jury trials for misdemeanor and civil matters.

My intellect, diligence, persistence, fidelity to the law, passion, compassion and temperament uniquely qualify me for judicial office. I hold myself, court staff, members of the bar and litigants to high standards of preparedness, respect for others' time, decorum and respect for the law. I am considered a member of the judiciary with advanced knowledge in substance abuse disorders among my peers. I take the time necessary to ensure the legal rights of self-represented litigants and criminal defendants in my courtroom. I will interject if an attorney is not representing their clients' best interests or is unprepared to adequately represent his/her client. I do not simply call balls and strikes in court but actively seek to ensure justice in each case I hear.

# Oakland Community College: Board of Trustees Members

## Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

### CANDIDATES

*Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?*

### KATHLEEN ANNA BERTOLINI

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Kathleen A. Bertolini is a Workday Change Management Lead for the Higher Education and Government Spaces at Accenture. Kathleen was able to make a successful career change coming to the corporate world from a long tenure of public service. She began her service as a public middle school teacher with over 25 years public school teaching experience and moved to county government to train the workforce. Accenture took notice of her skills and invited Kathleen to join their team in 2021. Kathleen has a proven track record of educating people of all ages, while providing strategic thought to make successful change a reality. In her professional leadership roles, she has been successful. Over the last 6 years, Kathleen have served the college as an OCC Trustee. She would like to continue in this capacity using her skills, abilities and insight to keep on with growing the college and its impact to the community.

1. Fiscal Responsibility - Monitor and intervene to make sure the college is using its resources properly and wisely. Serve as a good steward of the college's resources while making sure those resources are supportive of the college's mission and values.
2. Making sure that the college provides value to the community- Providing our community with the skilled diverse workforce of the future. Supporting and guiding the college to offer relevant programming that will upskill and reskill those already working to accomplish these goals. Additionally, delivering the training that would allow the students to develop skills they need as well as what employers want.
3. Student Growth - Continue to provide opportunities for student growth in spite of the declining enrollment trends. Support our college community in developing relevant and creative solutions to attract students to the value that is Oakland Community College.

### EDWARD D. CALLAGHAN

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Using my experience and educational background it is my goal to make a difference in the lives of students and staff at Oakland Community College. I am proud to have been a part of Oakland Community College for over 25 years, serving in both administrative and faculty positions including as a Business Faculty Member, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and President at Orchard Ridge Campus. I hold a BA from the University of Detroit Mercy, an MBA from Wayne State University, and a PhD from the University of Michigan. Giving back to the community has always been important to me. My volunteer community service currently includes board governance positions with Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, and Motor City Lyric Opera.

Our first priority must be to prepare students with the skills for today's and tomorrow's jobs. To accomplish this I will work with the board to add relevant certificate programs and establish partnerships with the business community to provide student internships. Secondly, it is critical to offer students flexible learning options. This requires making classes available to the greatest number of students by offering "on-ground" classroom instruction, on-line classes and hybrid classes. Finally, we need to ensure fiscal integrity. I will work with the board to require databased enrollment projections and a 5 year budget plan. Let's set our students on the path to success !

### RICK DONOVAN

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

# Oakland Community College: Board of Trustees Members *(continued)*

## Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

### CANDIDATES

**Q: 1. Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?**

### ALEXANDER C. DUENSING

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As an individual who has taught and studied at community colleges, I know the amazing power that they hold for students, community and local business. As an ivy-league graduate, I can report, first-hand, that my experience at community colleges did more for me personally and professionally than my ivy-league program--at a far more affordable cost. As an individual working in the pharmaceutical industry to get people the medicines that they need more affordably, I can say that I learned at a community college the agile manufacturing practices that will make that vision real. As an educator, I know that community colleges can provide the individual attention that many students need to excel. As a published artist and Pushcart nominated poet, I know that community college can deliver quality arts experiences that rival the best galleries and publications in the world. As someone committed to working with the public to build a better future for our college, I ask for your vote.

1. Under its own governance guidelines, the OCC Board has made itself so that it only has symbolic power. Namely, it only gets involved in big picture issues and has barred itself from getting involved in any particular details of implementation--or with any other person at the college other than the Chancellor. I know that this model does not make sure that students, faculty, staff, or taxpayers are heard or championed. If elected, I would simply refuse to be bound any such limits, except as mandated by ethics or law. 2. Currently, OCC only offers a paltry 20% tuition discount to seniors over the age of 60, when the Michigan law allows for free tuition. My campaign has already been in contact with OCC (and other Michigan colleges). My proposal for better tuition for seniors (at little cost to taxpayers) is already on the OCC agenda. 3. Much of OCC's current enrollment is online. If elected, I would work to ensure that our programs are competitive with other online offerings.

### PAMELA S. JACKSON

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I was employed with Oakland Community College for over 31 years teaching mathematics, construction management and concrete construction management. These construction courses and programs were created by me working collaboratively with the construction industries, local K-12s, and a university. Community outreach is second nature to me. I also worked as a department chair and an interim dean a few times over a five year period. So I've had experience in the classroom, administration, creating programs the community needed and I bring all of these skill-sets to the table. Currently, I am the Board Chair of OCC and I was asked to serve on the steering committees for three multi-million dollar construction projects due to my vast experience in the construction arena and my involvement with the renovations that I helped save the college a few million dollars in the late 1990's.

1) Keeping tuition affordable. Researching what other community colleges charge for tuition, we have kept OCC's tuition one of the lowest in the state and I would continue to do so if reelected.  
 2) Creating more community education or enrichment courses. Working with the staff at OCC to encourage community outreach to seek out what areas could be added for the community's benefit. When I have attended various community functions, I ask what the college could create to enhance its enrichment offerings and pass this information along to those in charge. I would continue to do this type of outreach if reelected.  
 3) Since the college has been going through and will continue to go through renovations, the college needs to be fiscally responsible to the tax payers of Oakland County with its expenditures. I am on all of the construction steering committees to help ensure that this happens. I will continue to do so if reelected.

### DARKO MARTINOVSKI

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Industry is not represented on the board of OCC. Industry needs a voice. Oakland County's industrial base has a backlog of technology to launch that requires a skilled trades talent pipeline. Growing this pipeline will create prosperity for Students, Citizens and Industry for many generations. Relevant qualities & skills: 30 years of bringing products and services to market in Automotive, Aerospace, Defense, Energy & Medical. Board Member - Aerospace Industry Association of Michigan Board Member - FIRST in Michigan robotics K-12 STEM Committee Member - Macomb Aerospace & Defense Committee Member of the CEO round table Graduate of Ferris State University Passionate leader, critical thinker and networker

(1) Partner with Industry to generate purposeful curriculum and planning for jobs of the future. (2) Develop branding that will attract students, faculty and industry to the trade programs. Graduates will have very little educational debt and accelerate their earning potential. (3) Develops strong outreach to local school systems (K-12) and institutions handling re-skilling. This outreach must create the opportunity for students to explore all the potential career paths in skilled trades.

### DOUGLAS J. SMITH

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I have a long career in education including Walsh College, GVSU and Oakland Community College and in economic development at the local, regional and state levels. The Community Colleges are one of the most important institutions to assure people can achieve their educational and career goals. The location and costs for OCC make it accessible to everyone. While its faculty, that often still work in the field, provide high quality and practical education, allowing students to keep jobs, advance in their jobs or find new employment. OCC also provides a great stepping stone for those seeking a four year degree by providing a cost effective way to manage the first two years and explore different professions. OCC receives substantial funding from local property taxes and so has an opportunity or even an obligation to serve the local community with its many resources, including students, staff and facilities. My experience and knowledge make me a unique candidate to serve OCC.

1. Prepare students for employment: I will encourage continued partnerships with businesses, educational institutions and government to assure that what is taught in the classroom matches required job skills. I would support workforce development programs, internship and short term certificate programs and classes focusing on emerging sectors and global awareness.  
 2. Affordable Tuition: The door to the community college must be open for students to develop skills for personal and career success. Affordable tuition can be achieved by careful consideration of all expenses, challenging to find new ways to achieve the colleges goals including the use of new technology and sharing resources with nonOCC entities.  
 3. Community Outreach: OCC has an important role to serve the communities in Oakland County. OCC already supports varied activities from student literacy coaches to Arts, Beats and Eats but should expand its use of facilities, students and staff complementing local community programs.

### MICHAEL TOBIN

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# City Elections

## Clarkston City Mayor

Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE 2 Year Term

### CANDIDATES

#### ERIC HAVEN

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**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Mayor and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

My wife, Nancy, and I have lived in Clarkston for 50 years, raising our family here. We know and love this village. I am currently the mayor of Clarkston, running for my third term. In my first two terms I have been vigilant in regard to issues which would negatively affect our village, and visionary in terms of developing community assets and government support systems.

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?**

1. The top priority at the moment is resisting a ballot proposal to amend our city charter requiring two medical marijuana provisioning centers in our 1/2 square mile village with hours of operation 9 AM to 9 PM seven days per week. The question facing the city is not whether we want to use marijuana products, but do we want it to have its commercial presence in our village so close to residential zoning. 2. A subtle, almost invisible, aspect of that same ballot proposal is a lurking amendment which would increase the size of our city charter by a whopping 25%, adding over 5000 words, giving an outside special interest group governing power over many of our ordinances and regulations. That is a very big deal. I am working with a very energized citizens group to defeat this proposal. 3. Our third issue is developing future leaders, volunteers, legacy-minded donors and developers to set a trajectory of preservation. Succession planning is extremely important for Clarkston.

#### SCOTT C. MEYLAND

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Since becoming a city resident, I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with and get to know many active members of our community, while serving the City and its residents in a variety of different roles: Active member of City of Clarkston Planning Commission (1998 - 1999) Active member of Clarkston City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem (1999 – 2006), City Police Department Liaison (2000 – 2006) Active member of Clarkston City Board of Review (2007 - present) Active member of Clarkston City Zoning Board of Appeals (2001 - 2008) Chairperson, Secretary, Clarkston City Zoning Board of Appeals (2010 - present) Board Member, Vice Chair, Clarkston/Brandon Community Credit Union (2006 - 2012) In each role, I take pride in the fact that I have always been part of groups and functions where my contribution and participation has been in a manner that is fair, collaborative, and always focused on working toward outcomes with the community's best interests in mind.

The top three priority issues facing our city are: 1) Maintaining a balanced budget, while ensuring sufficient reserves are in place 2) Continued preservation of the things that make Clarkston special 3) Prioritization of our resources By taking the time to listen, think critically, and understand how and why things have been done in the past, I would be able to help to foster an environment where a thought process consistent with serving the best interests of the community will be commonplace. In each role that I have been involved with, I take pride in the fact that I have always been part of groups and functions where my contribution and participation has been in a manner that is fair, collaborative, and always focused on working toward outcomes with the community's best interests in mind. It has always been, and continues to be, important to me to listen, think before speaking and acting, and behave fairly and conscientiously.

## Clarkston Council Members

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 2 Year Terms

### CANDIDATES

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

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

#### MARK LAMPHIER

Unopposed on the ballot

#### AMANDA WAKEFIELD

Unopposed on the ballot

#### SUE WYLIE

I have served on the Clarkston City Council for almost six years I am a retired teacher, and a resident of Clarkston since 1994. I was selected by Council to serve as the Mayor Pro tem and on the city Planning Commission in 2018. My campaign slogan from previous years, "Have A Nice City," still applies. The slogan means that all city residents, members of the business community and visitors should be treated with fairness, respect and courtesy. Transparency and two-way communication between the city and residents are required to have "A Nice City." Even when we disagree, we listen, and respond civilly. The city needs to improve our infrastructure through long-range planning and goal-setting. A multi-year plan and budget will better predict how to accomplish these goals. When unexpected projects arise, the city can more easily determine if the project matches the goals of the city and if the city can finance this project.

The top three priorities are increasing our revenue stream, improve the City infrastructure, especially streets and sidewalks, and increasing the safety for pedestrians and bicycle riders. Our revenue stream can be increased by adding more paid parking to include another City owned lot and perhaps paid street parking. The increased revenue can help solve the problem of improving our infrastructure. The safety of pedestrians and bicycle riders can be improved with more crosswalks, bump-outs at crosswalks and a bike lane through town.

## Keego Harbor City Council Member

Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE 3 Year Term

### CANDIDATES

**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?**

#### MANHAL SHAMMAMI

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#### THERESA SHIMANSKY

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# City Elections

## Orchard Lake City Council Members

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO 3 Year Terms

#### CANDIDATES

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**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

I have been a member of the City Council for three three-year terms and have been chosen as Mayor for three of these years. Our city has been fortunate to have had great leadership long before me and I believe it is my duty to help in any way possible. My fifty plus years of business management and acquired people skills have been an asset to the job. I most enjoy being a problem solver.

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?**

1. Traffic. We have three main roads bringing thousands of vehicles passing through our tiny community each day. we need to work with the County Road Commission to find better ways to reduce backups and difficulty for our residents.
2. Infrastructure. Our own roads, water and sewer systems are now aging. Maintaining them, is a top but costly priority.
3. Housing. We have numerous large homes being built but there are few choices for aging residents who need to downsize but want to remain in Orchard Lake. we must find some way to accommodate them.

#### KEVIN G. KROGER

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## Sylvan Lake City Council Members

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

#### CANDIDATES

#### DAVID BOWMAN

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**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

I am David Bowman, an experienced public servant. I am running as a fresh voice to represent Sylvan Lake residents. I have a master's degree in Public Administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in International Affairs from Florida State University. I have experience in coalition building and policy development through leadership as an Oakland County Commissioner. I am passionate about service and my community. My family has a long committed history to service that I hope to continue as your City Councilperson. My mother, Clara Bowman served the community for 32 years as a Registered Nurse and my father, Leo Bowman dedicated 34 years to the community as a Oakland County Judge. I am currently the Community Health Director for Trinity Health Oakland where I provide preventative health programming and community investments for Oakland County residents. I have the experience to represent our community's needs and I look forward to earning your support.

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?**

The top three priority issues facing Sylvan Lake include lake water quality, community development, and public safety. I look forward to strengthening Sylvan Lakes partnership with the Oakland County Water Resource Commission (WRC) to educate residents on water quality, water safety and water management. There are available efficiencies of scale that we have not fully explored. Community Development – I would like to establish an economic development district to help improve business retention and growth. Sylvan Lake deserves a thriving and diverse business district that reflects the spirit of the community. Speeding/public safety – Increased community patrols and penalties for speeding to deter traffic offenses. Community policing is an effective form of community safety. Sylvan Lake would benefit from a Citizen's Advisory Council to improve public safety especially for residents with limited technology literacy.

#### FEATHER BUCHANAN

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My name is Feather Buchanan, and I'm running for Sylvan Lake City Council, because I have a passion for Sylvan Lake! My family has called Sylvan Lake home for more than 15 years, including my son and his family and daughter who recently moved into the community. We are a close-knit community, and we must strive to be inclusive and welcoming of all residents, while maintaining Sylvan's unique charm. Game Night is one of my proudest achievements, having partnered with fellow Sylvan Lake residents to use the community center for the first time to host Wednesday game nights. This summer, I spearheaded the expansion of game nights to outdoor activities to be more inclusive of all Sylvan Lake families.

Community events for Sylvan Lake residents.

- I am really proud to have partnered with fellow Sylvan Lake residents to use the community center for the first time to host Wednesday game nights.
- The community should continue to work together to host these types of events.
- This summer, I spearheaded the expansion of game nights to outdoor activities to be more inclusive of all Sylvan Lake families. The community needs to come together.
- As close-knit community, we must strive to be inclusive and welcoming of all residents.
- We should work together and find solutions as a community. Keeping Sylvan Lake as Sylvan Lake.
- I'm a born and raised Michigander, and I've had the privilege to call Sylvan Lake for over 10 years.
- My entire family calls Sylvan Lake home, and I'm dedicated to maintaining Sylvan's unique charm.
- Keeping Sylvan Safe. I'm proud to live in a community where my grandkids can continue to play freely with their friends.

#### BEN CLARKE

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My name is Ben Clarke. I have been the Mayor of Sylvan Lake for the past two years and am up for re-election. I am 38 years old. I grew up in West Bloomfield, MI. I graduated from Brother Rice High School. I have a Bachelors in Sociology from Oakland University. In 2007, I purchased a house in Sylvan Lake on Benvenue. My wife Jessica and I have 2 children (Hendrik, 14 and Colette, 11). In 2010, I opened People Skate and Snowboard, a retail store in Keego Harbor where we are thriving. I was elected to Sylvan Lake City Council in 2018. I was appointed Mayor and to the planning commission in 2020. I ran on the idea that younger people need to get involved in their local government. I am fortunate to have learned and worked with many great people in the past four years and I have kept the future of Sylvan Lake at the forefront of my decisions.

Our most pressing matter is that our City Manager is due for retirement in the near future. John has absorbed so many jobs, certifications, knowledge, etc in his 38 years working for the city. Those jobs need to be untangled and outsourced so that we have a successful future transition. In the past 4 years we have outsourced our water, sewer, and storm lift station to the GLWA. Our pensions are well funded. We hired two police chief's. We outsourced our assessing to Bloomfield Township. We hired a planner to assist with the master plan revision. We need to continue to work on our streets and deliver some much needed updates. In 2020, The voters passed a millage to fund infrastructure which allowed us to move away from an infrastructure bond. You will see more frequent paving and better surface conditions. I have seen more park use in the past few years than ever in Sylvan Lake. We value parks and the community they build. We should be investing more in them and council intends to.

## City Elections

### Sylvan Lake City Council Members *(continued)*

#### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

##### CANDIDATES

#### GARY VOILES

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**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

I am a 6 year resident of Sylvan Lake, however, my wife Sandi is a 20 year resident and she has owned 3 homes in the city. Since I moved here, I have participated in many community events and sports and leisure activities which gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of really great people in this city. I have volunteered financially and personally at the OCBC where I am also a member. Several residents of this city have approached me and encouraged me to run for this position because of my fairness, honesty and my extensive public service experience.

I am recently retired as the Deputy Chief of Police at the Dearborn Heights Police Department after serving the public for 32 years. I have an extensive history in state, local and federal investigations and experience in grant writing, bid requests and city council presentations. Police work has trained me with the ability to carefully listen to both sides of an issue in order to carefully make fair and just decisions for all.

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?**

Community safety-I believe in a proactive approach to keep our citizens safe. I believe that through increased community education and implementation of increased crime fighting technology, that we can work towards making sure that Sylvan Lake does not appear to be a soft target to criminals. Community Leisure-This city has so much to offer to the residents because of some great volunteers that live here. They work hard to offer food trucks, sporting activities, outdoor movies/concerts and endless other events. These volunteers also have many more great ideas for this city, but they need the support of city council to move future projects forward. I intend to support them and work toward achieving their goals for the city while remaining fiscally responsible to our budget. Transparency-If elected, I pledge to seek community participation through extensive communication on city matters. Keeping people informed and seeking input will allow me to be a true voice for the community.

#### MICHAEL ZUBRZYCKI

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As a 27-year resident of Sylvan Lake, my roots run deep from starting a family and raising two daughters who are now attending college. Everything that I have accomplished thus far has been made possible by my wonderfully supportive and equally involved life-partner and spouse, Liz. I am running for City Council to help ensure that Sylvan Lake continues to be the Prettiest Little City in Michigan and a desirable place to live.

One of my basic tenets of being on City Council is making sure all residents, including those living deep in the City, near the lake or on the outer edge have a voice and are represented. I will often times seek out and listen to other points of view and can change my position when the facts and circumstances make sense to do so. I also want to apply my background in Finance, Budgeting and Human Resources to help ensure wise government spending and create public policies that protect the high level of quality city services residents expect.

1) Maintaining the highest level of public safety, which includes a well-trained and well-equipped police and fire departments.  
 2) As emphasized in the updated Master Plan, water quality and access to the lake impact property values of all homes in the city. While I support thoughtful development of property within the City, it is important that new projects consider the impact on recreation activities such as boating, fishing and swimming, and include protections for the shoreline and the natural habitat in and around the lake.  
 3) Improve our essential structures (roads) and services (water and sewer) that act as a basis for the local economy and support a high quality of life within the City. I will help build a long-range budget and capital plan, work with the city manager to find state and federal grant opportunities that can help fund improvements and closely monitor the Water Resource Commission budget to ensure other municipalities pay their fair share.

## Village Elections

##### CANDIDATES

#### ROCK ABBOUD

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**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

I have been a Village resident since 1974, and it has been my honor to be a member of the Village of Beverly Hills Council for the past 8 years. I attended Groves and went on to receive an MBA from LTU; I am a 22 yr. marking executive. I have been married for 34 years, and our two adult children raised in the Village are now a local high school teacher and a doctor. I am seeking another term to help continue making our community a safe place to live and raise a family. My position as an elected voting delegate for SEMCOG and MML gives me state-level learning with which can better serve our great community. I also serve on the Senior Advisory Council for Oakland County enabling me to inform our Village's aging population about resources that help them stay independent and a part of the Village Community. Currently, I am the Village Council liaison to NEXT community center. Additionally, my experience as an 8-year Village Council incumbent, makes me relevant and ready for the challenge.

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?**

Top three priorities facing the Village. Public Safety, Education and Maintaining the well cared for Infrastructure. First, I will continue to support our outstanding Public Safety Department by getting any necessary police and fire equipment, including innovative technologies for keeping our residents safe and secure. While serving on Council, we approved new firefighting equipment, and state-of-the-art police cars to keep our residents well served and protected. Second, I value quality education, and our public resources. Therefore, I will continue to support our membership in the Baldwin library and support after-school community programs. Finally, to maintain the infrastructure, I am committed to work on the main roads, and maintain the existing Village owned side street. I will also ensure our beautiful public parks, are maintained, so they can be enjoyed by the entire community. In addition, I would maintain our quality water, sewer infrastructure and storm management. THANKS

### Beverly Hills Village Council Members

#### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR 4 Year Terms

# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?**

## Beverly Hills Village Council Members *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR 4 Year Terms

**JAMES P. DELANEY**  
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40-year resident of Beverly Hills. Married. Retired Assistant Michigan Attorney General with career in law enforcement and litigation. Served two terms on Village Council. Appointed Council liaison to Public Safety Dept, chaired the infrastructure committee and member of personnel committee. Prior service on Cable Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board. Prior service on committee reviewing police practices and procedures. Appointed to Joint Senior Services Comm, member of NEXT and OLQM. My prior service to the Village, my legal training and negotiation skills allow me to make significant contributions to the continuing success of Beverly Hills. I understand and accept both the time and effort needed to be an effective member of the Council. I will insist on full and open discussion of issues at public meetings as required by State Law. Some on the current Council give the impression that much is decided outside the meetings raising a level of resident distrust.

Village has no current priority list and no plan of action. 1) Residential Roads: There is an expensive outside road survey from 2018. What's been done? Very few streets have been repaired. Council wants an updated report. Why? The roads haven't gotten better. The solution is to determine which are the worst roads and schedule them now, not in 2024, 2025 or 2026. 2) Water Lines: Replacement of aged water lines in east Beverly is proposed with a cost estimate of \$4.4 million. Council applied for a grant which was not awarded. The discussion has been dropped. Is the waterline project a priority or not? 3) Public Safety: The Village should push to get the PS contract settled. PS is down 4 officers and must return to full staffing for the safety of the Village. 4) I oppose the proposed new park on 13 Mile because it's not needed and has huge development costs. 5) No traffic circle at Southfield and Beverly, traffic problems will be worse, and it will split east and west Beverly.

**GABRIEL ERVIN**

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**JOHN GEORGE**  
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My family and I have lived in Beverly Hills since 2010. I have two kids at Groves and one at Berkshire, and just ended a 12-year run at Beverly Elementary. I am one of two candidates with current BPS students. My career in risk management and professional services has helped me to identify and address needs in the village office. I was elected to Beverly Hills Council in 2018. Two years working on council was great preparation for my current role as Council President. Since becoming president in December of 2020, I have worked to focus council on obtaining available grant funding, helping to set goals for staffing & service delivery, and asking each council member to identify and achieve their priorities for community betterment. We have sidewalk grants pending for \$2.96M, a park acquisition grant pending for \$1.5M, and have just been awarded an infrastructure planning grant for \$100K. I am passionate about these initiatives and am running again to see them to completion.

(1) Infrastructure & Assets – Planning & Executing on infrastructure: sewers & water, streets, sidewalks & parks, dams & ponds. Identifying our goals for each is important, and all need a plan before we can execute (see planning below). (2) Staffing & Services – We recently hired a new Village Manager who brings great experience and is an excellent fit for our community. Helping to identify staffing & training needs will improve service delivery for residents. Reviewing how the work of the village is accomplished should be done periodically, and it is time. We have begun the review of our professional services vendors. Other Village services need to be reviewed as well. (3) Planning – Infrastructure planning is a must, and we just received the grant to do that work. Any coming work or expenditure in our community should be identified, prioritized and planned for. Water & sewer issues are complex and have regional ties. Better to plan for the need than to react to an emergency.

**KAREN GILBERT**  
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I am a 34-yr resident having raised two sons who graduated from the BPS System. I have a BBA and MS in Finance in addition to ABA Paralegal Certification. My professional experience includes Commercial Lending (8 yrs) and Automotive Finance Budgeting and Forecasting (12 yrs). I became actively engaged in our Village management in April of 2021 when the subject of a Backyard Chicken Pilot Program appeared on the 4/6/21 Council Agenda. I was initially confused as I thought this topic was considered two years earlier. Moreover, it was apparent that very few of my neighbors were aware that the subject had re-emerged. I committed to notifying my neighbors so they too could let their opinions be heard. Neighbor response (both pro and con) was overwhelming and the Village Council was able to discuss the matter taking into consideration the voices of many, not just the wants of a few. Since "Chickengate 2021" I have attended 32 Council Meetings and 3 all day planning/hiring sessions.

(1) The Village needs to devote more time coordinating and implementing a plan to repair and replace our aging infrastructure. A new Infrastructure Board (like the Parks & Rec Board) should be created to act as an advisory liaison between the residents and Council. This Board would flesh out questions like: "Do we as a community want a roundabout at Beverly and Southfield?" Additionally, there are specific MMRMA risk control measures that residents could use to protect against future flooding. The proposed Board could coordinate and disseminate this info to residents to reduce loss (backflow preventers), teach proper post flood clean up (to avoid disease), and appropriate home owner insurance riders to mitigate post flood financial loss. (2) Public Safety: I would request regular Council updates from the DPS Director until such time as our short staffing is cured. (3) Create a "Customer Service" plan to re-dedicate a spirit of open communication and transparency with the residents.

**RACHEAL HRYDZIUSZKO**  
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I have lived in Beverly Hills most of my life and have found much joy in serving my community these past four years on Village Council. My hope is to be able to continue the work I have been doing alongside my colleagues and to help the Residents of Beverly Hills stay engaged and informed about what is happening in their local government. I have two children attending Beverly Elementary and Berkshire Middle School and I want to ensure that they are growing up in a community that is safe, inclusive and always looking for ways to be better. Beverly Hills is one of the premier communities in the State but it is important that the leaders of the Village are keeping a constant eye on the future and diligently looking for ways to improve.

My three priorities for Beverly Hills are Sidewalks, Infrastructure planning, and Environmental awareness. The Village is in the process of securing a large amount of grant funding to finally connect our Village with a proper sidewalk system. My hope is to be sure to see this process through and offer all support I can through the planning and execution to completion. This Village is at an age where the maintenance of infrastructure and planning needs to be a high priority. As we have all seen the price of doing work is more expensive than ever so making sure that when we take on a project we have a plan set in place to manage all surrounding infrastructure saving the Village money in the long run. We can only be as healthy as the Environment we live in. Healthy trees, soil and water are imperative to Community wellbeing. I will continue to ensure that the Village is a good Steward of the land and urging Residents to take steps to improve where they can as well. Education is key.

# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

## Beverly Hills Village Council Members *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR 4 Year Terms

<b>JON M. OEN</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MIKE WHITE</b>	I am a 27 year resident of The Village of Beverly Hills, and have raised 4 children in the village. I am a Mechanical Engineer (retired) and have a Bachelors (Purdue) and Masters Degree (Lawrence Tech) in Mechanical engineering. I have worked in the Engineering Technology field for 30 years and am skilled in problem solving, collaboration, and working with diverse groups of people. I will listen to the people and take a long term perspective in resolving issues. I am running because I have the time and experience to get things done in the Village of Beverly Hills.	The Village of Beverly Hills is a great place to live. 1) Continuity- The current council has done a great job during trying times. We need to complete their initiatives a) two grants (applied for) to complete the sidewalks on all of our main roads (\$2M), b) a dedicated Parks millage to improve Beverly park and to establish Park #5, and c) a grant (applied for) to acquire 8 acres on The Rouge river on Wendbrook Lane and establish it as a Nature Preserve (\$1.5M). These grants help stretch our local tax dollar. I will push to complete all of these projects. 2) Plan for the future-Our infrastructure is aging and will eventually need refurbished or replaced. We need to plan how to do this in the most efficient way so our roads, water pipes, sewers and trees are well maintained. We also need to look down the road 50 years and plan with that perspective. 3) Legacy- We will need to address the deer issue, car petty theft, and buckthorn issue. All will require community support.

## Bingham Farms Village President

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE 4 Year Terms

**LISA M. BLACKBURN** Unopposed on the ballot

## Bingham Farms Village Trustee

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

<b>WILLIAM BURREL</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>LAWRENCE FREEDMAN</b> Address: 32535 Bingham Rd, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 Campaign Email: zoodds@icloud.com	23 year resident of Bingham Farms. Been a Village Council Trustee for 12 years.	1- Maintain the Unique Character of Bingham Farms as a rural Village of trees, greenery, and privacy. 2- Keep taxes as low as possible in these Inflationary times. 3- Keep development in line with our rural character.
<b>D. E. HAGAMAN</b> Campaign Email: dehagaman@comcast.net	I have lived in the Village since 1981 and happily raised three children here. My family and I have enjoyed the quiet, bucolic feel of the Village especially its heavily treed areas and creeks and streams. I'm running to preserve this uniqueness while carefully planning future developments both commercial and residential. I have previously served as Chair of the Planning Commission and as a member of the Design Review Board. I have been a strong proponent for residential and commercial development in keeping with the historic elements of the Village.	1. Manage Development - assure plans are in keeping with the Master Plan. Encourage resident involvement in proposals, conduct a thorough review for compliance with Village ordinances and afford open communication in Council meetings. 2. Improving communication and transparency through a more informative Village newsletter and utilization of email blasts. 3. Budget Issues - Keep the Village taxes affordable for residents, especially seniors, by developing a budget that is consistent with tax revenues and explore opportunities for grants to offset costs for infrastructure programs.
<b>DIANE HOWARD</b> Address: 32856 Outland Trail Campaign Email: diane@blissmp.com	Being interested in giving back, using my skills and becoming involved in local community projects is why I seek the position of Trustee on the Bingham Farms Village Council. Born and raised in Chicago and educated at DePaul University, my business career started as a bank marketing officer. Relocating to mid-Michigan, my 35-years with PBS began at WCMU TV/FM where I started on-air pledge drives. That led to being lured to Detroit Public TV as a fundraising executive which then evolved into becoming Executive Producer for 75 pledge specials, some of which are still being broadcast on the 350-member PBS national network. Finding new talent, negotiating contracts, interviewing guests on air, and budget management were part of my many responsibilities. Starting a very successful record label that reached \$50 million in sales was a career highlight. With your vote, be assured that I will dig deep and will always have the best interests of our wonderful Bingham Farms community in mind.	As a Trustee, I will put the needs of our citizens first and make every effort to create easy avenues of two-way communication between Village officials and residents. A top priority for many residents and one which I will work tirelessly to maintain is to preserve a pristine, unique environment within our Village. That means enforcing and/or putting ordinances into place that clearly define the scope and limits of new proposed projects within the Village. A second priority is keeping the Village infrastructure current to enhance a quality-of-life standard that all residents can enjoy. Independent research on the life expectancy for both our public and private roads is paramount to doing adequate budget planning for proper road upkeep and/or replacement. A third priority is maintaining a safe environment within the Village that enables residents to walk and bike with minimal concern. Staffing for police and fire coverage needs to be maintained at 100% to ensure Village safety.

# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?**

## Bingham Farms Village Trustee *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**KATHY MECHIGIAN**

**Address:** 32724 Bingham Lane,  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

I moved to Bingham Farms in 1979, and have enjoyed the beauty and serenity of our quiet village for 43 years. I was born and raised in Detroit, attended Michigan State University and graduated from Wayne State University with a BS degree in Education. I'm retired from a 31 year career in sales and management in the hospital medical devices and equipment industry. My professional experiences provided opportunities to learn critical thinking and communication skills, the importance of asking questions and listening, and working as a team with corporate resources. My business role was to represent my company and serve my customers. I believe this role applies to the role of a Trustee. I am running for Trustee of Bingham Farms to serve the people living in the village.

My priorities include:  
 1. Maintaining the character and beauty of Bingham Farms by identifying and controlling invasive species that endanger natural foliage. I believe the village can inform and encourage residents to landscape their yards by planting trees and flower gardens and natural property boundaries. They have measurable and important benefits to our environment.  
 2. Keep residents informed of zoning change requests and commercial developments, the impact each will have on the village in terms of traffic, police, fire and EMS services, and welcome their input.  
 3. Make sure there is a functioning system of checks and balances. Good government is representative, transparent, and accountable. Communicating with residents is a critical function of local government.

## Franklin Village Trustee

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**NENA DOWNING**

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I have lived and been active in the community with dedication through my involvement in numerous activities for over 22 years. I am currently Chairman of Village Mobile Watch, Trustee of Franklin Historic Society, and member of the Historic District Study Committee. I have served as Vice-Chair of Planning Commission, Historic District Code Enforcement Committee, and President of the Franklin Church Leadership/Fellowship Council. I am a recipient of Detroit Institute of Arts Volunteer of the Year. I am also current President of the Lathrup Village Women's Club and transporter for Mobile Meals. I am well versed in property and business management as I currently own (or have owned) residential, commercial, industrial, and retail businesses and have developed a vast degree of knowledge beneficial to Franklin Government.

Fiscal responsibility of the village is the most important issue we currently face. The current council has put a proposal on the November ballot for a Headlee Override to increase the millage that is to offset current and future deficits. My actions will be based on the outcome of the vote. Village residents want to increase walkability for all areas of the village and the Planning Commission is expected to make their recommendations to council in the near future. Water quality throughout the village remains an ongoing issue. I propose we continue to seek resources both local and at the state level to assist in helping alleviate the areas most significantly impacted. I would seek ways to work with residents and departments within the village to curb changes in the historic character of the village.

**FRED GALLASCH**

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I am a 29-year resident of Franklin and have served over twenty years as a Village trustee and four years as president. I have a wealth of Franklin history which enhances my ability to analyze issues and assure long term stability of our government. With a PhD in economics, I understand and focus on budgets and assure long term stability of our government. Franklin needs to be more inclusive and get more people, especially younger families, involved in its government and activities. Franklin needs to improve communications with its constituents. Franklin Council needs to bring civility and manners back to its discussions and deliberations.

1. With excessive spending on the Franklin Road project, Council needs to review all expenditures in efforts to reduce them. Council must increase reserves for unforeseen expenditures. I would re-establish a budget committee to continually review Village costs and revenues, especially future liabilities and assure that they are funded. The recent road project used much of Village reserves which were for future road repairs. 2. Council has experienced controversy and uncivil behavior. I support creating "rules of conduct" so meetings can be more productive and civil while allowing adequate discussion. 3. The recent road project added sidewalks to downtown but did nothing to improve access to downtown from most neighborhoods. It expended significant funds unnecessarily adding sidewalks on the west side of Franklin Road when there were sidewalks on the east side with crosswalks. I would support development of pathways, not sidewalks, using existing Village rights-of-way.

**DAVID GOLDBERG**

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My wife, Courtney, and our three children, Rachel, Jake and Paige moved to Franklin in 1999. I am a licensed Attorney, Real Estate Broker, Builder, and certified Storm Water Operator. I earned my bachelor's degree at University of Michigan and my law degree at University of Detroit. I was appointed to Village Planning Commission in 2007, serving until 2013 and again from 2015 until 2022, over half as Chair. During 14 years on PC, I oversaw and reviewed site plans, drafted new Village ordinances, and revised existing ones. In February 2022, I was appointed to Village Council where I sit on Legal Committee and Subcommittee studying Village cellular service. I desire to continue serving Franklin as Trustee and respectfully seek residents' support in that quest. I support what is necessary to ensure that Franklin continues to grow as a fiscally sound residential community where people desire to live, and to ensure the continued growth in the residents' quality of life and property values.

1) Village expenses exceed revenue requiring General Fund to cover shortfall to maintain same level services, especially police. Vote is to restore pre-Headlee 3.5 mils to avoid future shortfall. I support Headlee Override and hope residents agree making informed decision based on facts from professionals. 2) I support seeking funding for sidewalks along 13 Mile, Franklin south of 13, and Inkster to allow all Villager's access Downtown, while also seeking alternate paths thru private easements in lieu of sidewalks some places. 3) Village bought professional study on cell service indicating besides Downtown and few areas near our DAS nodes on telephone poles, overall service is below average (2 bars) to poor (1 bar). With assistance of professionals, talking with carriers, then public meetings with residents, we must investigate costs and effectiveness of installing discreet, strategically placed cell-tower, designing extensive DAS, or combination, and find who pays for such system(s).



# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

## Franklin Village Trustee *(continued)*

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**PAM HANSEN**

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I've been a Franklin resident since 1993 and have two adult children and three grandchildren. I chaired the Planning Commission and was an author of the 2006 Master Plan. One outcome of that plan was a commitment to revitalize the Village Center business district, which the Council acted upon. Since becoming a Village Trustee in 2012, I have been able to put private sector leadership experience to work in our small but complicated municipal setting. I take my stewardship responsibility seriously, ensuring our residents have a safe, working village, maintaining the ambiance of beautiful open spaces, historic buildings and balancing demands for technology, and excellent police and fire support. I am running for re-election because I believe most Franklin residents agree that connectivity, careful fiscal management and supporting our business community are worthwhile priorities and want a Village Council to work on them.

We made a good start connecting neighborhoods to the Village Center via the sidewalks along Franklin Road, but we need to bring it to 12-1/2 Mile Road, get started on planning for 13 Mile Road and work with villagers to connect neighborhoods. Second, cell service continues to be a problem. The Council has made some progress understanding the issues, but we need to move from talking to agreeing on a solution and then committing to action. Finally, in 2022, Council members saw a rolling 3-year budget forecast for the first time as part of the annual budgeting process. We now have the opportunity along with the responsibility to make critical decisions to ensure the long-term financial health of the village.

**DAVID ALBERT SAHLI**

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I'm David Albert Sahli, husband to an inspiring wife and father to four incredible children (Ages 6, 4, 3, & 1 years old) and a puppy. I have committed much of my life to public service including starting a non-profit, serving in the AmeriCorps, and working as an attorney at every level of government. On the weekends, you can find me downtown pushing my kids in a triple stroller supporting Franklin businesses. I am running for Trustee, because Villagers deserve a new leader with fresh ideas, an open mind, and a tireless work ethic. When I'm not working or with my family, I'm teaching my kids the importance of service by volunteering and supporting the Franklin community. I'm a T-ball Coach for the Franklin Baseball & Softball Association, Former Board Member for the Franklin Community Association (FCA), Founder of Franklin's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, member of the West Maple Elementary PTA, and Proud Parent Alumnus and Volunteer of the Franklin Community Preschool.

My 3 pillars are:  
 Community: Communities are built through the connection of its people. Franklin's downtown provides endless opportunities for Villagers to connect with one another. As Trustee, I will facilitate collaboration between the businesses and community groups to generate energy, support, and events that bring people, ideas, and pets together.  
 Engagement: Communities thrive when residents are engaged, but you cannot have engagement without effective communication. I will improve the Village's communication by choosing mediums that meet residents where they are at and proactively seek input on issues impacting them.  
 Service: As a public servant, the people's priorities are my priorities. That's why I'm asking every resident, "What would make Franklin better?" As Trustee, I'll provide platforms for Villagers to share their views. Right now, I do this every Wednesday at 6:30 PM outside Déjà vu Boutique. I'm not a politician, I'm a t-ball dad trying to serve my community.

## Franklin Village Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO 6 Year Terms

**RICHARD DAVID** Unopposed on the ballot

## Holly Village President

Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE 2 Year Term

**CANDIDATES**

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village President and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

**RYAN J. DELANEY**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**DEBRA MUSGRAVE-ROOD**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Holly Village Council Members

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Term

**CANDIDATES**

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

**ROBERT ALLSOP**

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

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# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

**Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?**

## Holly Village Council Members *(continued)*

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Term

**APRIL BRANDON**  
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My name is April Brandon and I am running for village council.  
 I moved here 4 years ago and fell in love with Holly. Since then, I established my own Little Free Libraries, a Little Free Food Pantry during the pandemic, and I was elected to the Holly Library Board.  
 I am well-matched to this position and continue to learn as board president. I've written resolutions tending to the needs of library employees and patrons. I've found lost money by studying our old documents. I've created a legacy document for future boards.  
 As a counselor, I'm really good at listening. I believe in teamwork. This village created a community. It takes a community to protect a village.  
 Why am I running for village council? To be part of preserving the integrity of Holly, to grow deliberately, and with meaning, while fostering a family-minded community mission.

This is a small town, and the majority of it should belong to the people who live, work, and raise families in it. I want to see mostly family owned homes and businesses. I'd like to see more family friendly activities, and less vacant buildings. I'd like to take part in attracting businesses that complement a family-minded community mission.  
 As a gold star mother, the military is dear to my heart. If opportunities arise to support our veterans, I will hold their best interest in mind.  
 Our transportation services for the elderly and disabled need to be maintained, and highlighted, when Holly is asked to pay additional transportation millages that won't serve our area. We need to protect our wildlife and local ecosystem. We don't have the budget for every need, so studying local departments and creative revenue generation is vital.  
 Our water enterprise can only be paid by user charges & needs solutions that have been previously overlooked, like housing development surety bonds.

**PATRICK FEENEY**  
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I have been a Holly resident for 10 years. Have served as a Holly Township Trustee, currently on the Holly Township Parks commission and have been involved in other community organizations.

- 1 TRANSPARENCY
- 2 KEEP VOTERS INFORMED
- 3 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**AMBER KIER**  
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**RICHARD KINNAMON**  
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**JOHN LAUVE**  
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**RYAN SHIEL**  
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**DANIEL C. WENDEL**  
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**BUSTER WINEBRENNER**  
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## Lake Orion Village Council Member

Vote For No More Than Four (4)

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

**CARL A. CYROWSKI**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**DOUGLAS HOBBS**  
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Village council member for the past 13 years.  
 Mental Health Tech. - Behavioral Medicine Dept., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. (retired - work as contingent employee).  
 Conservative Christian, my life perspective.  
 No hidden agendas.  
 I vote on issues pertaining to the village by the information provided by the village manager, guidance from the village legal council if needed, public opinion, my own understanding, extra information that I may obtain and prayer.

- 1.) To find a solution working with the rest of council on funding and upgrading the village lift station system.
- 2.) Working with the other council members in finding solutions to heal the rift between the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and those concerned about how their finances are used / managed.
- 3.) To always support our police and dpw in maintaining a healthy and safe community. By keeping them properly equipped.

# Village Elections

**CANDIDATES**

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

## Lake Orion Village Council Member *(continued)*

Vote For No More Than Four (4)

3 Highest Vote Totals - 4 Year Term • 4th Highest Vote Total - 2 Year Term

<p><b>BRADLEY E. MATHISEN</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>NANCY MOSHIER</b>                  Campaign Email: <a href="mailto:committeelectnancymoshier@gmail.com">committeelectnancymoshier@gmail.com</a>                  Campaign Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/committeelectnancymoshier@gmail.com">committeelectnancymoshier@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>I am running for Village Council to help stop our infrastructure decay and reckless dash toward bankruptcy by taking action and providing a realistic multi year plan for spending tax dollars. We currently have \$20 million of unfunded sewer, water and road repairs. Our current tax revenue is just of under \$2 million with 22% of that going to the downtown business. There is no surplus in our budget for these costs nor has there been any plan for many years. Kicking the can down the road has to stop now or we are finished as a Village. The Village has ignored these costs for years apparently afraid to tell the residents. As a Speech and Language Pathologist working for 35 years in the public sector and an experienced small business owner, I will bring my analytical communication, listening and planning skills to the table for solving the Village of Lake Orion's issues and problems. Our moto is "Where living is a vacation." I am an awesome vacation planner!</p>	<p>1. Transparency in the operation and spending of the Village. 2. Help prepare a financial plan to come up with 20 million dollars at the least expense to the residents. 3. Promote our community as a great place to have a home and raise a family.</p>
<p><b>TERESA RUTT</b></p>	<p>I've lived in the Village of Lake Orion for just over ten years with my husband and kids who both entered the world during our time here. I'm finishing up a four year term on the Village Council and before my position on the council I volunteered on the Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Committee for six years. Simply put - I'm running again because I love this community. I have seen it grow and thrive in the past ten years and want to contribute to its thriving. Additionally, I believe I can be even more effective in a second term. There was a big learning curve of a year or two when I started my tenure on the council that I won't have to go through if I am reelected. I try to be as fair and objective as possible, I won't hit that mark 100% of the time, but I work hard to listen critically and make sure my decisions and responses aren't just coming from a place of emotional reaction.</p>	<p>1. Navigating growth well - Growth and change are inevitable, but there are many opinions on how/what and we want it to be the right size and fit for our thriving community. This is where my listening and striving for fairness and reasonableness helps to chart a way forward. 2. Infrastructure Needs - Michigan overall gets a D+ report card by the ASCE on infrastructure. The Village of Lake Orion is no exception with its road, sewer, drinking water system, etc. Our infrastructure is aging. Collaborating with other entities to address these issues, working toward stronger budgetary allocations for future needs, and seeking out other funding sources are all priorities. 3. Cost of Living - We want seniors to be able to age in place and families to afford living here. Finding ways to fund Village needs without pricing out both current and potential residents is important. We all understand rising costs, but also need to find solutions to minimize the impact on our residents.</p>
<p><b>KEN VAN PORTFLIET</b></p>	<p>Married for 32 years and a Lake Orion community member since 1988 I've served in municipal government leadership for over 20 years.</p>	<p>Fiscal Responsibility: I will continue to research issues to bring forward best options and solutions in the interest of our community. I am familiar with valuable local, county and state resources that can provide assistance. Infrastructure: Provide solutions for 20 million dollars in infrastructure improvement at the lowest possible tax burden by tapping resources at the county and state level. Growth/Community Health: Facilitating policy decisions while seeking public opinion and keeping it at the forefront. Engaging surrounding communities in collaborative guidance in development of the M-24 corridor. Establish local ordinances to protect our historic, cultural and natural water resources. Bring the community together in pursuit of our common well-being.</p>
<p><b>RIVA BEATTY (WRITE-IN)</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

## Leonard Village Trustee - 4 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO 4 Year Terms

**JENNIFER SWACK** Unopposed on the ballot

## Leonard Village Trustee - Term ending 11/20/2024

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Term Ending 11/20/2024

**JOHN HAWKINS** Unopposed on the ballot

## Milford Village President

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One 2 Year Term

**JERRY AUBRY** Unopposed on the ballot

## Village Elections

### Milford Village Council Member

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**JENNIFER L. FRANKFORD**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**ANDREW GROHOWSKI**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**HARLEY C. MAXWELL**  
Unopposed on the ballot

### Ortonville Village President

Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE 2 Year Term

**KENNETH J. QUISENBERRY** Unopposed on the ballot

### Ortonville Village Trustee - 4 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**KAY GREEN** Unopposed on the ballot

**LARRY HAYDEN** Unopposed on the ballot

### Ortonville Village Trustee - Term Ending 11/18/2024

Vote For No More Than One (1) - ONE Term Ending 11/18/2024

**PAT GEORGE** Unopposed on the ballot

### Oxford Village Council Member

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**KELSEY COOKE**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**MAUREEN T. HELMUTH**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**ALLISON KEMP**  
Unopposed on the ballot

### Wolverine Lake Village Council Member

Vote For No More Than Four (4)  
3 Highest Vote Totals - 4 Year Term - 4th Highest Vote Total - 2 Year Term

#### CANDIDATES

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

**MARK DUFF**

I grew up in Northville and moved to Wolverine Lake in 2009 with my wife and two children. As a member of the Wolverine Lake community, I have been involved with various boards and have volunteered for numerous events. I am employed by Hexagon as a Regional Facilities and EHS Manager. My responsibilities include project management, team work, complex budgeting, and making sure our employees are safe in the course of their work day. I believe these skills would also help me to be an asset to the Council through team work and making sure our Village employees have what they need to be safe while on the job, while also being mindful of our tax dollars.

Our first priority is inflation, which has affected everyone as the cost of doing business has increased significantly over the last year. The Village has a healthy fund balance, but the Council must be mindful of costs, as they are likely to increase even more.

Our second priority is public safety. We have an excellent police force that really defines itself with its community policing. Our current Chief is going to retire in 2024. The Village needs a successor who will continue to make the safety of Village residents and our community a top priority. Our third priority is the current policy of using chemicals to control weeds in Wolverine Lake. Utilizing a weed harvester would be a viable alternative to using chemicals. This option is an effective and environmentally safer method of controlling vegetation growth in our lake.

**DAVID J. DUMONT**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**PAMELA A. KAZNECKI**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

**BOB MALEK**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Village Elections

### Wolverine Lake Village Council Member *(continued)*

Vote For No More Than Four (4)  
3 Highest Vote Totals - 4 Year Term - 4th Highest Vote Total - 2 Year Term

#### CANDIDATES

**WILLIAM O'BRIEN**  
Address: 1840 Shankin Drive,  
Wolverine Lake  
Campaign Email: bobrien@larsonco.com

*Q: 1. Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.*

I have lived in Wolverine Lake for 35 years and my beautiful wife and I have two children that recently graduated from Michigan colleges. I have a BBA degree with majors in finance and accounting and a master's degree in taxation. Since 1995, I have been employed as controller of a multi-state service and construction company, and have 40 years of accounting and finance management experience. I was also treasurer of my church for 10 years and a board member for eight years from 2007 to 2017. My experience involves day-to-day operations, as well as high level banking, insurance, finance and personnel management, which I believe adds a valuable dimension to the village council. My family and I regularly use all the wonderful amenities that Wolverine Lake has to offer and I look forward to continuing to work with our council to maintain and improve our beautiful village.

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?*

I believe that maintaining our community is of utmost importance. To that end the three most important aspects of our community are safety, our beautiful lake, and our wonderful parks. I will work to ensure that our police department, lake programs, and parks are properly funded at a level that our residents have come to expect.

## District Libraries

#### CANDIDATES

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

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?*

### Ferndale Area District Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**MEGHAN GURGOL EVOY**

Education: BA, University of Notre Dame (music, theology, teacher certification); MS, University of Dayton (school leadership); MMusEd, University of Michigan (music education)  
Professional: employed as an elementary school principal Center Line Public Schools; 22 years experience as an educator, serving children from diverse backgrounds  
Personal: Resident of Ferndale for 19 years; married with four wonderful children

1. Equity- Libraries everywhere provide people with opportunities to improve and enrich their lives, through access to information, resources, conversation, etc. The Ferndale Area District Library already does a strong job of reaching all members of the community with these benefits. I would continue to support these efforts of outreach and help brainstorm new ways to serve the community, especially by examining current usage data.  
2. Freedom- Libraries are critical places for the exchange of ideas and information. Our Ferndale Area District Library is like a community-sized living room, where people can read, think and converse- even if they don't always agree. I would continue to protect this valuable resource against censorship and work to preserve intellectual freedom at every opportunity.  
3. Sustainable Funding- Quality programming, up-to-date resources and professional staff members require funding. I would advocate for continued, stable funding for the library

**ERIN HOOPER**

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

### Hazel Park District Library Board Member - 4 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE 4 Year Terms

**APRIL BEATON**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**JEFFREY T. OLIVIER**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**RICHARD E. ROBBINS**  
Unopposed on the ballot

### Hazel Park District Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Terms Ending on 12/31/2024

**LISA CHROUCH-JOHNSON** Unopposed on the ballot

**JORDAN WRIGHT**  
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Hazel Park, MI

Jordan Wright is a public Librarian with nearly 10 years experience currently working in an administrative position in a neighboring library.

Protected intellectual freedom (no book bans), fiscal responsibility (making responsible financial choices today so that the library can prosper in the future), and increasing access to services for community members (check out HPDL's "Library of Things"!)

## District Libraries

### CANDIDATES

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

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?**

## Salem South Lyon District Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR 4 Year Terms

### LINDA HAMILTON

**Address:** 6900 Five Mile Rd  
**Campaign Email:** salemtreasurer@hotmail.com

I have served in a variety of public offices and positions since 1995. I bring knowledge of procedure such as complying with the Open Meetings Act, Uniform Budgeting Act and many others. I am a trained mediator, facilitator and arbitrator, which are useful skills when dealing with others.

1. Funding is an ongoing issue for all libraries. Board members and staff must be sensitive, understanding that most of the library's funding comes from the taxpayer. The board members and staff must prioritize expenditures so that the community gets the greatest value for the taxes it pays.  
2. A balanced collection. In today's divisive culture the board and staff must work with community members that often have opposing beliefs and views. The library collection needs to reflect the entire community, not just one or two subsets. Board members and staff must be respectful of those with opposing viewpoints and willing to listen and explain.  
3. Staff salary and benefits. The cost of living is rising at the greatest rate in 40 years. Board members must do their best to adjust salaries and benefits appropriately but within the constraints of revenue, which is not growing at the same rate as inflation. Board members must think creatively and seek alternative funding sources.

### HATTIE MAGUIRE

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I developed a love of reading and libraries at a very young age when my parents regularly took me to our local public library. I loved it so much that I became a high school English teacher and spend my days surrounded by books. When my husband and I moved to Salem Township 20 years ago, we were delighted to find such a great library in our community. It has been a wonderful resource for us as parents as we have raised our own children and attempted to instill that same love of reading in them. Over the years I have had the pleasure of participating in many of the library's programs and utilizing the varied services beyond just book check out. As a teacher and a parent, I see the enormous value a well-funded, efficiently operating library adds to a community. The library needs trustees who are passionate supporters of libraries and the value they add to a community.

The first issue is accessibility. A library is an essential tool of democracy because it provides free access to information and resources for any citizen. Safeguarding this free access for all our patrons is a key issue for libraries in our current political climate as some seek to limit access or censor available materials.  
A second issue is adaptability. As our community grows and patrons' needs change, the library needs to adapt and restructure as necessary. Board members need to listen to the community as well as the library staff as we make decisions about adding programs or materials.  
A third issue is communication with the community. Some in our community do not realize the wealth of resources available in our public library. It is our responsibility to help spread the word that our library is full of valuable resources that go beyond just traditional books.

### ERIN PETRICCA

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

### RUSSELL SIMS

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Township Library Board

### CANDIDATES

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

**Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?**

## Bloomfield Township Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Two Terms Ending 11/20/2024

### DANI GILLMAN

I was appointed to the Bloomfield Township Public Library board of trustees in December 2020. It's been an absolute honor to get to serve not only the library, but the community through this position. Public libraries are one of the few places where all people are treated the same, with equal access to knowledge and materials regardless of religion, gender, race, socio-economic status, etc. I want to continue to serve on this board to ensure that our library thrives and continues to be a place where all people feel welcome as they are, and where diversity is celebrated.

I have served on many non-profit boards and committees. I currently serve as secretary and member of the executive board of both the National Council of Jewish Women Michigan and Gesher Human Services (JVS and Kadima). In 2020 I co-founded FLAG (Front Line Appreciation Group) raising \$425k to purchase meals from 100 local area restaurants to be distributed to hospital staff caring for COVID patients.

1. Materials Challenges. Public Libraries are facing numerous challenges to materials in their collections. Continue to advocate for freedom of information and the ability of all library patrons to make individual decisions regarding what's appropriate for themselves and their families.  
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. It's imperative that all members and their experiences be welcomed and represented by a library's collection, programming, and personnel.  
3. Relevance. A public library must stay relevant and state of the art with regard to its materials, collections, and equipment in order to best serve a community.

### CHRISTINE

### MILLER KINAL

Did not respond in time for inclusion

Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Township Library Board

**CANDIDATES**

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

*Q: 2. What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your library and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?*

### Bloomfield Township Library Board Member *(continued)*

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Two Terms Ending 11/20/2024

**SHANE SPRADLIN**  
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I have been a Library Trustee since February 2022 and am committed to responsible fiscal management of the Library as well as open access to the Library for all. I also am the General Counsel at Penske Automotive Group, Inc. (NYSE: PAG) and have had the benefit of working with Roger S. Penske and the PAG board for almost 20 years. I cannot understate the respect I have for Mr. Penske's leadership style and the benefit realized from watching him manage our business.  
I have been a long-standing member of numerous committees at my local church (First United Methodist Church of Birmingham (FUMC), including presently a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. I also am a member of the finance committee of Birmingham Country Club, so I have experience with Boards of different kinds of institutions with different priorities.

1. Balancing the needs of the community to have open access to the best of new technologies (wi-fi, local computers, a Library app (soon!), online checkout, eBooks, computer programs) while maintaining the historical focus on printed literature of a public library.  
2. Security. Alas, in these times we need to be mindful of the need for local security to protect our employees and patrons and their personal information. This takes training for lockdown drills, workplace violence, and cybersecurity measures.  
3. Budgeting/Fundraising. These are good times for Detroit and the auto industry, which has been a cyclical business. I think I am helping to keep us mindful of the need to balance investment with the commitment to our employees and prospects for leaner times ahead. We have a mileage ahead and I intend to help focus the Board on a conservative mileage to support the community.

### Brandon Township Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Term Ending 11/20/2024

**JAY R. TAYLOR** Unopposed on the ballot

### Holly Township Library Board Member

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Two Terms Ending 11/20/2024

**JAY R. TAYLOR** Unopposed on the ballot

**SHANNON COLE**  
Unopposed on the ballot

**NATALIE NENADOVICH**  
Unopposed on the ballot

## School Board Elections

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### Avondale School District

Vote For No More Than Four (4) - Four Year Term

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I am completing my second full term as an elected school board Trustee. Over the past 8 years we have moved Avondale from 0% to 20% general fund balance, established and guide the district with a healthy strategic plan and have earned the confidence of our constituents with intentional transparency and communication.  
I have held the President role for 4 of the 8 years I've served as Trustee including leading the Board through the COVID pandemic years. I have also held the Vice President and board Secretary roles.  
In my private career, I have been an operations management leader with over 22 years experience leading customer-facing contact center operations. Prior to that, I led customer-facing teams with Palace Sports and Entertainment (Detroit Pistons) and Gale Force Sports and Entertainment (Carolina Hurricanes).

In no particular order, the top three priorities facing Boards of Education are student and staff security, teacher and staff recruiting and retention and, gaps in education delivery. Student and staff security continues to be an ongoing and fluid issue. Avondale has been a leader in applying policy and technology to address these challenges with such things as partnership with weapon sniffing K9's, state-of-the-art camera systems and physical facility enter and egress modernization. We will continue to apply best-in-class practices to address the changing threat climate. We will continue to build partnerships with local colleges and universities to provide a pipeline of candidates for teacher positions and recruit nationally for specialized support roles. Our contract processes focus on staff retention in negotiations. Finally, we continue to provide flexible education solutions to meet students where they are in educational needs including online, ELL and specialized supports.

**CRYSTAL D. SANFORD-BROWN**

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**CHARLES W. TISCHER**

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## Berkley School District

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

<b>JASON M. DENEAU</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>BARRIE FRANKEL</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MICHAEL TRIPP</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Birmingham Public Schools

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

**ART JACK**

I am a native of Baton Rouge, LA and a recent retiree from Ford Motor Company after 25 years of service in Research and Product Engineering. I earned a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern University (1989) and a MS Degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Wayne State University(1998). I'm also an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Jeanne(wife) and I have four children, all attended BPS schools, graduated with honors and chose an HBCU to pursue a STEM education. Soon after moving into the school district in 2006, I became actively involved from providing input to the BPS strategic plan development, volunteering at the schools, past BCS Track & Field Parent Coach, Birmingham Patriot Football Coach(Jr. Freshman Head Coach for 2 years) to Parent Leader of the Birmingham African American Family Network(BAAFN). Under my leadership, we've grown to over 200 members and sponsored HBCU tours. I'm a problem-solver, which is the skill set needed on the school board.

The top concern is the \$14.5 million deficit for this budget year. The oversight resulted in layoffs, teacher salary freezes and an honest lack of trust of our Board of Trustees. Restoring trust is so important right now. For starters, I would create a dashboard on the homepage of the BPS website with easy to understand data visualization in real-time. Student enrollment is one important metric of focus. Second is the safety and mental well-being of our students and teachers . If elected, I would like to get a baseline on what's been accomplished and areas of opportunities then support moving forward. Third is the culture war and politicizing of education. Neither side is listening. I would set-up an advisory committee consisting of a member from each of the nine municipalities that feed into BPS. Analogous to the United Nations, its purpose is to serve as thought-leaders with the goal of providing a point-of-view with some harmonizing actions to reach an end.

**SAMUEL OH**

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I hold a Masters from U of M in Architecture/Real Estate Development. Currently I am a Principal Family Office Manager while before that I managed asset portfolios for a Fortune 100 company. My wife and I have lived in Birmingham since 2013. Our two sons currently attend Harlan and BCS. I am running because we need representation on the Board that better reflects the student demographics of our district. Asian Americans make up the majority of minority students at BPS and yet we have been treated poorly during COVID and after. Historically people have expected Asian Americans to stay silent as a "model minority," even when mistreated. We can not remain silent any longer. I am just asking for everyone to be treated equally. I am qualified because I am a parent of students currently attending BPS and I am an Asian-American – both gaps on the Board. Change can not happen without real representation. Also, I plan to use my financial background to address our budget deficit.

First, I am running on a 'families first' strategy. Current BoE makeup does not adequately or accurately represent the interests of families with students currently attending BPS. Special interest groups have more influence and decision-making ability on the Board than families. I do not have any affiliations with any political group and do not plan to during the campaign. I am purely here to represent the families. Second, my goal is to ensure that all students and families get treated equally with respect by both teachers and students. Speaking from our personal experience, this is an area where BPS has to get better. Finally with my finance background, I want to ensure we come out of our \$14.3M debt and balance the budget as quickly as possible. The current plan has not yielded any guarantees and still projects a \$3M deficit next year. We need to hold people accountable to not only remediate the deficit but ensure that we never get into this situation again.

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As an educator, parent of a child in the district, and a champion of public schools, running for school board seemed like a natural choice. I earned a BA in Elementary Education from Alma College and taught K & 1st grade before returning to school. I enrolled at Wayne State University where I earned a MS in Library & Information Science. I was then hired as a media specialist and worked in that position for nearly fifteen years. There, I taught K - 4th graders 21st century literacy skills and digital citizenship, and helped students foster a love for reading. Managing the library required overseeing the budget, collection development, and supporting the school's technology. I collaborated with teachers, supported the curriculum with appropriate resources, and planned professional development. My time as an educator has developed my leadership skills and enhanced my knowledge in collaboration, innovation, problem solving, and budgeting. This skill set will serve me well on the board.

The BOE's top priorities should be the three following impact areas. Improving student achievement, excellence and equity because these are the most important factors in a world class education. The board should work to align educational resources with individual student needs, attract and retain qualified teachers, and advocate for innovative learning spaces. Creating a culture of belonging, inclusion and well-being because it is important that our schools are places where students can feel safe and valued.. The board should be a proponent of maintaining a strong commitment to teaching Social Emotional Learning skills and increasing the number of mental health workers. Fostering collaboration, communication and transparency to improve and preserve trust within the district. The board should promote engaging families in decision making and policy development, initiating better communication with teachers, and developing a long term financial plan.



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## Birmingham Public Schools (continued)

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

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I have significant and relevant experience as I am completing my sixth year on the BPS school board. For three of those years, I was President and have been Treasurer and/ or Secretary for the other three. I led and managed two Superintendent searches (Dr Embekka Roberson and Mr Mark Dziatczak), presided over the passing of a \$195 million dollar bond and had to navigate the uncharted waters of a pandemic. Most recently, when a highly publicized budget deficit was forecasted, I worked with the Superintendent to swiftly take action, leading to financial stability and a year-end surplus. Professionally I am a CPA with an MBA in Organizational Behavior and Human Resources. Such responsibilities as focusing on student learning, public relations, setting policies and analyzing data are all very comfortable to me. I have always been an engaged and involved parent in our schools and serving on the board allows me to further give back to our schools and community.

As a current school board Trustee, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the effects that the pandemic had on our students and district. As such, my top priority issues are: (1) Support the students of BPS and serve as an advocate for strong academic supports and advancement opportunities. Even though we may be back in the classrooms, students are still feeling the ripple effects of virtual learning, isolation, mental anguish and academic challenges. (2) Financial stewardship and ensuring tough questions are answered by our leadership regarding budget distribution and actions. This will include new processes and greatly enhanced Board involvement/validation to allow accurate decision-making with accurate information throughout the year. (3) Community engagement to ensure we as a district have transparent accountability to financial information and student achievement. I commit to public collaboration to help identify decisions and topics to bring to the full Board.

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I have lived in Beverly Hills for 4 years. I have 4 children at the elementary level. I am a practicing litigation attorney and mediator. Being an attorney, I am faced with having to research important issues and have difficult conversations. I plan on taking a common sense pragmatic approach to Board of Education.

1). Solving the district budget deficit. The districts budget issue is a top priority that needs to be addressed. We need to address the failures that led to the problem and correct them so that it doesn't happen in the future.  
 2. Coupled with the budget issues, we need to focus on maintaining and attracting the top level educators to BPS. Schools are the number one reason people move to a community, and Birmingham is the crown jewel of the states public school system and continuing that needs to be a priority.  
 3. We need to continue promoting diversity and inclusion in the district to provide the necessary environment for our children to successfully transition into the working world.

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I seek to restore the Board to its proper role of oversight and responsibility for all district operations. My three children have all attended school in BPS, and I've volunteered and worked in the schools. I attend almost every Board meeting, meet with Board and Administration members about district operations, and meet with other parents in the district. I've been an active participant on the 5-year strategic plan advisory committee, and in our K-8 math curriculum update. I've met with Dr. Roberson to discuss ways to more actively engage our parent community, and I participated in a listening session to discuss our budget and brainstorm ways the district can recover from our recent budget deficit. Prior to having children, I worked for landscape design and civil engineering firms. In addition to my experience above, this work taught me how to plan and build things, and how any organization must work within its means to get the best results it can.

Our main priority must be repairing any learning loss as a result of our policies during the pandemic. The Board must partner with our administration to support our teachers so they are empowered to do this work. As a Board trustee I will focus on creating a culture of respect and partnership between parents, teachers and administration. Second, the Board must continue addressing the reasons behind the budget deficit and make appropriate changes to ensure it never happens again. Proper Board oversight is essential to ensure we pass a responsible budget and operate within our means. The financial health of our district affects the financial health of our community. Finally, we need to get the Board's and district's priorities set in such a way that families will want to send their kids to Birmingham Public Schools and we can begin to reverse our enrollment decline.

## Bloomfield Hills Schools

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR Four Year Terms

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I am a widowed father of three District kids: twin 9th graders at BHHS, and a 7th grader at East Hills Middle School. I am a trial attorney specializing in employment law, discrimination, and retaliation matters, focusing my service on those adversely impacted by illegal and wrongful employment decisions. My law career spans nearly 22 years, including a variety of specialties, and I have represented clients in FAPE and other school-related matters at both the local and federal levels. Prior to becoming an attorney I worked with youth and families at risk in Sydney Australia and Chicago Illinois. I am a United States Marine who served honorably as Presidential Honor Guard at Marine Barracks Washington DC and in the infantry having deployed with First Battalion Ninth Marines. I am running for School Board to help guide the District as a parent, while also leading families and students to bridge divisions that currently exist. I want to be accessible and accountable to District families.

Teacher retention/hiring: I will work with the Superintendent and administration to ensure adequate funding to retain the best educators, and hire the next generation of best educators. School safety: It is not a matter of if school violence happens, it is when and where. I will work with the administration to identify ways to proactively address root causes of school violence. Starting with increased mental health awareness, working with students, encourage relationships and mentorship, and support educators and families to speak up when they see warning signs of school violence. DEI - Diversity, equity, and inclusion - we need to tackle the realities of implicit and inherent bias, unbalanced equities existing based on socioeconomic and mental health factors, and educate all students in the 21st century.

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#### LINDSAY G. BAKER

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I am a district mom, business leader, and active school and community volunteer. I have lived in the district for over 17 years and my four children all have been attending Bloomfield Hills Schools since kindergarten. With children at the high school, middle school, and elementary school levels, I have a clear line of sight to what is happening across grade levels and over time, which would bring a unique and valuable perspective to the board.

I am a strong proponent of public schools and credit my K-12 public education with giving me the solid foundation I needed to succeed at Princeton University as an undergraduate economics student and the University of Michigan, where I earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics. I am eager to leverage my expertise as a professional economist with extensive experience in policy and data analysis, forecasting, and financial planning to inform decision-making as a board member. I am committed to guiding the district in using data to its advantage.

1. Academic achievement – Our district's test scores and rankings are trending down and are below similar districts. I would support differentiated academic opportunities for students in elementary through high school so they can learn at a pace that enables them to reach their potential. We need to address Covid-related learning loss so students who fell behind have the support they need to catch up through programs such as summer school and tutoring, targeting those students needing the most help.

2. Fiscal responsibility – Our district is running a deficit despite receiving record funding. I would work on balancing the budget by reducing spending in areas that do not tie back to the fundamental goal of improving educational outcomes.  
3. Bond management and district reconfiguration – I would provide oversight and governance to capitalize on this opportunity for positive change and ensure we reassess and improve our safety processes and protocols along the way.

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I worked as a public-school teacher, entrepreneur, and currently serving as the Dean of a preschool. I have a BS in Biopsychology from UofM and a MS in Neuroscience from MSU. We have two boys that are in the Bloomfield Hills School District. They have had wonderful teachers and a great well-rounded school experience.

I want to run for the Board of Education trustee position to always put the students first and use my experience in education and administration to make informed decisions.

A brief summary of my background:

- Dean/Owner of a Preschool
- Entrepreneur
- Former Public School Science Teacher and Scientist
- Resident of the Bloomfield Area for over 40 years
- Father of two children in the BHS
- Member of the Bloomfield Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and PTO

I feel the following needs to be a focus of the district:

1. Teacher recruitment, retention, and recognition  
Many teachers are fatigued physically, mentally, and emotionally. Teachers who are exhausted tend to function at a lower level and may ultimately leave the profession. A few things we can try to increase morale:
  - a. More recognition of outstanding performance.
  - b. Flexible schedules – to allow for peer planning time and breaks.
  - c. More support in the classroom with emotionally disturbed or disruptive students.
2. Security protocols - All staff must be trained to react properly to an intruder. Dead bolt on the inside of every classroom door. Single entry.
3. Diversity training and Mental Health help for students who are struggling. Faculty should be in the same proportional ethnicity as the student body. We need more social workers to help teachers.

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I worked for over 11 years for Weber School District in Utah, building relationships with students, teachers, staff, administrators, and the community. During that time, I was instrumental in developing dashboards and reports which provided transparency to the District's financial and academic performance, and I developed ways to share our academic return on investment with the community. Additionally, I managed multi-million dollar projects for the district, which in part supported new construction projects. I ensured the investments, through bonds from our community, were maximized to their fullest potential through careful planning, community engagement and diligent research. As a father to two young children in our District (Sophia, 8 and Noah, 9), I am committed to working passionately to ensure all children have the equitable resources they need to reach their academic goals in a safe environment.

- 1-Safety & Security--I will work to engage an independent auditor to assess at each facility and ensure enhanced building security is implemented. I will also emphasize and promote the prioritization of mental health resources for all children.
- 2-Academic Opportunity--I will identify and correct the root causes of academic gaps which lead to poor performance in our rankings and gaps in student achievement. I will work to encourage differentiation at grade level to challenge passionate learners. At all times, I will work to support all students in reaching their full potential
- 3-Board Leadership--As a Board Member, I will demonstrate respect for all in an effort to solidify unity. I will commit to full transparency at all times and in all actions. Lastly, I will increase communication by soliciting feedback from our community and ensure they are treated as stakeholders in District decisions.

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I am a District Dad to a 4th Grader and Public School Middle School Teacher (20 years).

I have dedicated my life to educating children. I believe that public school education is the foundation upon which this country was founded and remains the greatest hope for its future. Opportunity, possibility and hope are nurtured, propelling young people to think in new ways. My years of classroom experience, coupled with my role as a parent, union leader and active community member will lend perspective to the BOE that has not been present. I know how to work as part of a team and have a passion for helping students achieve their goals.

In recent years, I have seen and heard attacks on public school, thinly veiled as "parental rights" or "vouchers" and the threat to an equitable education for all children is real. Every child deserves the opportunity to dream, plan, work and build a future for themselves and I will fight for all children to do so.

Ensure every student learns in an environment safe from violence, bullying and prejudice so that they can achieve their highest potential.  
Give every student the tools necessary to become global citizens, able to consider multiple perspectives and engage in civil discourse.  
Support teachers and empower them to utilize their education, intuition and genuine desire to educate students to become the best teachers they can be.

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<p><b>MEAGAN M. HILL</b>  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.educationfirstbhs.com/  <b>Campaign Email:</b> electmeaganhill@gmail.com  <b>Address:</b> 32406 Franklin Road, Unit 250204, Franklin, MI 48025  <b>Campaign Mailing Address:</b> 32406 Franklin Road Unit 250204 Franklin MI 48025</p>	<p>I have a diverse professional and personal background which applies to relevant aspects of the school board duties. My legal background makes me due process focused. My commercial real estate background makes me cognizant of proper district asset allocation. My motherhood role makes me empathetic to all human beings and their needs.</p>	<p>(1) Safety - I intend to address school safety by utilizing financial resources to continuously review and monitor safety protocols within the schools. It's not enough to write up a plan and consider the box checked. It's important to constantly evaluate the plan and practice the plan. We will never rest on ensuring safety.                  (2) Education - I will work with fellow board members to ensure district assets are going towards improving educational outcomes for all of our students.                  (3) Community Unity - Our community is divided on a host of issues. I'd like to hear more from the students in our community, and less from the adults, on how we fix it. The students in our district will likely have the answers we need and come up ideas on how to connect, communicate and enjoy life with each other.</p>
<p><b>PAUL KOLIN</b>  <b>Campaign Phone:</b> 2035702155  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.educationfirstbhs.com  <b>Campaign Email:</b> Electpaulkolin@gmail.com  <b>Campaign Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/paulkolinforschoolboard  <b>Campaign Twitter:</b> N/A  <b>Campaign Mailing Address:</b> 4297 Sunningdale Dr. Bloomfield Hills MI 48302</p>	<p>I have been a member of the Bloomfield Hills School District Board of Education for eight years and I have developed a significant number of relationships with parents, students and staff in the district. Board members have an individual and collective responsibility to taxpayers, district families, and employees to ensure the safety of the district and education of our students. I am running again to continue supporting these people. I am approachable, understand the district and am very visible to hear feedback from the community. My background in Human Resource assists in understanding processes and policies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to ask questions on our educational data to help improve academic outcomes for all students, ensuring more comparable and relevant data to the board and community.</li> <li>• Our district is coming off a significant net operating loss this year. I will work to balance the budget and analyze the details on where dollars are being spent to ensure we are being fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money.</li> <li>• Continue to ask questions and challenge our safety processes and protocols to make sure they are best practices, and all of our students are safe.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HARRIS NG</b>  <b>Campaign Phone:</b> 947-900-1548  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.educationfirstbhs.com  <b>Campaign Email:</b> electharrisng@gmail.com  <b>Campaign Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/electharrisng  <b>Campaign Mailing Address:</b> 32406 Franklin Rd. Unit 250204 Franklin MI 48025</p>	<p>Born to first-generation immigrant parents, who never finished high school, and rising to become a successful business executive has taught me that public school education is the greatest equalizer in American society. As a board member, I will bring a new level of professionalism and governance expertise to the district. My track record of leadership and management will restore the governance role of the board and ensure Bloomfield Hills Schools is a top district in the state.                  (1) Senior Partner in large global management consulting firm providing strategy and operations advisory to global C-suite executives.                  (2) Community leader: Homeowners association board member, President of Alumni Assoc, alumni capital campaign committee, former board member Children's Village Foundation.                  (3) MBA University of Michigan, Dual Bachelors - Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Kettering Univ.                  (4) Father of two in the district</p>	<p>(1) Academic achievement: 55% of our students are not college ready according to the State. We need to increase our academic performance in the district, ensuring all students progress to their potential. To improve, we should offer differentiated education to allow students to advance at their potential without grade up. The district should direct more resources and time to instruction and ensure our district priorities put Education First and increase academic rigor.                  (2) Finance: Last year, even with record revenue and the highest funding in the state, we had a \$3M deficit. We need to reduce expenses and increase instructional spending. Deficits reduce our fund balance which should be reserved for emergency spending conditions. My finance expertise will provide leadership to manage the financials.                  (3) Safety: Our students and staff should return home safely every day. We must constantly review and audit safety processes and protocols based on the latest best practices.</p>
<p><b>CAROLYN NOBLE</b>  <b>Campaign Phone:</b> 2488354234  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.electCarolynNoble.com  <b>Campaign Email:</b> electCarolynNoble@gmail.com  <b>Campaign Mailing Address:</b> 1015 Brenthaven Dr. Bloomfield Hills MI 48304</p>	<p>I am a resident and mother of two children in the Bloomfield Hills school district. They are one and three years old. I have a long-term stake in seeing our great school district stay strong. I received a bachelor's degree from Beloit College, a master's degree in clinical psychology from Madonna University, and a law degree from Wayne State Law School. I currently work for the University of Michigan-Dearborn and have a passion for education and lifelong learning. I am running for the school board position because I want to ensure that Bloomfield Hills Schools remains a destination for young families seeking a stellar education. I know how important it is for students, teachers, and families to work together to provide the best education for our students. I believe all children deserve a good education and will work hard to empower our teachers with the resources needed to provide that.</p>	<p>In the aftermath of a pandemic, nearly all students have experienced some challenges to their mental health and well-being. Many young people don't feel safe. My priority is to work on safety for our students, both mental and physical safety so that our students can experience the joy of learning without barriers. Counseling and tutoring are my other top priorities. The ARPA funds must be spent on developing programs to address the gaps in learning students have experienced during the pandemic, summer enrichment programs, after-school programs, emergency needs, and administrative costs. I would like to see funds directed to both mental and academic support for our students, allowing for as much individual customization as possible. The money could be transformative for our students. Thirdly, there is a shortage of staff for various positions and we need to find a way to prioritize funding to hire preschool teachers, substitute teachers, bus drivers, and other key positions.</p>
<p><b>LAUREN WILSON</b>  <b>Campaign Mailing Address:</b> 500 Overbrook Rd. Bloomfield Hills MI 48302</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

# School Board Elections

## CANDIDATES

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**Q: 2. What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?**

## Brandon School District

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

<b>VINNY BILLS</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MELISSA CLARK</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MELODIE LANGE</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>HERB ROBINSON</b> Campaign Facebook Page: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/HERBROBINSON22">www.facebook.com/HERBROBINSON22</a>	My name is Herb Robinson, I am an alum of BHS, class of '03. I have been in sales for 8 years and furthered my education at OCC and at Ferris State, majoring in Criminal Justice. My family and I moved back to Brandon for a better public education in a great town. I am running so I can do my part to make sure that our children continue to thrive at Brandon School District.	I think that our schools not being blue ribbon schools is a problem, we should strive to achieve that award every time. I think it starts with the community and goes to the educators to the students. We all need to be on board and active in making that happen. I also would strive to get more participation in afterschool programs and athletics. I believe that students who compete in afterschool activities and, or athletics will find it easier to succeed now and in the future. I also want to make sure we do our part in keeping the students in school and not online. I have seen first hand with my own children how social interaction suffered when they were not allowed to socialize and have in person instruction. I want the students to get the best education they can and be part of a team. If we can make these things happen it will set them up for success in their future endeavors.
<b>KIMBERLY SMITH-KULAGA</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Clarkston Community Schools

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

<b>CHRISTY GIAMPETRONI</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>AMANDA LOVE</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>CHERYL MCGINNIS</b> Clarkston, MI, 48348	I've been a CCS trustee for 15 years and have recently been awarded the President's Award of Recognition by Michigan Association of School Boards along with several other specialty awards. I am a 38 year resident of Clarkston and I have been involved in our community for over 30 years, starting as a grassroots advocate. I am running because I feel my work is not yet done. I'd like to continue to invest in infrastructure and technology that will allow us to deliver the kinds of programs we locally believe is right for our students, such as the current bond proposal for a new junior high. I believe we need to continue with the implementation of a multi-tiered system of student support that is designed to meet the individual needs and assets of the whole child. This approach has already shown great results as evident in the increase in our latest test scores across the county and state.	1) Building infrastructure and technology - support the passing of the November bond proposal for a new junior high school. 2) Academic Achievement - continue to implement and invest in our multi-tiered system of student support that is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. 3) Safety - ensure that proper safety protocols are in place so that we maintain a high level of vigilance to keep all children and staff safe.
<b>GREG NEED</b> Address: 7212 Dark Lake Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 Campaign Web Site: <a href="http://www.gregneed.com">www.gregneed.com</a>	I have served on the Board for seven years, as Vice President since 2019, and Treasurer previously. I served on the Board Policy committee for four years, and as chair for three, on the Teaching and Learning Council (two years), and on the Transportation Committee (two years - currently serving), and the Student Reinstatement Committee (two years - currently serving). I am a recipient of Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Award of Distinction (Level 3 with 395 education hours). My experience and background serves me well to continue on the school board. In addition to my education experience, I am a practicing attorney, with experience in matters such as bylaws, policy, and Open Meetings Act issues which occasionally come before the Board.	1. The current Board works well as a team with the Superintendent, administration, teachers, and support staff. We strive for a collaborative approach to issues that affect our students, parents, and teachers. If re-elected I would continue to maintain that collaborative approach. 2. Addressing the learning loss that occurred as a result of the pandemic. I supported the plan that are administration prepared to do so. That plan resulted in Clarkston students seeing increased test scores in 2022 as compared to 2021, while the state and county test scores both declined. If re-elected I would maintain and enhance that plan. I endorsed our Systems of Support to meet the individual needs of every child. 3. Security is a major issue, given the recent tragic events in Oxford and other districts. I supported a comprehensive security audit of all buildings and building improvements to keep our kids safe, adding additional resource officers in our schools, and additional security measures.
<b>KATHY PAUL</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

# School Board Elections

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## Clawson Public Schools

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR Four Year Terms

<b>DANIEL EWALD, JR.</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>SAMANTHA HANSER-MAYNARD</b>	I am a 16-year resident of Clawson with a son attending Clawson Middle School. I've served on the Clawson Board of Education since October of 2021. I have extensive volunteer experience both in my personal and professional life. I served on the Schalm Elementary ASK PTO Board, helped pass a 55-million-dollar bond that will transform our district, and I am also a member of the Christmas in Clawson Board. Additionally, I'm a member of the Great Lakes Chapter of Women in Cable and Telecommunications which is an international professional organization. To round out all that fun volunteerism, I'm a Finish Line Captain for the Detroit Marathon. In my career as a Marketing professional, I use skills like communication, critical thinking, and project management to help our clients achieve their business goals. Those skills, combined with a passion for public education make me an effective board member and asset to the community.	Social/Emotional wellness is a priority for me. Students learn best when they are supported and can learn in a healthy environment. I will continue to promote the hiring of additional staff like school psychologists and counselors to work with our students. I am also proud of our new therapy dog program! Education quality is another huge priority. We all want the absolute best for our community's kids and that means updated curriculum and materials. I'm proud of the great strides Clawson has made over the last few years and I will work to ensure that remains a priority for our district. Lastly, school safety is especially important. I will continue to support our administration as they implement safety protocols and allocate funds to upgrade our district's safety infrastructure. We have made some great improvements recently and we will continue to do so.
<b>THOMAS J. REED, JR.</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>TED VERNER, JR.</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Farmington Public School District - 6 Year Term

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

<b>T. R. CARR</b> Campaign Email: ElectTR@trcarr.com Campaign Web Site: TRCarr.com Address: Citizens for TR Carr , PO Box 2487, Farmington Hills, MI 48335	I have a lifelong commitment to public education. My career (and that of my wife) is in public education. The same is true for our son. Our grandchildren attend Farmington Public Schools. I have a Ph.D. in Public Administration and have worked in public universities and with city governments. I taught at Southern Illinois University, Texas Tech University and the University of Arkansas. I have extensive experience developing and managing public sector budgets. I have evaluated education curriculums for federal, state, and local governments. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation for Farmington Hills and have served on the Public Health Commission for the City. I have extensive experience in delivering education programs in diverse environments. I was invited to give lectures at universities in Finland, Germany, New Zealand, and Latvia. I served on the Ferguson Commission following the civil unrest in that city.	The priorities are: 1) Improve trust and accountability to parents and residents in terms of curriculum and other programs. This is a major issue nationally and our School Board needs to be increasingly diligent in this area. 2) Financial accountability and transparency for the residents to promote taxpayer confidence. Our district should do much more to provide financial information to the residents. 3) Expand transparency in curricular and educational programs by providing parents and residents with content of curriculum across the various disciplines. After our District launched 31 Days of Equity program on the web, it was suddenly removed and neither parents nor residents could access the web based curriculum again. This is one example of a lack of transparency. 4) Our district must do more to recruit and retain both teaching and support staff (eg. bus drivers). Our Board must aggressively address this problem.
<b>BJORN OLSON</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>ANGIE SMITH</b> Campaign Email: angiesgiftas@gmail.com Address: 30436 Ramblewood Club #48, Farmington Hills, MI 48331	I have lived in Farmington Hills for over 26 years. Always an advocate for children, I have crucial classroom experience with our most vulnerable learners, in addition to being a seasoned FPS Board member. Early in my career, I worked for over 8 years as an SXI/SMI trainable parapro/aide in Detroit Public Schools. I was PTA Council President for FPS and served as the State PTA Council Rep for our State PTA region. As a hall monitor for several years in our district, I gained on-the-ground perspective on many staff and student concerns including safety issues. On FPS School Board, I have served as either Secretary and now Vice President for most of my 6 year term. During the last six years, I have visited every school in our district dozens of times, and attended countless events. I also volunteered as a noon-aide during the pandemic staff shortage. Staff, parents, and students appreciate my accessibility, and know that they can reach out with concerns.	Our district must prioritize hiring and retaining staff, including counselors and social workers, from the classroom to the lunchroom, transportation department, and the front office. Obviously, safer schools must be a priority. Prioritizing student mental health is crucial to safe schools, with more access to counselors. In addition, Social/Emotional Learning enhances student mental health, and increases coping skills, including emotional regulation, which ultimately creates safer schools. SEL also prepares students to succeed in a fast changing world, with colleagues from across the world, equipped with cultural competence and great interpersonal skills as well as excellent academics. Finally, every student has the right to a high caliber education, regardless of their culture, race, gender, religion, learning ability, neuro-divergence, or gender identity, so we must continue to incorporate diversity, equity and true inclusion across our schools.
<b>DONNA SWOBODA</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

# School Board Elections

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## Farmington Public School District - 6 Year Term (continued)

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**DONALD WALKER**  
**Campaign Email:** donjphd@gmail.com

I am a communications major with MBA, and a two-time graduate of Specs Howard School of Media Arts. I am enrolled in Wayne State's doctoral program. My career includes Director of Education Specs Howard School of Media Arts, WRCJ 90.9fm, videographer/editor Detroit Public Schools Community District's Communications Department and Director, Multimedia for Detroit School of Arts. I sit on numerous advisory boards for FPS and CTE organizations. I am running for my second term as board trustee because I want to see our students become the best versions of themselves with access to all the tools and choices we can provide. I worked with my colleagues to stabilize our board, hire a new superintendent, improve community engagement, become a fully certified board during a pandemic. We have supported staff and students, maintained our school fund balance, and provided more options to engage in learning. I want to continue the work I started with my experience, direction and desire.

My top three priority issues are safety/mental health, improving our learning, and continued community engagement. I will support all efforts to identify and address trauma and mental health issues uncovered from the pandemic while providing a safe place to work and learn. I support the continued emphasis on improving our literacy and math scores while providing challenging work for our gifted students. With my background, I want to see continued development of career readiness and training. As community engagement committee chair, I will work for more forums and interactions with our community to listen to their voices and hear what they have to say. I will participate in and support the community stakeholder committees that are a part of our strategic plan.

**TERRI ANN WEEMS**  
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I am President of a local non-profit organization, I am a Certified Public Accountant and I have three children in the district (two attending school and one 2021 graduate in college). I joined the Board because I was interested in helping the district become financially stable. Having achieved that, today, I am interested in being re-elected because I want to continue the progress the district has made recently in efforts to engage every student in a quality learning experience so that they can achieve their full potential. I have a track record of getting things done, and have demonstrated effective leadership in the past two years as President of the Board during the most challenging time in education history. I see the role of a school board member as being professional, practicing civility and thoughtful stewardship, bringing people together, and opening dialogue and communication.

1. Address Learning Loss - One time ARPA dollars present a huge opportunity to foster real change and innovation. We will be focusing on helping students recover academically and emotionally from losing a year in the classroom. This includes differentiated paths, targeted interventions, tutoring, and accelerated learning.
2. Anxiety and depression among adolescents is at an all time high. If our children and the adults in the district aren't well, students can't learn. The District Mental Health Program Coordinator provides resources, programming, and learning opportunities for social, emotional, mental, and behavioral well-being. Each school is extending learning opportunities to staff and families so we can work together, reduce stigmas and aid people to getting the proper support.
3. We have to engage and incorporate feedback from our teachers, our parents, our students and the community. We developed a committee to work in this area. We have more work to do in all these areas.

## Farmington Public School District - Term Ending 12/31/2024

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 12/31/2024

**MICHELLE BUSHEY**  
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I have been in the field of education for over 20 years as a teacher in everything from kindergarten through 8th grade. I spent considerable time reviewing and selecting curriculum for many grade levels and subjects. I have participated in many collaborative team environments in both the school system and other boards. I am very dedicated and invested in serving the community of Farmington Hills. I am also a parent of three school aged children.

1. The percentage of students below grade level in reading and math needs to be addressed and remedied.
2. Transparency in spending and accountability to how funding is being allocated.
3. Curriculum needs to be both rigorous and offered in person. No in person student should still be taking classes online. Some students are being taught online in our schools right now.

**CLAUDIA HEINRICH**  
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• I was elected in November 2020 to fill a 2 year term. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a BA in Education and Eastern Michigan University with a Masters Degree in Mathematics. I retired in 2015 after a 40-year career in education, teaching high school mathematics. I have lived in Farmington Hills since 1975 and raised 4 daughters who all attended Farmington Public Schools. Three of my grandchildren attend Farmington Public Schools. As a School Board Trustee I have served as Treasurer for 2 years, chair the Finance Committee, served as the DEI representative to Oakland County School Board Association, and served on 2 Strategic Planning Committees. In 2022 I was recognized by Michigan Association of School Boards with a Certified Board Member Award and an Award of Merit. I am running for reelection because I feel that while I have made an impact during the time I have served, the work that I have begun is not yet complete.

**Safety:** The COVID-19 Pandemic, drugs, violence and school shootings are stress factors that take a toll on the emotional health of both teachers and students.  
**Resources:** The current budget and increase in school funding is a step in the right direction but still inadequate in terms of the true cost to educate each student.  
**Time:** Teachers need time for professional development, time for collaboration to develop quality lessons, time to meet with parents, time to meet the needs of every student, and time for mentoring. A safe environment for students to learn, adequate resources to meet the needs of every student and time for teachers to focus on teaching and learning are the foundations that will lead to improvement in student achievement. The school board is responsible to making sure that the policies align with the district vision and mission, working with the superintendent to move the district forward in the work of preparing every student for success when they leave FPS.

**CARL DAVID MINTZ (WRITE-IN)**  
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I live in Farmington Hills & I am running for School Board because I feel there needs to be a change in the district & the way the schools are run. I would bring negotiating skills & a tough attitude to get the job done. I will push for transparency between the parents and the teachers as well as the administration and will be available when issues occur & parents can't get ahold of the school.

Ending Critical Race Theory, Getting the reading scores up, and helping students with disabilities get the help they need. I will push and inform the district on what needs to be done & what the residents need to do to get things done. I will fight the problems & get the solutions in for the problems & keep the public informed.

# School Board Elections

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## Ferndale Public Schools

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR Four Year Terms

<b>PETER CEGLAREK</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>SANDRA N. DUKHIE</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>JACKIE HART</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>JONATHAN K. TURNER</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Hazel Park School District

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

<p><b>ADAM DUBERSTEIN</b>                  Address: 132 W. Garfield Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030                  Campaign Web Site: <a href="http://www.voteadam.us">www.voteadam.us</a>                  Campaign Email: <a href="mailto:adam@voteadam.us">adam@voteadam.us</a>                  Campaign Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/electadamduberstein">www.facebook.com/electadamduberstein</a></p>	<p>I'm running for school board because I want to give community members a greater voice in policy decisions. I am a former high school English teacher and college administrator who now works full-time as a clinical psychologist. My hope is to use my knowledge of psychology and education in order to improve our schools. I want to do all that I can to ensure that our district is helping students and employees to perform at their absolute best.</p> <p>In November 2020, Hazel Park residents elected me to the Hazel Park District Library Board, and I am currently the library board's president. That experience, along with my past work as a college administrator, has given me knowledge of budgets and finance. I will use this knowledge if I am elected to the school board. Furthermore, I want to leverage my experience as a psychologist to ensure that our students and employees are well-equipped to handle mental health, academic, and social challenges.</p>	<p>The top three priority issues facing our school district include: teacher and staff recruitment and retention; offering students greater curricular options; and improving communication between the board and the community.</p> <p>1). I want to work with the cities of Hazel Park and Ferndale to offer financial incentives for teachers and staff to live in our district. I want to talk with local businesses about a discount program for district employees, and I would like to create an employee assistance program. 2). I would like to see students have more curricular options. I want junior high students to learn about skilled trades, and I'd like to see foreign language and fine arts offerings. To do this, I would like to create partnerships with trade schools, colleges, and libraries. 3). I will improve communication between the board and the community by hosting forums and inviting individuals to board meetings. I want to encourage everyone to participate in our schools' governance.</p>
<p><b>BENJAMIN ERVIN</b>                  Address: 23133 Woodward Ave. #131, Ferndale, Michigan, 48220                  Campaign Web Site: <a href="http://www.votebenjaminervin.com">www.votebenjaminervin.com</a>                  Campaign Email: <a href="mailto:info@votebenjaminervin.com">info@votebenjaminervin.com</a>                  Campaign Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VoteBenjaminErvin">www.facebook.com/VoteBenjaminErvin</a></p>	<p>I am running for the HP School Board because I come from a humble background &amp; understand the personal &amp; professional benefits of receiving a quality education. Great schools are led by great boards - with members striving to improve opportunities for students. Leading a school district is complicated - requiring a diverse skill set. My education &amp; business experience in industry has equipped me with the skills to embrace the complexities. My professional experience, after obtaining a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Michigan State University, has been centered in leading multi-phase, multi-year product development &amp; introductions into the American automotive market. My professional roles require me to work cooperatively in groups &amp; seek out the best path to meet end goals. I've spent years studying &amp; performing in complex organizations to gain the skills necessary to advocate for policies &amp; programs that provide students the opportunity to map their own path to success.</p>	<p>Hazel Park School Board's top priorities are clear and undeniable. 1. Hazel Park must attract and retain world class educators. Strong academics - taught by a world class teaching staff - is an important piece to attract students to Hazel Park, keep students at Hazel Park, and graduate students from Hazel Park. 2. There is no one-size-fits all solution to student success; however, we can support students holistically by providing a rigorous financial education and exposure to different life paths. 3. Students' academic success will only be possible if our students' basic physical and emotional needs are met; we must invest in the resources that support students' physical and mental wellbeing. Studies have shown students whose caretakers are actively engaged in their schooling typically have higher grades and test scores, better social skills and behavior, and a greater likelihood of continuing into post-graduate education. Let's make opportunities for parents/caretakers to be involved.</p>
<b>BEVERLY HINTON</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>DEBORAH LAFRAMBOISE</b>	<p>1. Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for. I have been in education for over 30 years as a teacher/ substitute teacher. I have a masters in Curriculum Instruction and Leadership. I am the treasurer of Hazel Park Athletic boosters (over 10 years) and have been involved in many organizations in various capacities.</p> <p>2. What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?</p>	<p>Behavior is my top priority. I would like to have our policy implimented and followed. We need clear guidelines for rewards and consequences. I would work diligently to get the entire staff on board. Then for repeat offenders, I would like to see additional mental health specialists to help understand the roots and curb the behavior. The second issue is absenteeism. The students can not learn if they are not in school (including online courses). We need to impliment strict policies into being in class. We again need to find the reasons for the attendance issue and work with the families to solve the problems. Finally, I do not feel we adequetly prepare students for the real world. We need to find resources to offer a variety of skill sets. We could collaborate with unions to offer training for students not college bound. We can offer adult education for those who fall through the cracks.</p>
<b>IAN LLOYD</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

# School Board Elections

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## Hazel Park School District (continued)

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

**MONICA RATTEE**

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**Campaign Facebook Page:** facebook.com/electmonicaratee

My name is Monica Rattee, I have lived in Hazel Park all of my life. I am running for School Board because I have three children of my own. Two of whom are in Hazel Park Schools now and I want the best for them. Wanting the best for them entails wanting the best for all students so they can all support and push each other together. I want to be their voice and with my professional skills already working for the Hazel Park Promise Zone and helping our students. My work for Remax as a bookkeeper and Associate Broker, negotiations come into play alot with real estate and on the board I know that everything you want wont always happen but neogitating to the best possible solution for the Students is key and I believe my skills will come into play great for that.

I have always been a believer that I want to get foreign languages into our younger school years. Learning young helps our Students learn better as they get older and have a better knowledge of different languages would be amazing for our students to have to offer. I also believe communication is huge. Without communication there is nothing. Our board needs to be able to find ways to communicate together and effectively, if elected I intend to help make this happen in a smoother fashion. Another goal for me is to have a united front. That means with the school, the district and community. I feel like we are getting there but bringing that together more would make Hazel Park the place to be.

## Holly Area School District

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

**GALE K. CARPENTER**

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**LIZ CUNNINGHAM**

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I am a life long educator. I have taught grades 3-7 over the span of a 10 year career. I now teach future elementary teachers how to teach children mathematics. Professionally, I research formative assessment in mathematics classrooms. I am also a co-author of a book for educators about multiplication and division.  
 To this position, I bring the analytical skills of a qualitative researcher and someone who can read and understand research about education, learning, and teaching. I also bring a passion about children and their futures to this position. I strongly believe that if we let the children and adolescents lead, the world would be a better place.

I see three issues:  
 1. There is a need for each school to have at least one mental health provider in the school full time.  
 2. Research says that teachers are what make the difference for all students' success. In this area, making sure that teachers have reasonable class sizes so they can build the necessary relationships with their students is important.  
 3. The final issue is the lack of professional librarians in the schools. Professional librarians bring a wealth of knowledge to a school that is lacking without them as a member of a school community.

**JOHN LAUVE**

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**JENNIFER YOUNG**

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## Huron Valley Schools - 6 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**JACOB E. DIMICK**

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A quick bit about me. I am a husband, a father, a Christian, and a disabled United States Navy and Coast Guard veteran. My family and I moved to Commerce Township in 2015 at the end of my enlistment. We had our son in 2018 and life was good! Somewhere in the middle of the pandemic I started to witness the harm bad policies were inflicting on local children. I became more involved in school board meetings, and county board meetings when I realized I needed to do more! More...to feel at peace with my son attending the public school system as well as those of my friends and neighbors. My promise if elected, is to ensure parents be made aware of what their children are learning, and to have the final decision about whether it's appropriate for their child. I am Masters prepared in Homeland Security Public Health Preparedness from Penn State College of Medicine. I have been published in The American Journal of Disaster Medicine. I received an Honorable discharge from the US Navy and US Coast.

- Learning loss, specifically reading comprehension.
- Schools have become indoc centers.
- More qualified help for special needs students and overcrowded classrooms.
- Use the designated ARPA funds to support a program like Beyond Basics that is designed to help children who have fallen behind.
- Use a parent approved curriculum that doesn't include divisive rhetoric.
- Our para-professionals starting pay is \$12.14 hourly. We need to pay a quality wage for this difficult and demanding position. Also, for classes at high numbers, such as 31 children in a fourth grade I would like to have at least two assistants in the classroom. We must think creatively to address fiscal challenges that have a negative impact on the learning. I will be an advocate for children, parents, teachers, and all stakeholders while remaining unbiased and transparent.



# School Board Elections

## CANDIDATES

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## Huron Valley Schools - 6 Year Term *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

#### RYAN DOLLEY

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I was raised in Milford and graduated from Huron Valley Schools in 2001. After some time in other states, my wife Jane and I moved back home to raise our family here because we know this is a wonderful community with wonderful schools. I have one child in HVS now with two more starting soon. So for me, having great schools is personal - this is my home, it's where I'm choosing to raise my children and it's the place I love. I have a diverse background in business, technology and the arts. I have started and lead non-profits, balanced budgets and made tough data-driven decisions. In fact my day job is in data and analytics. I will use this analytical eye to identify opportunities and implement fresh ideas to help the kids in our district. I also have a big heart and an open mind. I will be a board member the community can count on to communicate clearly and represent our district with dignity. Every decision I make will be driven entirely by what is best for your kids and mine.

The top issue facing HVS is attracting and retaining great teachers and support staff. Our pay is not competitive with neighboring districts and we have a lot of very experienced teachers who will retire in the next 6 years. Thanks to increased state funding and our community generously passing the bond fund, we can fix this. I will make sure our kids get the best possible teachers. Next, we are experiencing a long-term enrollment decline caused by demographic changes and accelerated by the pandemic. This is a really tough problem to fix. HVS has done a good job attracting school choice students - we need to look at the data to learn what would convince more area parents. One possible fix is to lead the way with innovative programs, my third priority. For example I would like to help non-college bound students find a great career via partnerships with employers and unions. Every kid in HVS must leave prepared to build a great life as they see it. Our job is to give them the tools.

#### BENJAMIN C. DUBY

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My name is Ben Duby, I've lived in HVS district for going on five years and I have three children 9 and under. I was motivated to run because I saw a dearth of candidates trying to push politics into a space I believe they just don't belong. I thought what we needed for HVS was someone uninterested in politics and gotcha games, but instead dedicated to improving equity and education for our students. I believe a good education is pivotal to a child's development and necessary for anyone to have a fulfilling, successful life. I also believe School Boards should act with long term goals and positive societal benefits in mind.

Priority 1 needs to be attracting and retaining exemplary educators and support staff. HVS has one of the lowest teacher salaries in Oakland County and until we figure out a better way to increase per pupil funding either through ARPA, bonds or new legislation we will struggle to keep the great teachers we have. Priority 2 is creating a welcoming, inclusive, positive environment for all of our students to learn and be confident. We need to promote student participation and encourage a school culture built around support and acceptance. This will give students the confidence they need to grow as both learners and people. Priority 3 is increasing our student population. This goes hand in hand with retaining teachers and creating an inclusive environment for learning. By becoming the district others want to send their kids, we will grow our budgets to the level necessary to make further, incremental improvements to our curricula and facilities.

#### DENISE L. FORREST

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My husband and I raised three daughters in Milford and have lived here for 40 years. I have dedicated my life to public service. I began working for HVS teaching our communities adult special education citizens and as a paraprofessional working with at risk students. I am a founding member of two community arts organizations in my district which are still thriving. I serve on the Huron Valley Education Foundation. I loved my twenty plus years of teaching elementary art in HVS. Upon retirement in 2018, I continued my passion to work with Huron Valley Schools and community and in 2018 was elected to HVS School Board. I am the HVS board vice president and serve on the Executive Committee. I understand all facets of public education and specifically what it takes to run a large district like HVS. I am a collaborative problem solver and look forward to representing our school community second term and continuing to advocate for all of our school children.

Our children deserve great schools. A quality public education provides the building blocks for a successful life and is an investment in our state's civic and economic future. Increased school funding to support increases in pay and benefits is a priority to be able to attract and retain our teachers, and all of our support staff that connect with our children. Salary as well as building a culture of respect for teachers as the professionals in the classroom is an important factor in retaining our teachers. Huron Valley is a great place for teaching and learning. Securing the funding necessary to pay our staff and provide the resources needed to educate our kids as well as providing innovative programming and a safe and secure school environment, in my opinion, is the top priority to continue supporting HVS Schools mission of Inspiring and building futures, one student at a time.

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I seek this position because I value our school district and want to see the legacy of exceptional education continue. As a mom of 4, business woman and active volunteer, I know the value of a good school district. I was appointed to the HVS Board in January, I've spent the last 7 months learning, observing, and participating in the governance of our district. Over the last 18 years, I have held volunteer positions in the classroom, on PTA Boards, and as the Bond and Sinking Fund Co-Chairperson. I hold a B.S. in Business from Oakland University, and I am employed by a local government entity that adheres to similar financial procedures and budget constraints as HVS. I have been preparing for this position for years and it was finally time to run.

While the pandemic has ended, HVS is still feeling the effects. However, I am optimistic we can address the obstacles and pursue normalcy. The priorities evolve around how we operate in the classroom, funding, and staff relations. Our students have struggled with getting back into the classroom; learning gaps, behavioral issues and general malaise creates a difficult learning and teaching environment. Addressing these issues involves classroom supports, behavioral strategies and parental involvement. Allocating funding for support is critical as well as engaging the district parents as partners. The district has effectively hired behavioral specialists, now we need to follow through with providing educators and parents healthy strategies to assist students. Staff relations are critical to district success; our budget needs to reflect an appreciation for the staff. Compensation must be addressed. Creatively incentivizing & recognizing longevity will demonstrate our commitment.

#### DEBBIE LENNIS

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I am married, a mom of 3 Huron Valley Grads, and grandma to 7, 6 in the district. As the Pastor of White Lake Presbyterian Church, I have skills in peaceful conversations, and an understanding of working on committees. I have served within the Presbytery of Detroit and for 4 years on the 'Patient, Family Advisory Committee' at Huron Valley Hospital. And, I have been trained through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center in conflict resolution. I am running for the school board because I believe in Inclusivity, that each child, regardless of their color, abilities or economic status deserve the same education. I believe in Communication and transparency between everyone, I believe we need to take a serious look at the mental health crisis, and find ways to hire more professionals to help that.

Huron Valley's issues are much the same as others; financial, curriculum and safety. As a new, incoming board member, I would have much to learn. I honestly can't speak to solutions, but I am open to learning, especially from those with years of experience. I believe in communication, that each person involved, from Superintendent to student has a voice in decision making.

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## Huron Valley Schools - 6 Year Term *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**CAROL NAGY**

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My decision to run for school board was not easy. I look at all the challenges that schools and their boards face everyday and wonder if it is all worth it. I can honestly say yes it is. I was a member of the Huron Valley School board many years ago. I can tell you that as part of that board I worked in conjunction with the other board members to make the district and our staff competitive with others. I chose to run again because I strongly believe in the Huron Valley School District, it's students and staff and I wanted to become involved in my community again. I want to work in unison with the board to make this district first in its class this includes the curriculum we offer. My field of study was science, and was headed for a totally different career. I became a teacher because I am someone who is compassionate and always looking to help others. I have a Masters in Adult Education and Instructional Design.

I want to work in unison with the board to make this district first in its class this includes the curriculum we offer and help make teacher salaries comparable to other districts. Communication between the district and parents.

**JOSEPH PILCHOWSKI**

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As a parent of three current Huron Valley students and a former student of Huron Valley myself, I've seen the direct impact this district can have on the life and futures of the students in the real world. As a Senior IT Professional, I've held the responsibility of people leader, solution designer, technical writer, and consensus builder to deliver multi-million-dollar projects for billion-dollar companies. As a leader I focus on the mental health of my teams first, creating an environment where my team members can feel happy, healthy, and whole and where we can learn from our diversity and embrace our individual uniqueness. I believe my depth of experience, critical thinking, and collaboration mentality will bring a positive impact to our Board.

We need to create and invest in an environment that is safe, secure, and effective for our students. Focusing on empathy and conflict resolution, investing in a robust counseling presence, prioritizing physical health/safety. We need to focus resources towards enhancing educator presence in the classroom, SEL, and opportunity for individual growth. We need to listen to our teachers. We need to regularly check-in on job satisfaction, mental health, and compensation, using these as benchmarks to better attract and retain talent. We need to support them with programs and compensation to match our respect for their hard work, and we have to trust teachers to do their jobs without being politicized. I've been a part of this community my whole life, and I think this community wants to do great things for our schools. I want to demonstrate how the Board can be capable of great things, a voice of reason, and can work with our educators to provide a world-class education for our students.

**MICHELLE RYAN**

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I am a full-time working mom, a wife and a Christian. I've been married to my husband, DJ, for 22 years and I've been a resident of Highland for 23 years. I have worked as an estimator for one of the largest commercial construction companies in Michigan for 22 years. This company is very involved with construction of educational facilities across the state. My responsibilities as an estimator and purchaser uniquely qualify me to evaluate financial expenditures and budgeting practices. I have two amazing kids that attend Huron Valley Schools. It was heartbreaking during the pandemic when our daughter who has wanted to be a teacher since she was in kindergarten no longer wanted to pursue that career and our son told me going to school was like us sending him to jail every day. That was when I decided to run for Huron Valley Board of Education.

1. Teacher + Student Retention
  - Ensure that the commitments administration makes to a school is followed through and happens. If there is a change to a commitment, it is accurately articulated to the staff of that school as to why the change has occurred.
  - Create and implement a formal process if a complaint is made regarding a teacher or a student.
2. Communication and Transparency with Parents
  - Work with the Board on a policy that states all communication is to be sent or copied to the parents. Emails should not go to students only.
  - Include in the district website a consolidated location for graduation requirements, course book, and a checklist of requirements per year.
3. Academic Excellence
  - Work with the Board to provide resources to all students to work at catching up on the loss of learning the last several years.
  - The Board of Education and Administration needs to create and maintain a transparent and reciprocal environment that acknowledges and respects the view of parents.

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As a former Huron Valley Schools math teacher at Lakeland/IA West, I have first hand experience of our school district from the inside. I have also partnered with Huron Valley Recreation department since 2012 teaching dance classes through my small business, Ms. V's Dance. Currently, I work in textbook publishing with some major colleges and universities across the country. Though I am not a politician, I am at my core an educator and a current HVS parent. My oldest is in second grade at Highland Elementary and youngest in preschool will attend next year. Both have attended Apollo in the past. My background in education; masters in secondary math and masters in school administration and supervision, gives me a unique perspective in education and schools. I want to help be the change our kids and staff deserve at Huron Valley!

1. Student growth and well being. We need to make sure our students mental health and learning is in a new focus post covid. With the current issues with school safety as well. We need to engage parents, teachers and administrators and come up with a real plan to make our students safe and happy.
2. Teacher and Staff retention and satisfaction. We need to make sure our current teachers and staff are well cared for and are happy to be in our district. Lessening demands for PD and other obligations and giving more time for planning and other well being activities is one step we can begin in. With the teacher shortage it would be advantages of us to keep our current in our district working with our families whom they have relationships.
3. Curriculum enhancement to support current world climate. We need to expand our thinking to new ways of assessing and supporting students. Standardized tests are not the best way for all students.

# School Board Elections

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## Huron Valley Schools - Term Ending 12/31/2024

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 12/31/2024

<p><b>LINDSAY COTTER</b>  <b>Campaign Email:</b> cotterl@comcast.net  <b>Address:</b> 816 E. Huron, Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>As a retired elementary teacher, building principal and current board of education member, I have dedicated my life to education.</p>	<p>1) Providing a quality education for all students                  2) Staff recruiting and retention                  3) School safety and security                  Appropriate management of district funding is essential to addressing all these issues. It is the responsibility of our board of education to be good stewards of district financial resources and to support our professional educators as they continue to provide an A+ education to HVS students.</p>
<p><b>SHANNON PICKERING</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

## Lake Orion Community Schools

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

<p><b>THOMAS F. DANIELS</b>  <b>Campaign Email:</b> DanielsforLOCSschoolboard@gmail.com  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> danielsforlocsboard.com</p>	<p>Retired teacher and administrator in both private and public school; coached girls and boys sports for over thirty years in both public and private school; currently am tutoring English, Reading and language arts subject matter.                  I fashion myself as a common sense communicator. I am sympathetic to teachers, having walked the picket line during the early stages of unionism. I believe that parents are the most important educators of their children. I believe that schools are to assist in this education. I believe that schools need to communicate with parents so that we all are on the same page, providing the best education for all children.</p>	<p>Safety, Academics, and Extra-Curriculars                  There should be no reason outside of religion that would cause a family to leave our district. I know about great private schools and why they might be attractive to some families. I will work hard to improve the quality of our schools in all areas to prevent any leaving.                  Because I have a wealth of knowledge having been an English teacher, Dean of Students, and Dean of Faculty as well as a school bus driver, I understand all the workings of quality schools. Lake Orion Community Schools is a fine school district but must continue to improve with safety, academics and extracurriculars. I will preach KINDNESS and RESPECT.</p>
<p><b>STEVEN A. DRAKOS</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>AMIE GAMACHE</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>
<p><b>HEATHER SINAWI</b>  <b>Campaign Email:</b> sinawiforschoolboard@gmail.com  <b>Address:</b> 1525 Miller Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362  <b>Campaign Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/sinawiforschoolboard  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.sinawiforschoolboard.com</p>	<p>My name is Heather Sinawi and I have lived in Lake Orion for five years. I am an adoptive mom of four daughters, two of whom are currently in the district. I am also a business owner, and provide support for adults with developmental disabilities in their goals of independence. I was a foster parent for a decade and bring years of experience as an advocate for children who have experienced trauma. I bring a solution minded approach, articulate communication and pragmatism to the table.</p>	<p>1) Continued Academic Success - Our Strategic Plan and goals for the district have associated action steps and I intend to provide accountability of progress and adherence to the plan.                  2) Safety - Atop of mind of everyone at Lake Orion Schools is safety. They are proactive and intentional with their approach. Particularly their focus on developing positive relationships with students. I would continue to provide accountability here as well and be a voice for the community concerns. -                  3) Parental Advocacy - Parents are a strong voice for their students and a continued partnership with families is advantageous for all.</p>
<p><b>JAKE SINGER</b>  <b>Campaign Email:</b> jakesinger122@gmail.com  <b>Address:</b> 9540 Klais, Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>I have served on the Board of Education since January 2019 and am seeking a second four-year term. I am running with the goal of continuing to work with our wonderful superintendent and administration to advance the objectives called out in the new LOCS strategic plan.                  I have dedicated myself to professional development and have earned the Level 3 Award of Distinction from the Michigan Association of School Boards by taking 15 courses on various subjects related to being a school board member along with attending over 200 hours of classes and seminars beyond the normal duties of serving on the Lake Orion Board.                  I have an undergraduate degree in finance and a master's of business administration. I have worked for nearly 30 years in corporate finance and business development.                  On the Board, I have applied my training by serving on the Finance, Curriculum and Policy committees.                  I am a lifelong Dragon who graduated from LOHS. Both of my daughters are also LOHS graduates.</p>	<p>1) Implementation of the strategic plan. The Board's role is to articulate a vision for the district, employ a superintendent to implement the vision and to provide oversight of that implementation. With a new strategic plan, the Board needs to push itself to be more data driven in evaluating whether the goals are being achieved. The Board must work with the superintendent to establish metrics which can be used to measure progress.                  2) Meeting the needs of all students. Continue pushing for a wide array of programming, allowing our Dragon students to meet their potential.                  3) Providing financial stability for the district. During the next four years, LOCS will need to approach voters for a renewal of the non-homestead millage and potentially request a renewal of the sinking fund. I would strongly support a renewal of the sinking fund as it gives the district the ability to use all of our state aid on instruction instead of having to use some of it for building maintenance.</p>

# School Board Elections

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## Lamphere Schools

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**ANTHONY AUSTIN**  
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 I am deeply committed to the

educational ,professional and personal development of our students. I am running to continue the successful work that is being done in the Lamphere Schools as well as the continued improvement to guarantee that our students succeed in their life goals. I have actively supported the Lamphere School District and Madison Heights Community for over 18 years in various volunteer initiatives from community coaching, city committee chairman and district wide activities through public address announcing. I have served on the Lamphere School Board for 6 years in various roles from Trustee, Vice President and Board President the past two years guiding our district through a difficult pandemic. I have the distinction of representing Lamphere as Master Board Member with over 368 hours of education with the Michigan Association of School Boards gaining valuable Leadership, Administrative, Legal and Interpersonal skills from many resources for our district,

1. Student Mental Health . We continue to educate our

students with a Zero Tolerance to Bullying. We have also partnered with Beaumont Hospital to construct a fully staffed facility on our campus for students and families to receive needed support. We also have a therapy dog who we take around our schools to provide comfort and emotional support for our kids.

2. School Safety. We have partnered with the Madison Heights Police Department to secure a Law Enforcement presence at our district. We have invested heavily in ensuring safety; from state of the art cameras throughout the district; one way visual windows screens on all exterior windows; compartmental access points into our schools; individual classroom locking devices; and extensive educational emergency lockdown drills.

3. Educational Success. Our Director of Curriculum continues to work with educators in exploring opportunities to better educate our students with academic success, inclusion and diversity as the goal.

**PAUL CAVANAUGH**

My wife and I have lived in the Lamphere School District in Madison Heights since 1985. Our five children have all attended Lamphere from kindergarten through high school. I have been on the Lamphere School Board for 14 years and am currently running for a fourth term. I am a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in Education. I have ten years of teaching experience most of those years in alternative high school. I also have over twenty years of experience as a Facilities and Construction Project Manager responsible for multi-million dollar annual budgets. I believe I have a good combination of skills and experience to contribute to students and education, capital assets, and fiscal management.

Currently the top three priorities in public education are school funding, student mental health, and learning loss due to COVID 19.

I believe board members have a responsibility to help assure spending prioritizes student learning. I also believe we must advocate for more funding through the State Legislature. Since returning to in person learning we must put a high priority on student mental health and recovery of learning loss due to the pandemic. I can't take any of the credit but Lamphere has already made great strides in both of these important issues.

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I am a mother of 3 children currently enrolled in the Lamphere district. My family and I love the Lamphere Schools and love the relationships we have made through them. I sat on the board for the Edmonson PTO for 5 years holding a variety of positions including president. In my professional career I am a Nursing Home Administrator. Previous to becoming a Nursing Home Administrator I was a Recreational Therapist working with patients with Traumatic Brain Injuries, focusing on integrating the person back into the community, providing them tools and skills they need to fully live life with their injury. I thrive on finding new ways to solve problems, looking at issues from a different perspective and thinking outside the box. I am an organized leader who loves to build relationships and get to know the people I interact with, everyone has a story and a passion and I fully believe we need to listen and ask questions to understand each perspective

1-Prevent staff burnout and improve retention-Teaching and caring for our children is hard work. I will focus on entire Lamphere staff retention. Our schools cannot run without quality staff in all departments. Each department faces its own challenges and I will ask the hard questions of what are we doing to ensure Lamphere takes care of all its employees and recognizes their hard work.

2-Overall student health/wellness-I have a passion for healthcare and treating the person as a whole. Ensuring our students have a safe environment to learn. Each year over 475,000 children under the age of 14 sustain a TBI, resulting in about 30,000 long term disabilities. I will be an advocate for the health and safety of our children.

3-Career/Life readiness-Life is more complicated than ever for our students, I will push for bringing more options for our students to explore their passions in life and utilize common sense to ensure they are set up for a successful career, but life as well.

**DEDRA LESAGE**  
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My name is Dedra LeSage and I am running for Lamphere School board. My daughter, Meredith will be a 7th grader this year, so I have a personal interest in preserving and growing the quality of education that Lamphere offers. In 2016, I was nominated and elected to serve as the PTO vice president at Edmonson Elementary. I served in this position for 5 years. During that time, I chaired several district events such as Pancakes with Santa and the End of the Year Picnic. I also secured a \$5000 grant for the Media Center remodel. In 2020, I served as girl scout troop co-leader. Most recently I applied for a position on the Governor's parents' council. I am currently an accounting administrator. Before that I was a district manager for 14 years where I managed about 50 employees throughout the state. Budget monitoring, problem solving, and planning are a few of the skills I would bring to the board.

1. Improving the mental health of our students – Recent studies show that almost 20% of school aged children are struggling with some type of mental illness – anxiety, depression, eating disorders etc. This same study also shared that less than 50% are receiving the help they need. I will fight for all our students to help the schools provide access to the resources they need to deal with these mental health issues.

2. Teacher Retentions – Teacher shortages are a concern across the country. Teachers are leaving the profession because they are not receiving the support they need. As a board we need to come up with creative ways to keep and attract teachers.

3. Post graduation options - Everyone's path to success is different. College is not for everyone so for the last few months I have been reaching out to the unions and trades schools to see research what other options are available.

**RYAN MCCANN**

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## Madison District Public Schools

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<b>GLORIA THOMPSON</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MERRI ESTER BUSCH (WRITE-IN)</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Novi Community School District

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

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<p><b>CHRIS HOLLMAN</b>  <b>Campaign Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/hollman4novi  <b>Address:</b> Box 211, Novi, MI 48376  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> www.chrishollman.com  <b>Campaign Email:</b> hollman4novi@fastmail.com</p>	<p>I have lived in Novi with my wife Michelle and 3 children, Teagan, Lucas, and Benjamin, for the last 15 years. I am a Doctor of Pharmacy and will bring a data driven and analytical approach to decision making, ensuring we always put the needs of our students first. I have been an avid volunteer for school events and have coached hundreds of Novi students in Novi Parks &amp; Rec, Novi Heat baseball, Novi Bobcats football, and Novi Youth Hockey Association. Novi parents know they can trust me to always have the best interest of their children at heart and champion programs to maximize each student's potential. Above all, I am a problem solver and a listener. As an employee benefits consultant, I work with clients with vastly different employee retention strategies and being able to listen and ask insightful questions is how I ensure we make the right recommendations to meet their needs. You will get that same level of care and professionalism when I am on the Novi Board of Education.</p>	<p>We need to rebuild trust between the community, the board, and our teachers that has eroded over the last 2 years. The hiring of our new superintendent has been a start to that healing process. I am an advocate for developing a culture of proactive transparency, which eliminates barriers between parents and teachers and ensures something as simple as keeping politics out of the classroom is maintained. With our Novi teacher's union contract expiring next year, retaining the great teachers we have will be paramount. As an employer benefits consultant, I will bring deep insight into how we ensure we can maintain their great benefits, even in an environment with health care costs spiraling out of control. We need to intentionally invest in resources and opportunities for students who may not pursue a college career path, such as the arts and the trades. I am championing a partnership with small businesses to offer mentorship opportunities to Novi students on how to run a business.</p>
<p><b>LATASHA KELLER</b>  <b>Campaign Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083650478139  <b>Address:</b> 24463 Millstream Ln  <b>Campaign Email:</b> latashak7316@gmail.com</p>	<p>My name is Latasha Keller. I was raised in Detroit, Michigan. I attended Detroit Public Schools for my K-12 education. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies from the University of Michigan, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wayne State University, and I am currently completing my Master of Science in Nursing. I have worked as a registered nurse for the last 8 years. I am running for the Novi School Board because I am an involved parent with two young children in the district. The reputation of the Novi Community School District is the reason I moved my family here in 2015. I wanted my children to have the educational experience I dreamt about as a child. Despite my circumstances, I used the resources I had to pursue my education with passion because I knew it was my ticket to a better life. Education is what saved me from being so many statistics. My upbringing demonstrates how I can overcome and persevere. These are qualities you want in a school board candidate.</p>	<p>The top three priority issues facing the Novi School District is educational decline, mental illness, and teacher recruitment and retention. The educational decline and mental illness both stem from the devastation of the COVID pandemic. As a school board member, I would advocate for some of our monies to go towards tutoring services, and free or reduced costs alternatives to help children that are struggling in fundamental courses. Families should not be burdened with the costs of paying hundreds or thousands of dollars for these services, especially if they have more than one child. I would advocate for more educational opportunities on mental health and wellness- workshops, keynote speakers, dismantling stigma, how to notice early warning signs, and how to seek help. We also need more counselors and social workers in our schools to assist students and families. I would speak with teachers and find out what they can handle, what is most important to them, and what is a deal breaker.</p>
<p><b>JASON W. MICHENER</b></p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion</p>

# School Board Elections

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## Oak Park School District

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

<b>YOSEF KLEIN</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>CLAUDETTE LUNKINS</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>PAIGE MATTISON</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>AISHA M. TYLER (WRITE-IN)</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Oxford Community Schools

Vote For No More Than Four (4) - FOUR Four Year Terms

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<b>CHARLIE HANKS</b> Address: 60 N Washington St., Oxford, MI 48371	Family: Two daughters, Morgan and Megyn Kids in district: 11th and 6th grade Profession/Work Experience: Mortgage Loan Originator I am interested in preserving and improving the quality and security of our school system. I feel that this is a great opportunity for me to serve our community and contribute positively to the district.	1. Students feeling safe in school. 2. Students getting back on track academically. 3. Transparency in regards to what happened in the days leading up to and on November 30, 2021. I think most of the community would like to see an independent and thorough investigation like what was offered by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel.
<b>MARY HANSER</b> Address: PO Box 87, Leonard, MI 48367 Campaign Email: hanserforoxford@gmail.com	I am Mom to two Oxford graduates, Leonard resident for over 7 years, and dedicated volunteer. I am running because I care . . . about every student and their family, every teacher, bus driver, support staff member, and volunteer. Serving on the board is where I can most effectively contribute to our community. I have the knowledge and experience to help lead Oxford through the unique challenges of the next four years, having continually expanded my knowledge on effective school governance and earning the MASB Level 5, Master Diamond Award. I am a positive, solution-seeking voice on the board and strive to consider all stakeholders when evaluating policies and expenditures. I am committed to the district vision of creating a world-class education for every Oxford student.	Safety – The physical and emotional safety of our students and staff remains the top priority and we need to be continually evaluating and improving. It is important that we establish metrics and evaluate the effectiveness of our tools and programs in order to plan for sustainable and solutions. Student Achievement – Educating students is our primary goal. We need to re-establish our focus on defining goals and regularly monitoring targets, keeping the board’s attention on overall goals and not on daily operations. Board Effectiveness – High student achievement is directly related to having an effective board. To be an effective board, we need to set high expectations for all parties, evaluate policies, and build collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders. Investing in individual member and full board development is an integral part of this goal.
<b>AMANDA MCDONOUGH</b> Campaign Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/AmandaMcDonoughforOxfordSchoolBoard	After growing up and graduating from Lake Orion, I went on to receive a Bachelor’s in Marketing & Communications from the University of Michigan. I have since been an Oxford resident for over a decade, and a Marketing Director within the entertainment industry for the same period. Choosing Oxford to raise our 3 children was a decision that Josh and I are incredibly proud of. I love Oxford and want to contribute my time and skills towards maintaining a supportive, educational environment for both students and teachers. Focusing on teamwork, and the ability to effectively solve problems regardless of differences is imperative of a Board Member. I am confident that I could be a great asset to the community, staff, students, and Board.	Safety: Since the tragedy on November 30th, our district has undoubtedly added many safety features and technologies. I would like our Board to continue following best practices in added safety features. I would like to ensure we have a well-trained staff, and that safety protocols are continuously monitored for compliance. A policy is only as effective as those who follow it. Restorative Justice: The political climate of using restorative justice “above all else” needs to be brought back to a sensible middle ground. I would like to see policies that are more focused on protecting innocent students. Culture: This encompasses the working culture for our teachers and staff, the supportive culture of our students, and the partnership with parents. Our district teaches students the immense benefits that come from teamwork – we need to ensure that these edicts are being fully represented by board members, administrators, and parents.
<b>JAMES SOMMERS</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>GEORGE STOFFAN</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>MICHAEL WHITNEY</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
<b>ANDREA MAE HAMILTON (WRITE-IN)</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

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## Pontiac School District - 4 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Four Year Terms

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## Pontiac School District - 6 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

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<b>SHAQUANA DAVIS-SMITH</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion

## Pontiac School District

Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 12/31/2024

<b>TROY F. CRAFT</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion	Did not respond in time for inclusion
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## Rochester Community School District - 6 Year Term

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

<b>JESSICA GUPTA</b> Campaign Email: jessforrcs@gmail.com Campaign Web Site: jessforrcs.com Campaign Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/jessforrcs/ Address: 632 7th Street, Rochester, MI 48307	I am an educator and a social worker, serving youth and families for over a decade, as well as a volunteer robotics coach for six years at Rochester High School. I am a mother, an advocate, and a mentor to many students in our district. I have a background in school crisis response and a demonstrated understanding of our district's diverse range of student needs. As a community advocate for many years, I have stood up for more social and emotional education integrated into our students' curriculum. My advocacy is largely informed by the stories of challenge I hear from the students I serve in my private practice. Moreover, having been appointed to fill a vacancy on the RCS Board in March of 2022, I have proven myself as a dedicated, fair, and responsible trustee thus far. I deeply value civil discourse, courageous conversations, and consensus building, all of which are necessary for a school board trustee.	The top three issues facing RCS are maximizing school safety, teacher recruitment and retention, and improving student's emotional wellness. RCS prioritizes school safety by soliciting safety audits and implementing recommended changes, with a focus on continuous refinement. Despite the national teacher shortage, RCS has been able to attract and retain highly qualified teachers overall but still faces shortages in special education teachers, who are an essential part of public education. Statewide, we need urgent and innovative strategies to recruit and sustain more people in this profession. Our students report a desire for more mental health support. Ensuring that every student has access to at least one responsible adult who they trust is a key first step toward this end. Hiring more mental health professionals and integrating emotional regulation skills throughout curriculum are also necessary to improve students' mental health.
<b>EDDIE HILLERY</b> Campaign Email: eddie4rcs@gmail.com Campaign Web Site: eddiehillery.com Campaign Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/eddie4rcs Address: 2331 Cumberland Rd, Rochester Hills 48307	I am a son of RCS, having graduated from RCS in 2000. I have a student at an RCS elementary school, and will have 1 next school year. For the last 14 seasons, I have coached within the district, where I get to work with & impact students on a daily basis. My family and I returned back to RCS because of the strong community, and the top notch education that I received as a student. I am running because I would love to be a part of the continuation of the high standards that RCS has for themselves & students. All while helping to lead from my unique perspective. Currently I work for the county ISD as an attendance officer. In this position I work to remove the barriers that are preventing students from attending school on a regular basis. Before being an attendance officer, I was a Sheriff's deputy, working in the jail. During my time as a deputy, I honed my communication skills, increased my empathy, and learned more about leadership & how to follow.	I would like to focus on bringing the community together, by keeping students & staff first. We all have a common goal of keeping RCS as a top school district in Oakland County, and the state of Michigan. RCS is a large factor in why people move to our community, also in why they stay in our community. Educating the whole child is a priority as well. Our students need to be prepared for the world, beyond just the academics that they are learning. Teachers and staff need to be supported. RCS does a good job recruiting and retaining teachers, but communication needs to be had with these employees to make sure that RCS doesn't lose their educators, like so many school districts have in recent years. All of these priorities can be accomplished by listening to the stakeholders within RCS; students, parents, staff & taxpayers. Also, by showing these stakeholders that I am listening, by my actions.

# School Board Elections

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## Rochester Community School District - 6 Year Term (continued)

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**CAROL BETH LITKOUHI**

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I went to Rochester Schools for grades K-12 and then became a public school teacher. Later, I obtained my Master's degree in Reading and Language Arts. Currently, I'm a mom of two kids in RCS. I love Rochester and chose to raise my kids here for these great schools. However, I've learned that there is a decline in enrollment and college readiness. We've seen upper level administrators retaliate against parents with dissenting views. Also, administrators are fighting to hide curriculum from parents. They've denied that records exist or charged up to millions of dollars for information. Our community has shared many concerns, but our current Board remains silent. They refuse to provide the needed checks and balances to protect the interests of taxpayers and parents. I strive to work collaboratively. I also advocate when necessary. I want to listen to our community: parents, citizens, teachers, and students. I hope to stop the decline, provide oversight, and restore our good reputation.

We need to refocus on academics, transparency, and accountability. Currently, 96.3% of our kids graduate but only 55% are considered college proficient. Our SAT scores have declined by 53 points since 2017. We need to ask why. We should offer competitive wages to paraeducators, especially for the sake of special needs students. We should reinstate final exams and protect advanced classes. Also, we should be transparent about what is being taught to students, how funds are spent, what policies are followed, and who is on committees. Much of this could be posted on our website. When parents ask questions, the Board should engage and earnestly seek answers. Finally, all citizens should be able to speak and discuss ideas freely, without fear of retaliation or censorship. The Board and Administrators should not punish criticism, only bad actions. The Board's present passivity enables misconduct, which is why we need new trustees who will enforce our policies and stand up for what's right.

**DENNIS TALLUTO**

Dennis is a husband of 40 years, father, and grandfather. Dennis is a veteran of the US Coast Guard, enlisting at age 16, and receiving a Good Conduct Honorable Discharge after four year enlistment. He entered the Electrical & Electronic Engineering program at LTU upon returning home. Dennis has a deep and extensive 40 year career in technology and consulting in the Fortune 500 world, as well as two Silicon Valley start-ups. He has also served three terms on two Boards of Directors, including Board Chairman (elected & appointed). \* Full biographical profile and information can be found at: <https://dennisforrochesterschoolboard.com/meet-dennis-1> \*\*\* Relevant qualities and skills are: \* Significant business, industry, and technology consulting experience \* Significant Board experience, governance, leadership, integrity \* Significant strategic planning, tactical planning, and resource management success - at a mastery level \* Significant problem resolution skills - the "fixer"

1. Restore Board Integrity; Restore Public Trust \* Restore integrity, trust, transparency, and governance to a broken system in dire need of real leadership. \* Implement written policies which restore transparency in all matters of RCS governance - financial, operational, educational \* Hold Trustees/Admins accountable for all E & O 2. Restore Parental Rights & Responsibilities \* Eliminate abuse of FOIA Process for all educational matters \* Implement written Policy for Parental Review of all instructional material, and stiff penalties for failure thereof. 3. Return to Academic Excellence \* Elimination of all political, racial, and sexual ideologies that interfere with actual education \* Evaluation and implementation of best-of-breed curriculum and processes proven to exceed current standards and results #StopTheDecline

## Rochester Community School District

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 12/31/2024

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I have lived in Rochester Hills all my life, graduating from Rochester HS. My 3children all graduated from Rochester Adams. Beyond being a student and a parent in RCS, I have also done my student teaching at McGregor & been a long-term sub in many buildings in RCS, including special education. I still am in school every week as the robotics coach at SCHS. I have been an elementary teacher, high school English, special education teacher, and administrator. Since finishing my doctorate in educational leadership, I have joined the leadership of the Detroit Public Schools. I come to the work of the Board as a graduate, a parent, a teacher, & an educational leader. My experience includes special education, developing policies and new processes, building new educational programs, building consensus among stakeholders, a decade of mentoring students, and, most important, love and passion for education. Few candidates will have the multi-faceted experience I have to serve our children.

My top three priorities are 1. Focus on student learning. 2. Build a stronger diverse community. 3. Improve communication and transparency. I am focused on student learning. The years disrupted by the pandemic caused learning loss and damaged our children's mental health. We need to focus on academic interventions and SEL programs. The work of the Board should be focused on developing a vision and policies that recover learning loss and heal our children's mental health. In Rochester, we need to strengthen our community by building trust. We have a strong school district. We need to both maintain that excellence and continue to improve, which takes the input of all stakeholders in our diverse community. The Board's and administration's part in strengthening our community is to improve communication and be more transparent around decisions.

**JOE PITTEL**

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I am currently the Secretary of the RCS Board, and I am seeking to retain my seat after being appointed in 2021. I am running because I believe there is more left to do. I bring a moderate and pragmatic approach to Board service, and my record shows that I am willing to work with my colleagues for the benefit of the District. I have also shown that I am independent and will challenge the administration and my board colleagues when I feel something needs to be said. I am motivated by a deep passion for public schools and I have used my experience as a lawyer and an executive to help our district navigate these challenging times. In terms of background, I have been an attorney for 17 years, and I am currently serving as the chief lawyer for a multinational technology firm. I oversee the legal department, compliance and public affairs. I graduated from Michigan State and went to the U of D Mercy for my law degree and my MBA. My wife and I have three children in the district.

First, as a member of the Board, SCHOOL SAFETY is routinely at the top of the list of topics for parent and student letters. One Pew Research study showed that 57% of teens were "somewhat worried" or "very worried" that a school shooting could happen at their school. As a Board we must make sure our students and staff have what they need to feel safe. Another issue -- which I firmly believe is causing the catastrophic shortage of teachers -- is the great strain on our staff and students. I want to make sure our students and staff are getting the MENTAL HEALTH support they need from counselors and mental health professionals. We must ensure our students and staff are given the tools and have the opportunity to reach out and find a safe place. Finally, our district is currently in a strong financial position, but demographic shifts impacting enrollment together with the normal recessionary cycle mean SMART FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP is needed to navigate the always changing landscape.



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Andrew Weaver is the grandson of a first-generation Japanese immigrant. He grew up with his siblings and a hard-working single mother. Post high school, Andrew attended Western Michigan University, where he graduated with a degree in Political Science and a minor in History. Andrew spent the first years of his professional career in management roles in the retail and banking industries. Within these industries, he utilized servant leadership and saw the importance of communication, transparency, and integrity in building effective teams. Recently, Andrew has been working in the automotive industry while also earning a Master's degree in Lean Manufacturing. He was introduced to problem-solving strategies that strive to identify specific problems and seek the best possible solution. He looks to use his leadership and problem-solving background to improve district decision-making and community relations. As a parent of 3 young children in the district, he is invested in RCS's success.

1. RCS needs to increase transparency for stakeholders. Parents and community members should have easy access to information that impacts their students/community. This includes but is not limited to course content, district information, and expenditures.  
 2. RCS needs more accountability. The primary role of the school board is to hold high-ranking members of district leadership accountable. To provide oversight and ensure that all members of district staff are providing services that are to the benefit of student learning. Additionally, they serve as the representation of the community members and should be the voice of all concerns and questions that exist within the community. The current board seems to have lost sight of these priorities.  
 3. We need to re-evaluate RCS's use of tax dollars and ensure that funding is going to programs and positions that benefit our students. Currently, there is too much budget spent on central office staff that does not add value for students.

## Royal Oak Schools

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Four Year Terms

**DEBORAH ANDERSON**  
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I have lived in Royal Oak since 1980 and my two daughters received an excellent education in our school district, and I hope to help make sure that all students in our district can expect the same high level of education. Having been on the board since 2006 and being involved in several organizations, I bring experience, commitment and institutional knowledge to the school board. I am running for the board again because I feel I still have much to offer the district and the community. I am energized by the long-range planning process, which we are now launching, and look forward to working toward goals that arise from that process.

Providing an excellent education to all students is always the top priority for Royal Oak Schools. To ensure that happens, it's important to make sure we have experienced curriculum leaders. Continuing to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars, including the recent increase in state and federal funding, is vital to the district's long-term success. We as a board attend monthly finance and facilities meetings in which we work to make sure sound decisions are being made. These meetings are open to the public, and as with our other district committees, we encourage members of the public to join so they can gain more knowledge of how the district works. Student and staff health and safety is of paramount concern - including mental health as well as physical safety. We've installed Nightlocks on the doors in our buildings as well as putting UVC air-filtration systems in all classrooms and other gathering spaces in our district. Increased mental health support is a top priority.

**MICHELLE COOK**  
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I have lived in Royal Oak for over 20 years. I have a son that attends Royal Oak Middle School. I have spent my career teaching students in PreK through 3rd grade. I also served for over ten years as my local teacher's union president, as well as in the role of AFT Michigan Vice President. I belong to the PTA and spent time as the legislative chair when my son attended Northwood Elementary. I currently am on the Royal Oak Public Library Board where I serve on the budget, millage and facilities committees. I am running for School Board because I believe my perspectives as a parent and teacher would be a valuable addition to the board. I am very aware of the issues that are facing our schools. I believe my experiences in leadership roles have equipped me well to collaborate with all stakeholders to craft solutions to address these issues so that our students can have the best possible education.

First, we must be proactive in our approach to recruiting and retaining quality staff. I will prioritize providing competitive pay and benefits. I will also seek to put policies in place that will give employees the chance to give meaningful input into district decisions that affect their jobs; provide ways to support staff as they grow in their career; and help them to pursue their ambitions in the district.  
 Next, we must support our students as they recover from the effects of the pandemic. The federal government has allocated once in a lifetime levels of funding to help in this effort. I will be a good steward of these funds and make sure that they are targeted to address our students' social, emotional and academic needs.  
 Finally, we must welcome the input of all stakeholders in our efforts to meet the needs of all of our students and families. I will work to encourage more involvement in our district decision making processes and to communicate these opportunities better.

**CHARLIE GANDY-THOMPSON**

I am currently resident of Royal Oak and grew up in Pontiac. I graduated from Pontiac Northern HS. I hold a BS in Computer Engineering and MS in Engineering Management, both from Oakland University.  
 My professional career started as a Substitute Teacher in Pontiac Schools District. Over 20 years ago, my Engineering career began at GM. Over 15 years as an Engineering Manager in the Electrical Engineering Department. GM is a great place to work; I had the opportunity to explore various jobs and different locations. I have spent the last 5 1/2 years at LGES working as Quality and Warranty Manager.  
 The reason I am running for School Board is to ensure RO Students are exposed to a competitive Curriculum and Developmental Programs which can help them strive for higher goals. Those goals could be in STEM, Business, Politician, Business owner, or whatever their heart desire. The key is exposure, to show students, what is possible or what they can become.

Top issue (3) in RO School District:  
 1. School Ranking – Improving the 20% Math and Reading Proficiency  
 2. Budget – to ensure Teachers, Student Programs, Safety, and mental health programs are fully funded  
 3. Curriculum to ensure they are competitive  
 Collaborate with Superintendent Teachers to find and execute solutions.

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## Royal Oak Schools (continued)

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I have been a public school educator for ten years and have taught social studies at both the middle school and high school levels. In addition to my classroom responsibilities, I have also been the supervisor for several student extracurriculars including Model United Nations, High School Democrats of America, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, and Link Crew (a student mentorship and culture building organization). In my district, I served on both the Diversity and Inclusion Team and the Curriculum Review Council. Outside of my career, I am an active member of my community and serve as the Chair of the Royal Oak Area Democratic Club and a trustee on the Royal Oak Public Library Board. I am also a board member of the 501(c)3, No Future Without Today, a student-led nonprofit dedicated to ending gun violence in schools. I currently am a member of Michigan Education Association Protect Our Schools Action Team, a group of teachers and community members working to combat gun violence.

Schools should be safe and affirming to all students. District's safety plans must include provisions for students that protect both their physical and their psychological safety. This includes up to date and frequent training for staff, crisis plans that include both prevention and recovery, and trauma-informed practices surrounding the safety plan. In addition, there must be diverse programming and robust opportunities for student voice. Schools must have a mental health staff in each building that is adequately trained and supported to manage their workload. This might include additional positions to follow up with students and to communicate with families. Mental health plans should be proactive, not reactive. School boards need to help rebuild trust with all stakeholders in the district. Royal Oak needs to continue to build community partnerships and bridges with families. This can be accomplished by improving communication and transparency. It takes a village!

## Southfield Public Schools

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**TALISHA BELK**

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**JILLIAN HOLLOWAY**  
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BA University of Detroit Mercy  
 Former Law Enforcement Officer  
 Published Author  
 Precinct Delegate  
 My focus is to bring my experience as a Law Enforcement Officer to the board on how to keep our children safe and have a healthy stress free environment in order to learn.

Safety in the school (provide safety and healthy environment)  
 Upgrading structural issues  
 Provide arts and music as well as physical training

**YVETTE WARE-DEVAULL**

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**BETTY CARLTON ROBINSON (WRITE-IN)**

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## South Lyon Community Schools - 6 Year Term

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

**MIRIAM CORVINO**

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**STEPHANIE JUNKULIS-PIERCE**  
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I am a wife and mom of two elementary aged school children. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University School of Law. I am an attorney with almost 17 years of experience. I have taken that experience in corporate governance and applied my wide range of legal skills to represent the community as an appointed member to the SLCS board of education. My strong reasoning and analytical skills have proved invaluable when faced with challenging issues. Additionally, I am able to look at a problem from multiple perspectives to arrive at the best solution to an issue. No matter what someone's opinion may be, I intently listen and work to address concerns. I serve as a member of the South Lyon Educational Foundation, hold a role in my children's elementary PTO, and guest teach when needed. I continually strive for educational excellence and always act in the best interests of SLCS students.

SLCS must continue to strive for equitable funding within its schools. There is still a wide discrepancy in per pupil funding among districts within Oakland County. With more funding, SLCS can continue to decrease class sizes, offer additional support staff allowing teachers to focus on teaching, and allow for a focus on individualized education. I would continue to work with state legislators and other administrators to advocate for increased educational funding. A second issue is teacher retention. We must do everything within our power to retain the amazing staff that serve our district. This means providing the appropriate support network, offering competitive pay, and ensuring teachers only work their contracted hours. The final issue is offering a wider range of educational opportunities. We must continue to innovate and offer individualized educational experiences to ensure that all students leave SLCS with the required skills for the next steps of their lives.

# School Board Elections

## CANDIDATES

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## South Lyon Community Schools - 6 Year Term *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

#### PATRICK MAGUIRE

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I've been part of the South Lyon community for nearly 20 years and have two children in the district. I've worked in law enforcement for 22 years and am currently the acting Deputy Chief of a department of nearly 150 people. In addition to a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, I have a Masters in Public Administration. I have skills in leadership and communication, experience working within the local government realm, and an ability to connect and empathize with others while working towards positive solutions.

I am compelled to run for school board because I want to see SLCS continue to grow as an outstanding district, providing quality education. In order for SLCS to be a leader, it needs a board with people who can work as part of a team to find practical solutions that are truly best for the entire community. As someone with years of experience in conflict resolution and de-escalation, as well as training and education geared towards working in public organizations, I fit that role.

South Lyon needs to manage growth in a meaningful way. As the district and community grow, there is the opportunity for the district to make positive moves. I would ensure that the district makes inclusive decisions which reflect the growing community and involves the voices of those who have been here for generations as well as those who are new the South Lyon.

I would work hard to find every way possible to recruit the brightest and best teachers while also being sure to retain the quality talent the district already has. This means finding creative ways to make teachers feel welcome and appreciated. These can be financial and non-financial decisions.

SLCS receives per-pupil funding from the state which is not the same from district to district. Other districts throughout Oakland County receive thousands more dollars per student. I will make a point to work with state legislators and other leaders to work towards more equitable funding.

#### ANN RIMANELLI

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My husband and I built our home in this community over 20 years ago; all of our children are graduates of, or attending, South Lyon Community Schools. I have been active in the schools throughout my children's careers, maintaining leadership roles on the parent boards of the Early Childhood Center and Brummer Elementary and serving as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and the related curriculum subcommittee. I've also held leadership roles within the South Lyon High School Marching Band and South Lyon High School Theatre groups.

As a financial services professional with over 20 years in Compliance and Risk Management, I have developed a set of skills which balance risk and reward. I have extensive experience in data analysis and reporting, which has allowed me to develop performance metrics which support a culture of transparency. I have spent years uniting competing priorities to achieve a common goal where every stakeholder is heard and acknowledged.

One of the top issues is learning recovery. I would support providing:

1. Up to date research-based assessments and materials to identify struggling students
2. Subscriptions to on-line programs and resource materials
3. Professional development training for crisis intervention
4. Upgrades and replacement technology as needed

As a district we need to ensure SLCS are offering an environment which produces well rounded graduates prepared to take on life after high school, whether it's in the trades, an advanced degree or serving our country. We can continue to work with other municipalities, like Oakland Technical Campus, and area businesses, through municipal economic development coordinators, to support initiatives that allow our students to explore opportunities in skilled trades.

Lastly, there is a lack of understanding of basic life skills at the time of graduation. I would support seminars on various topics, such as understanding finances, nutrition, and basic life skills.

## South Lyon Community Schools

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - One Year Term Ending 12/31/2024

#### CRAIG DASHNER

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I am a MSU graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering. I have worked professionally designing bridges and constructing large-scale transportation projects for nearly 30 years. I have a daughter that graduated from East in 2021 and a son that will graduate in 2023. I have been on the Board for 4 years and have been President (elected by the Board) for 2 years. My main reason for running is to give back to the community and to be a voice of reason and do my best to be a calming presence on the Board and within the District. I am open-minded and consider the viewpoints that come from multiple sources. My decisions are guided by what is best for the students and what will keep the District strong for the future.

Staff Retention - Other districts are offering steps upon hiring to attract staff. This can lure staff away to other districts. We can only increase pay by so much to live within the funding that we receive from the state and about 85% of our funds are spent on staff. The goal has to be making our District a great place to work where the staff is supported.

Filling hard-to-fill jobs - food service, bus, janitorial, and grounds - I wish I had a magic answer for this, but I don't. Every district (and the business world in general) is struggling with this same issue right now.

Student Anxiety - an increasing number of students are struggling with anxiety. We have been increasing support staff and investing in our therapy dog program to provide additional support to the students. I would support continuing our investment in those areas.

#### TERESA LASZLO

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I'm a veteran educator with 15 years of teaching experience before moving into administrative educational roles, including instructional design and professional development for educators. I earned a Bachelor's degree from EMU, and both an MA and PhD from ASU. I currently run a Learning and Development department for a global company. There, my responsibilities include balancing a budget, setting effective policies, strategic planning, and collaborating across teams and with my fellow leaders to reach shared goals. My background in teaching, in education administration, curriculum design, and leading a global corporate learning and development department allows me to bring valuable expertise and perspective to the South Lyon School Board. I would be delighted to serve our community and the South Lyon School District with my persistence and dedication to public education.

Funding is always a top priority, as we are currently facing fiscal challenges with decreased revenue from declining enrollment. We face an inevitable budget shortfall and that means class size increases, reductions in staff, transportation, supplies, and reductions in the kinds of programs that enrich and expand learning opportunities for our students. I will address this issue with thorough budget analysis and effective policies. Our resources must always remain in alignment with our district's educational goals. I will take my fiduciary responsibility seriously and come up with solutions. I will fight for all students to have access to the resources they need to be college and career ready. Another priority should be academic excellence. We should retain and provide resources to our district's teachers. Finally, collaborating with other board members and the community, always with the students' best interests in mind, to achieve our overarching goals should be prioritized.

# School Board Elections

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## Troy School District

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Six Year Terms

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I am a long-time Troy resident and proud parent and alum of the Troy School District. I am running to ensure a continued world-class public education for all students, among them my own children. I will work on behalf of all students for access to a quality and dynamic education that both meets the challenges of today and will also allow our students to thrive and meet the challenges of tomorrow. I am also running because I believe my unique set of skills and experiences will help the district to stay financially strong and to meet continued challenges such as staffing shortages, student health and safety, infrastructure, and funding. As a business owner and an attorney, I am regularly called upon to meet complex and varied challenges. As an active community member, I continually advocate for all Troy families. As a parent, I understand how families are impacted by district decisions.

My mission is a world-class education for all Troy School District students that will help them succeed in school and life. To achieve that, the top priorities in the district are to provide a safe learning environment for all students, to continue providing a world-class public education, and to ensure financial stability in the face of many issues facing public education today, such as staffing and funding. If elected, I will work with the board and administration to ensure that we are fostering an environment where all students are supported in learning and providing the spectrum of necessary resources to provide students and staff an overall safe environment. Providing resources such as counselors and wrap-around services for students will be key to our district's continued success. I will further work to ensure that we implement the programming and support students need to achieve academically, emotionally, and socially. Lastly, I will vigorously advocate for public education.

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I am a parent of two children currently in Troy Schools. I graduated from MSU in '07 with a degree in Advertising. During that time, I was a Resident Mentor who helped students navigate life on campus and their academic goals. I have worked in Advertising/Media for 15 years and am currently a Sr. Manager of Client Services at SXM Media (Pandora). In my position, I am responsible for hiring, mentoring my team, and ensuring we provide excellent service to our partners. In the past, I worked as a Camp Counselor at Life Time Fitness in Troy and Adult Facilitator for the youth program at my church. This past May, I graduated from Wayne State Law School, taking courses in Taxation, Accounting, and Community Advocacy. I am running because I believe our schools are such an essential part of what brings families to Troy, and I would like to see all of our students participating in a world-class education that helps them succeed after high school.

There are a few priorities that I would like to collaborate on with the board, the administration, teachers, and our parents. First, I want to continue seeing our district ranked high among similar communities in our area and across the state. We should consistently look for ways to improve and ensure we have enough data/research to support any substantial changes. Our ultimate goal is for all of our students to work hard and develop the necessary skills that will help them find success after high school. Second, we must support our teachers and staff to ensure they have the knowledge and resources to help their students and classes succeed. This means we must continue to provide professional development opportunities for our teachers and help develop a positive and healthy working and learning atmosphere. TSD should be the top destination for teachers. Last, safety and security will always be a significant priority. We must ensure families in our buildings feel safe and welcomed.

#### DANIEL MINGEE KANG

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I was born and raised in Troy, Michigan and went on to receive a Computer Science degree at the University of Michigan. Since graduating in 2013 I've kept up to date on Troy School District affairs. This involved listening to teachers' wants and needs in the classroom, mentoring current students, and advising administrators on implementing technology and computer science curriculums. My goal in running for school board is to give parents, students and teachers a larger voice on the Board and in doing so, improving our standard of education.

Supporting Student Mental Health - We currently have 1 counselor per 300 high school students. I will expand our mental health resources, identify and address issues early on, and foster supportive learning environments. Modernizing Curriculums - Many curriculums in our schools, particularly math and computer science, are no longer preparing our students for continued learning and the modern workplace. I will push for updating curriculums through research and teacher input. Protecting Students' Rights - Each student has different needs, and these needs are often not supported due to opaque administration. I plan to improve students' rights through policies that handle student issues on a case-by-case basis rather than one-size-fits-all.

#### CHRISTOPHER KUS

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I have lived in Troy for about 12 years now. My wife and I have 2 children in Troy schools. I have a BSME from University of Michigan and am skilled in data analysis and problem solving.

Academic Excellence  
 Parental Involvement  
 Fiscal Transparency

#### JEFF SCHAEPER

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I have been married 31 years to a school teacher. Our two children attended Troy Schools. My family has lived in Troy for 22 years. I have a Bachelor's in History, a Bachelor's in accounting and an MBA. My family have been involved in education from my grandfather, mother, sister, aunt, uncles and more. Education has been a vital part of my living experience. In my professional career, I have taught many classes both training and roll out of new programs. I have implemented aggressive business plans like erecting automotive part plants in Poland. I was a strategic business planner which allows me to plan, implement and measure effectiveness of programs. Troy Schools needs this skill set.

1. Recovering the academic achievement lost by the lock out of our children from in person learning for two years. This is accomplished by intensive in person instruction. For reading, an emphasis on phonics is required. The Troy curriculum has used a whole language curriculum that has proven to be ineffective nationwide. The recently released test scores has shown any recovery has been minimal. Using phonics and the correct curriculum can raise a student's reading comprehension dramatically.
2. Student mental health has deteriorated due to the same lock out policy.
3. More parental engagement in their student educational journey. The parents need to know what is happening in the schools.

# School Board Elections

## CANDIDATES

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## Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

#### SUSIE MUZBECK CRAFTON

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With a Masters in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University, I have been designing, funding, and implementing non-profit education initiatives for nearly 20 years, including leading a training and consulting program focused on improving school board governance in large urban districts. I deeply understand the governance role of a school board member, which will be critical as we welcome the incoming superintendent to our community. I have a track record of engaging parents, teachers, and students in advocacy having spent countless hours in support of our education systems at the local, state, and federal level. I've been involved as a Trustee of WLCSD's Foundation For Excellence since 2019 and have served in numerous PTA positions. I have also served on the Senior Leadership Team of four nonprofit education organizations, helping to make decisions regarding the balancing of budgets, improving employee morale, and leading change.

As we welcome a new superintendent to our community, the board will need to align on a shared vision for the district. That said, I see the following three priorities to focus on together:

- 1) Improving the educator experience so that they can do their best work every day;
- 2) Increasing student learning to prepare ALL students for their chosen future including special education, English learners, and those with differing socio-economic concerns.; and
- 3) Providing a safe and inclusive learning environment that addresses the mental health crisis our young people are facing, especially at the middle and high school levels. mit to extensive listening and partnership with all stakeholders – parents, students, teachers, school staff, business community, residents without children in school, etc. – so that I can help the Board adopt the district's mission and vision and maintain a policy framework that addresses the priority issues facing the district.

#### JULIE FERNANDEZ

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I have been part of Walled Lake schools since 1977 when I began 4th grade at Twin Beach. I want to help teachers close the learning gap and return to educational excellence in our district. I am the candidate with Board experience:

- 1) I was educated here myself (WL Central, 1986) and chose in-district education for all 3 of my own children (Dublin, Smart, Northern) who are now finishing college and starting careers.
- 2) I have 12+ years of board experience. I admire parents that serve in the PTA and classrooms, but my volunteer talents were spent on Boards for businesses, for non-profits, and for large charities. I know how Boards and Committees work.
- 3) My day job is Human Resources, where I advise large companies on the same issues that are critical to our schools -- hiring, policies, compensation, benefits, union contracts, pension funding like MPSRS, learning and development. More than 85% of our school resources and budget are directly tied to one of these areas of my expertise

Top priorities for our district include:

- 1) Close Learning Gaps: 4 of 10 students (38%) with a significant literacy gap before COVID. I will support teachers and remove distractions so they can focus on teaching their subject matter expertise.
- 2) Fund & Spend Wisely - our 2022-2023 General Funds budget is projecting a \$7M loss and our Esser III funding is being allocated to a mass influx of counselors without any clarity on what they will do. The board should have a Finance Committee and establish a plan to address declining enrollment, new sources of funding and resources, and greater oversight for non-classroom resources.
- 3) Be Transparent and Responsive - the school board and administration are not responsive to requests made repeatedly by parents and community members. Often responses come only after multiple FOIAs; meetings are not available online as in other neighboring districts. I will ask questions, be accessible and transparent with parents, teachers, & the community.

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I am running for the Walled Lake school board because I believe it's time for a change in our district. I have been involved in Walled Lake Schools for the last 7-8 years, first as a parent, then a PTA President and PTSA Council Vice President. I have seen a decline in our district, not only in enrollment, but also in test scores, teacher retention, and parent and community satisfaction. We have several Board of Education members who have served for many, many years, and I think it's time for some fresh faces to help return our district to greatness. As a business owner, I have gained experience in many areas, from human resources to budgeting to facilities management and training. When you own a small business, there is nothing you don't do! Finally, there isn't a person I can think of who has been more involved in a combination of the schools, the community, and standing up for parental rights than I have been over the last 8 years.

The top three areas I will focus on are Trust, Transparency, and Accountability. I want to restore the trust that I, and many parents, once had that our district is offering the safest and best education possible to our children, free from confusing messaging and topics that stray from the curriculum. I believe our Board of Education has lacked transparency in several areas, including failing to broadcast Board of Education meetings and budget discussions, and these things are important. Finally, I want there to be accountability when problems arise. If problems arise due to a lack of policy, I want to help create and enforce the policies needed to ensure teachers, staff, parents, and students know the expectations. If policies exist and aren't being followed, I want these same folks to know there is a process that will be followed to get things back on track.

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I've always been drawn to public service, both in the classroom as a teacher's aide and parent volunteer, and in the community where I served as a police officer and with the parks department. I had many educators and staff members in my family, and they raised me with an appreciation for the hard work that goes into public education, making sure I attended PTA and School Board meetings with them from a young age. I had to fight for my right to a quality education when my school district cut back on vital support services, which resulted in my struggles with dyslexia not being properly addressed with an IEP until 4th grade. Now that my kids have grown to school age, I have rekindled my attendance at School Board meetings, where I have spoken in defense of policies that support our \*entire\* community. As a young parent with experience in the classroom, in public safety, and with community engagement, I believe I have a unique perspective to offer as a member of the Board of Education.

Our Board of Education's highest priorities should be: 1) Closing student learning and skill gaps that were widened by the disruption of COVID; 2) Improving educator and staff recruitment and retention to close resource gaps and improve educational outcomes; and 3) Protecting our students, educators, and staff with common-sense health and gun safety measures. The Board must effectively utilize special funding available from the state/federal government, including dedicated dollars devoted to mental health support, school safety, and infrastructure updates. The Board should use funds saved through these initiatives and other efficiency measures to reinvest in our educators and staff to reduce burn out and improve classroom stability. The Board must also support our educators and staff as they use their expertise to craft a wide-ranging and high-quality curriculum, protected from outside political pressure campaigns of harassment, focused on what really helps students learn and succeed.

# School Board Elections

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## Walled Lake Consolidated Schools (continued)

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#### CHRISTY TICE

Ever since I was young I had a passion to work with and help children. Children are the future of this great nation. Children need a solid education where education is a primary focus because as Lincoln once said what you teach in the schoolhouse in one generation will become your government in the next. There was a time in American history where it was more common to see a comet than to find someone in the US who couldn't read. Those are great statistics because comet sightings are rare. Prior to 1962 the US was #1 in the world in literacy. Since then we have declined drastically and as of 2016 we weren't even in the top 100. Here in Walled Lake there's a 38% literacy gap. I've been teaching now for 18 years and want to run for school board so I can help better prepare students for the future and provide proper transparency to parents.

1 - transparency: I will ensure that the board communicates clearly with the community. I will listen to concerns and respond back to those concerned citizens. I will also ensure there is good communication with the parents from the school and the board. 2 - finances: I will work hard to hold the district accountable to spend wisely and live within our means. I'll also work hard to improve the schools so we aren't losing funding due to kids leaving the district. 3 - learning gaps: We need to raise the bar. Students are capable of learning and succeeding. Teachers need to be held accountable to teach the curriculum, and we must return to a focus on the 3 R's: reading, writing, and arithmetic.

#### CHRISTOPHER TITUS

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I am a 30-year resident of Commerce Township. My wife and I raised 4 children who attended and graduated from Walled Lake Schools K-12. During their time in school, I volunteered in many different activities they were involved in. I am also a past PTA President. I operated a business in the community where I provided employment opportunities for students and fundraising opportunities for schools and other community organizations. After my children graduated I felt it was time to give back to the community, so in 2013 I was unanimously appointed a member of the Walled Lake Schools Board of Education. I've been re-elected twice and served on the Board for almost 10 years in all positions. The role of a board member is to collaborate with fellow board members and the superintendent to maintain quality education opportunities for ALL learners. Children are NOT a partisan issue and I pledge to honor our district motto of "Every Child, Every Day."

The top 3 Priority Issues facing my school district are:  
1. Next Level Safety and Security  
Since the 2014 Safety and Security Bond initiative, we continue to re-evaluate the best way to keep our students safe. I will advocate for permanent funding and work with administration to determine additional layers of security at all levels.  
2. Continued Advocacy for Federal and State Funding targeted at Special Education, MLL (Multi-Language Learners), and Social-Emotional Learning for all students and staff. As a donor district some of the funding we receive is re-allocated to other districts. I will continue to fight to keep our fair share.  
3. Closing Gaps in Foundational Skills  
I supported the Early Childhood Center initiative and the Junior Kindergarten program to provide for readiness of our earliest learners that will carry those dividends forward. I will continue to monitor student/teacher ratios for K-5 learning to optimize instructional success for teachers and students.

#### NANCY VAN LEUWEN

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I am a retired teacher from the Walled Lake Schools and have served on the School Board for over 17 years. I feel that these experiences and skills are positive factors and a valuable perspective to have as a School Board member.

1) We must continue to lobby our legislature for fair and adequate funding.  
2) We must continue to work hard to improve our literacy scores.  
3) We must continue to find innovative programs and new methods to meet the needs of all of our students.

## Waterford School District

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

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I'm a graduate of Waterford Mott and currently a candidate for the Waterford School Board. Having attended Waterford schools for 10 years back when Waterford was one of the premier districts in Oakland County, I am disappointed to say that our district needs an overhaul. Since graduating, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Oakland University and worked for the Oakland County government before moving to Texas where I worked as a substitute and teacher, in private industry, and for the Department of Treasury. The past 5 years I have been working in the district as a substitute and teacher which gives me the perspective of what is happening on the front lines within our schools.

The turnover rate of district employees is extraordinarily high, I have not heard the board questioning why our district always is among the districts with the most job postings on the Oakland County Schools Consortium. Within the past six months I am personally aware of seven Waterford graduates that chose to come back to teach or work in the Waterford District but have left. Lack of respect from administration that starts with the board is a major contributing factor. I have witnessed the district taking assets that were dedicated to the front-line purpose of the schools, educating students, and converting those into things that are administrative in nature. Classrooms being converted into office space for administrative purposes and computer labs that were dis-assembled for a meeting room that ended up being used for storing folding tables and chairs. We need to spend on front-line items, whether it is more teachers, para pros, bus drivers, food services, technology, or books.

#### JIM CAREY

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# School Board Elections

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## Waterford School District (continued)

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As a lifelong educator, coach and school administrator, public education is a foundation of my belief system. As a 25-year resident of Waterford, my wife and I have raised two children that have gone through the Waterford School system (Mackenzie 2020 Graduate and Trevor 2022 Graduate). We have lived through the ups and downs of multiple bond issues, district initiatives, low salaries for staff members, controversial topics, multiple superintendents and families leaving our district for better academics and sports programs. My experience in the classroom, as a coach and school administrator will allow me to bring insight to the board room that others do not possess. I can objectively look at curriculum, budgets and athletics and understand what is being presented and see through the red-tape that can hinder 'what's best for student's' in the decision-making process.

Education in the public sector is facing crisis after crisis, so, for me, the three biggest issues we need to address are:  
 1. Lack of Funding: I want to engage all state holders within the district, to increase the education budget, so that we can address the social and emotional needs of our students and staff.  
 2. Loss of students due to academic and sport program deficiencies: We need to refocus our priorities and expectations to look at why we are losing so many families to surrounding districts.  
 3. Recruitment and Retaining Staff: We've continued to lose teachers, substitutes and other staff members due to low wages, lack of support from administration and parents and burnout. "People want to take care of kids, not to be accused and punished and criticized."  
 In each of these issues, school board members have to step to the plate, acknowledge the problems exist, ask educators how they (leaders) can help and make sure the changes take place.

#### TIANA GASS

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I am an alumni of WSD and a mother of 4. My children currently range in ages from 19 to 8 years old. I have been involved with the schools as a parent since day one in fall of 2007. I volunteer where and when I can for all the students not just my own. I feel it is my duty to make sure that my kids and their peers, teachers and staff have ever opportunity to be a success. My hard work and dedication as a volunteer is a fulfillment of that duty. My management abilities and understanding of what each group I volunteer for needs as individuals along with how that groups goals can be a cohesive part for other groups around them and how they coexist is a great asset. This lead me to running for the school board. I feel our district deserves the best of the best and I want to be a part of making that happen.

This is a tough question to answer. I feel it is subjective in nature. What one feels is priority is in direct correlation to their own experience. In my experience I feel the most important issue WSD needs to correct is our communication on every level. Between staff and administration, administration and families, student to student, etc. I would like to see people talking more as groups. Having in person information meetings, such as Coffee with the Principal, with an open forum where all parties can be seen and heard and collectively find a solution that best fits all. Once the lines of communication are mended and working I think any issue could be resolved. Being heard and seen is 90% of any issue. If we could show our students to see one another and communicate by example what an amazing gift that would be. When it comes down to it we all have the same goals, we just need to find a way to help each other get there together.

#### ROBERT PETRUSHA, JR.

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I'm a lifelong resident of Waterford and a graduate of Waterford schools. My wife and 3 sons are also Waterford graduates. My oldest son is a middle school teacher in Dearborn. I have been on the board for 24 years and believe that speaks to my commitment to our district. I am running for re-election as the future will continue to be difficult as we continue to deal with state funding and increased state mandates. I have the knowledge of having to balance a budget for 24 years, which has not always been easy to do.

My top three priorities are raising our test scores, changing the perception that our schools are not as good as neighboring districts, and student retention. To address these issues, I will continue to work with our administration, staff and parents to accomplish these goals. Our district is very competitive with other surrounding districts.

#### VIRGINIA POEHLMAN

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I have lived in this community over 40 years and raised two successful children here. I served on the Waterford Board of Education in the past for a total of 17 years. My track record of community service and collaboration between government entities speaks for itself. I own and am the chief operating officer of a trucking company. I have three grand children ages 9 to 15. The grandchildren give me perspective of the needs today in education and the education climate for all children. Students, Staff and parents all need to be respected in the education arena. Consideration for the needs of these three groups needs to happen for all to succeed. I bring that point of view to the table, as well as the concern for safety, and available resources.

Declining enrollment which is tied to funding. Politicians using children as pawns in what THEY think should be taught and how. Communication between parents and school administration.

#### TYLER SONCRAINTE

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I am a lifelong resident of Waterford who attended Waterford School District from preschool school through 2018 when I graduated from Kettering. I am proud to be from Waterford but am disheartened with the major declines our district has faced the last couple of years. We are losing students, losing teachers, and acquiring a negative reputation that does not accurately reflect who we are. I have held multiple occupations in fields such as Education, Sales, and Agriculture. These experiences provided me with the skills to effectively communicate and work well with individuals from many backgrounds. Along with being a former student, I am a more recent graduate of Kettering and am able to provide the board with a younger person's perspective, as I can still understand school from a students point of view. I am a younger candidate which means I have the time, energy, motivation, and dedication to effectively serve our community in the capacity of School Board Member.

The first focus will be student enrollment numbers declining. Students help bring us funding and in the last two years, we've lost 929 students, this is a loss of \$8,082,300 in state funds alone. Attracting and retaining teaching staff is another focus. Teachers are the frontline who have the opportunity to excite children to want to come to school and learn each day. Great teachers help make great students. When students are excited to learn, academics will improve, which is one piece of the puzzle to help attract more students to our district. Academic excellence is a third focus. As a school system, education is most important. Our district has been declining in multiple academia areas, while at the same time we're losing teachers and students. My approach is to find new ways to attract great educators. This will help academics improve and attract students back into our district which will give us more funding to retain great teachers and invest into our students' education.

# School Board Elections

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## Waterford School District (continued)

Vote For No More Than Three (3) - THREE Six Year Terms

**JOHN PAUL TORRES**

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I previously served on the Waterford School Board from 2014-2020. My wife and I are proud parents of a third grader in the district and have another child in her last year of law school. We attribute much of our children's academic success to the Waterford School District. I have a master's degree in Public Administration, and have overseen multi-million dollar budgets as an administrator in criminal justice. On the Waterford School Board I represented the Waterford School District at the county, state and national level. I want to continue to be a voice for our community as someone who has lived and raised his family here for over twenty years. Additionally, I want to continue to strengthen our academics. Waterford has some amazing programs, including our STEM Program and Advanced Academic Programs. As a district, post pandemic, we need to assure we are meeting all children's socio-emotional needs and make sure they can learn and achieve at their highest level.

Treating the whole child is important, what I learned in my years on the school board is that we must meet children where they are before we can begin to educate them; this includes socio-emotional needs and hunger. Oakland County recently announced they will allocate 47 million dollars to meet needs in local school districts. I would work to assure we have a seat at the table when these discussions occur. Academics and learning are important, let's build on the academic programs we have and expand programs, opportunities for skilled trades and students wanting to go directly in the workforce. We have great resources through different school board associations, I would continue my professional development in learning and education to understand the latest innovations in districts across the state. Communication is important, as a School Board Trustee I always listened to the concerns of the community and conveyed them to leadership. I would continue this advocacy for families/kids.

## West Bloomfield School District

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

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I am the best candidate because of my knowledge and experience in education, life-long involvement in our schools/ community, and vested interest to guarantee WB is a great place to learn & work. I am approachable, level-headed and data-driven. High-quality schools are a valuable asset for our children and community. It would be an honor to join the team and continue moving our school towards greater success and higher student achievement. I am a lifelong resident of WB. Attended WB schools K-12. Earned B.S. in Biology & Secondary Education along with a Masters in Teaching & Curriculum from MSU. Taught 10+ years in local public schools. Highly active in WB schools/community. Routinely attend school board meetings/study sessions; often speaking during public comments. Participated in WBSD Strategic Planning process. Served on multiple district committees. Serve as a PTO board officer for 4+ years; President, VP, and Secretary. Mother of 4 children currently enrolled in WB Schools.

1) Low and declining student achievement- Evaluate curricular programs and determine what shifts need to be made based on results. Smaller class sizes. Increase mental/emotional health specialists, add in more recess or necessary breaks for students.  
 2) Declining student enrollment: We need to make connections in the community and determine why resident families are not sending their kids to our schools. District should do exit surveys to get information on why families leave our district. We need to address the "whys" to make our district more attractive to our residents  
 3) Reliable and Efficient transportation: evaluate our transportation system, prioritize appropriate funding and create solutions to get our children to and from school in a reasonable and timely manner. Children should not be on a bus for 1 hour, one way, to school.

**BRIAN DUNNE**

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I am a parent of 2 in-district students. I have been a practicing attorney for the last 14 years. I am a small business owner. Prior to starting my legal career, I worked for almost two years in classrooms in the Taylor and South Redford School Districts. I want to be a school board member to improve the academics for our district, reduce classroom sizes, stop the politics that have plagued our district office, listen to the concerns of our parents, and advocate for our families.

Our academics are in poor shape. We are the #16 and #17 for proficiency in math and reading in Oakland County out of 28 school districts. As a school of choice district in a high income suburb, we are going to be judged exclusively on academics. I want to focus on driving funds into our classrooms to hire more teachers and paying more when needed to retain our wonderful faculty. We should de-prioritize non-academic spending to free up these funds. Our schools are also heavily politicized. Over the last few years, our district office has spent a great amount of time thinking on regional, national, and global politics, and broadcasting their thoughts to our district's families. It is my belief that there are too many managerial and administrative positions in the district. The excess should be cut and political speech stopped. The district also needs to weigh and consider family participation in the education process, involvement in schools, and commit to serving families.



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## West Bloomfield School District *(continued)*

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) - TWO Six Year Terms

#### WM. ART HOLDSWORTH

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I'm running because now that I'm retired, I wanted to do something that benefits our community and our residents. I chose to run for the Board of Education because I have a daughter in the school district, and I want her and all our students to be safe and have the best education possible. Further, my background/skillset is very well matched with the Board's responsibilities and processes. I worked for Oakland County for 18 years, interacting with all the various departments, elected officials, and the Board of Commissioners. In 2003, I started as Deputy Director of Management & Budget. From 2008 to 2021, I served as Director of Facilities Management, overseeing a \$29 million annual budget, \$10 million CIP fund, nearly 200 staff, and security for 45 buildings. Prior to that, I was a management consultant with Plante Moran for 15 years. I have a B.S. in Engineering from Oakland University (1984) and a M.B.A. from Michigan State University (1988).

Our teachers are the key to, and source of, an excellent education for our students. The verbal belittling of teachers and the "culture war" issues being brought into school districts are extremely disturbing to me. The issues and how to address them include: 1. Teachers and Students. We need to ensure our teachers and staff know they're valued and heard. We need to add resources to address COVID learning loss. We need to foster an inclusive environment that welcomes students of all backgrounds, cultures, and identities. We need to support schools of choice, grow public-school enrollment, and enhance pre-K education. 2. Safety. We need to enhance the security of our school buildings, enhance mental health resources, and implement a behavioral threat assessment program. 3. Academics. We need to rank West Bloomfield Schools as the best District in SE Michigan, expand STEAM-oriented CTE, and ensure academic and literary freedom in our schools.

#### BRANDON A. KALASHO

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I am a magna cum laude graduate of Howard University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. As a labor & employment attorney, I have represented school districts. I have experience with the Open Meetings Act, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), interpreting school codes, participating in contract negotiations, and providing legal advice during school board meetings. This experience illustrates my ability to work under pressure, prioritize responsibilities, meet deadlines, and work as part of a team. I am an involved district parent and resident. I serve on various community boards, act as a mentor, and an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. My passion and commitment to my community are the driving forces behind my pursuit of a school board seat. It also motivates me to push the district beyond the status quo and positively address some of the challenges it faces.

1. Curriculum- Actively address learning loss due to Covid-19 by dedicating resources to intensive student tutoring, hiring and retaining top teacher talent, and extending classroom learning time. 2. School Safety- Ensuring students have a safe learning environment to thrive. Collaborating with professional security teams and consultant firms to identify any weaknesses or areas of opportunity within the district in light of the recent rash of school and mass shootings. And, review and revise any policies involving school safety. 3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)- Further integrating SEL into the curriculum. For instance, having students use journals as a way of expressing their emotions, practice problem-solving skills, encourage positivity, practice mindfulness, and discuss ways for students to manage their emotions.

#### CHRIS TUCKER

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I am currently and have been a 11-year resident in West Bloomfield Township. I grew up in Ferndale and attended Hazel Park Schools. I attended Wayne State University and Baker College, completing a bachelor's in Information Technology and Security graduating Magna Cum Laude with a 3.84 GPA. I currently work in West Bloomfield Township in IT and Special projects and have been with the same company for over 22 years. I am also the Advisory Board Chairman, and the Director of Communications for Four Towns United Methodist Church, in Waterford.

1. We are educating students for future success. Our students will be the leaders of tomorrow. We can and should be doing better for our teachers, staff, and students. Students need to be well-prepared for a future that excites them. In support of students, we should strive to create a positive and safe learning environment by providing students and staff with the tools needed to promote continuous student growth, mentally, physically, and academically. 2. We need to provide funding for our staff. Staff needs more respect, more pay, and more power in decision-making. We need to help and support their instructional practices, professional development, and improve staff retention. 3. We work for the community, teachers, parents, and most of all the students in the West Bloomfield School District. Your voices should and need to be heard whether that be by email or attending the meetings and making public comments during the time allotted on the agenda.

#### JEREMIAH WILLIAMS

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I am running for the West Bloomfield School Board at this time because I am passionate about putting our children's needs first. I have lived in West Bloomfield since 2005 and have two children in the district. I am passionate about bringing about change that will reflect diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools from our staff to our policies.

The three biggest issues are 1. competitive pay for top talent (teachers and support staff) 2. the aftereffects of the pandemic which has caused school staff burnout 3. lack of support and resources for our current school staff & employees as it relates to DEI.

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# State Proposals

## Statewide Proposal 22-1

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

For nonpartisan information and analysis: Citizens Research Council of Michigan - crcmich.org

## Statewide Proposal 22-2

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

For nonpartisan information and analysis: Citizens Research Council of Michigan - crcmich.org

## Statewide Proposal 22-3

**A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
  - Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
  - Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
  - Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.
- For nonpartisan information and analysis: Citizens Research Council of Michigan - crcmich.org

# Local Proposals

## OAKLAND COUNTY

### Oakland County Public Transportation Millage

A proposal to authorize Oakland County to levy a millage for the purpose of funding public transportation services in Oakland County, including operating, maintaining, improving, and expanding transit services, creating and expanding new fixed routes for bus service connecting local communities, expanding transportation services for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, and providing transportation to get employees to jobs, patients to healthcare, students to colleges and universities, for the general public to have more transportation options, and for related purposes authorized by law.

This millage would be levied at a maximum rate of .95 mills (95 cents per \$1,000 in taxable value) for a period of 10 years beginning in 2022 and ending in 2031.

This millage would replace an expiring millage levied by the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority supporting the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), and fund replacement of other local public transportation millages.

If this new millage is approved and levied, revenue will be distributed to Oakland County, SMART, North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), Older Persons' Commission (OPC), and the Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA). It is estimated that \$66,163,000 will be collected in the first year. Expenditure of revenue from the millage will be subject to oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and to independent audits.

## CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

### City Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Proposal

Shall the City of Auburn Hills adopt an ordinance to repeal the City of Auburn Hills Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance and adopt an ordinance to require the City to approve at least 4 adult use marijuana establishments to operate in the City?

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

### Proposed Amendment to Chapter VI, City of Birmingham Charter

Proposed amendments to Chapter VI. – Contracts, Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of the City of Birmingham Charter. The proposed amendments substitute in these sections the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the current amounts of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) in Section 1.-[Specifications for bids.], Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) in Section 2.-[Bids required.], and One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) in Section 3.[Commission approval required.]. While the first Section relates to all City contracts, the latter two (2) Sections relate solely to contracts for public improvements.

## CITY OF CLARKSTON

### Medical Marijuana Proposal

Medical Marijuana Proposal Explanatory Caption  
This amendment would authorize two (2) provisioning centers within the City and create regulations for the facilities by adding a new Chapter 16 to the City Charter.

Further, this provision would authorize marijuana facilities to operate between the hours of 9 AM to 9 PM Monday through Sunday. It would not permit recreational marijuana sales to any adult but does allow Commercial Medical Marijuana sales under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act to qualified patients.

This proposed charter amendment, if adopted, would end the City's prohibition of medical marijuana facilities and establish a local licensing system and regulatory provisions for medical marijuana facilities to operate within the City.

## CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR

### Keego Harbor Charter Amendment

#### Adding Section 11.5(b) Dedicated Police Millage

It is proposed that the supplemental police millage in Section 11.5(a) expiring in 2026 of 4.0 mills (\$4.00 per \$1,000.00 taxable value) on taxable property within the city of Keego Harbor, reduced to 3.6189 mills (\$3.619 dollars per \$1,000.00 taxable value) by required millage rollbacks, be replaced and increased to 8.00 mills levied for 7 years 2023 to 2029, inclusive by adding Section 11.5(b). When levied in 2023, this millage would raise an estimated \$853,128.00 in the first year. Approximately \$111,592.00 will be required to be distributed to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

#### Charter Amendment

This proposed charter amendment, if adopted, would assist patients in need of medical marijuana for conditions such as epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, colitis, arthritis, crohn's disease, cerebral palsy, chronic pain, parkinson's disease, post traumatic stress disorder and other medical conditions for which marijuana is an approved medical use by the State of Michigan, end the City's prohibition of medical marijuana facilities, and create a City Department of Medical Marijuana responsible for overseeing the local regulatory structure for such facilities. Shall the proposal be adopted?

## CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

### Cannabis Establishments

#### Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Shall the City of Lathrup Village Charter be amended to prohibit all Cannabis Establishments within the boundaries of the City.

## CITY OF PONTIAC

### Restoration of Pontiac Operating Millage Rate

To support the general operations and fire services of the City of Pontiac, shall the City of Pontiac be authorized to impose an increase of 1.0868 (1.09 per 1,000 of taxable value), for a period of ten (10) years (2023-2032) inclusive, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by MCL 211.34d to restore additional millage previously authorized by Charter as reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment? Such millage, if fully levied, would raise an estimated \$1,218,038 in the first year.

[All amounts levied under this millage on property located outside of certain Tax Increment Financing, Brownfield and Land Bank Authority jurisdictions will be disbursed directly to the City of Pontiac. Michigan law requires that certain amounts levied under this millage on property located within the referenced Tax Increment Financing, Brownfield and Land Bank Authority jurisdictions be disbursed to these authorities. Total disbursement to these authorities is estimated to account for less than 15% of total millage revenue.]

## CITY OF ROYAL OAK

### Senior Services Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Royal Oak, Michigan be increased by 0.2000 mill (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive for the sole purpose of providing fundings for services, activities, and programs for "older persons" pursuant to the authority provided by Act 39 of PA 1976, specifically MCL 400.576? It is estimated that, if levied, the 0.2000 mill would raise approximately \$622,000 when first levied in December 2022.

## CHARTER PROPOSAL

### Parks, Forestry, Recreation, Playgrounds and Animal Shelter Millage

City of Royal Oak Charter Amendment authorizing the levy of a five-year tax millage of up to 0.700 mills for parks, forestry, recreation and playgrounds including animal shelter purposes, commencing December 2022.

It is proposed that Section 11(e) be added to the City Charter of the City of Royal Oak authorizing the levy of up to 0.700 mills (\$0.70 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, to be used for parks, forestry, recreation and playgrounds, including animal shelter purposes which will raise an estimated \$2,175,794 when first levied in 2022.

## Local Proposals *(continued)*

### **CITY OF SOUTHFIELD** **Advisory Ballot Question**

Do you support the reduction of the deer herd in the City of Southfield by humane, lethal means with the intent to engage local partners and ensure that donation of meat, deemed safe and where feasible, is made to local foodbanks and similar organizations?

### **BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** **Safety Path Millage Renewal**

Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield renew and continue to levy the voter authorized safety path tax levy of .4511 mills, (reduced by required millage rollbacks), due to expire in 2024, authorizing a levy of \$.4511 per \$1,000 of taxable value to support, fund and finance the Charter Township of Bloomfield's continuing safety path program, including for the construction and maintenance of safety paths and the acquisition of rights-of-way for said safety paths, for a period of 5 years, with the renewed millage to be levied commencing in December 2024. This renewed safety path millage will be subject to applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitation provisions at the time of the levy and will not exceed the above stated rate. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$2,287,000 in the first year if approved and fully levied.

### **Senior Services Millage Renewal and Increase**

Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield renew the voter authorized senior services millage of .2273 mills (reduced by required millage rollbacks) due to expire in 2024 and increase said millage by a new .1027 mills for a total millage rate of .3300, authorizing a levy of \$.3300 per \$1,000 of taxable value to finance the Charter Township of Bloomfield's continued staffing, equipping and operating of the Township's Senior Center and providing of senior services in the Township, including, but not limited to, adult day care service, transportation service, nutrition service, management service and marketing and outreach services, including consultation projects, for a period of 10 years, with the total renewed and new millage to be levied commencing in December 2024. This total renewed and new millage will be subject to applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitation provisions at the time of the levy and will not exceed the above stated rate. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$1,673,000 in the first year if approved and fully levied.

### **BRANDON TOWNSHIP**

#### **Proposal to Allow Limited Marijuana Facilities in Brandon Township**

A proposal to amend the Code of Ordinances to add Chapter 25, Marijuana Establishments to authorize one marijuana retailer in Brandon Township and maintain the prohibition on all other marijuana establishments pursuant to the authority granted by initiated Law 1 of 2018 the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, and to repeal inconsistent ordinances.

### **HOLLY TOWNSHIP**

#### **Holly Township Proposal 2022-01**

Shall the Township of Holly add two additional trustees to the township board, for a total of four trustees, with the two additional trustees to be elected at the November 2024, General Election?

### **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** **Charter Township of Independence** **Police Protection Millage**

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy a tax limitation increase up to 2.8678 mills, reduced by the required millage rollbacks, for a period of three (3) years, starting with the December 2023 levy, for the purpose of continuing to provide police protection and law enforcement services within the Township?

In 2018, Independence Township voters approved a millage for police protection in the amount of 2.8678 mills. Approval of the above proposal would allow the Township to increase the current tax levy back to the 2018 levy amount of up to 2.8678 mills (\$2.8678 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which may be reduced by the required millage rollbacks beginning with the first levy in December 2023. The proposal will continue police protection services within the Township, which may include the purchase of equipment, operating costs, officer quarters, and personnel costs related to police and school liaison law enforcement protection. It is estimated this proposal would result in the authorization to collect up to \$5,831,436.00 in the first year, if approved and levied. It is estimated that 98.27% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for police services and 1.73% would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority is required by law and is collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

### **LYON TOWNSHIP**

#### **Fire Department Dedicated Millage Proposal**

In 2023, shall the Charter Township of Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, increase the 2014 voter-approved levy of 1.580 mills (which has been reduced to 1.4985 pursuant to MCL 211.34(d)), which is due to expire in 2024, by .90 mills, resulting in a millage of 2.3985 (\$2.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for the remaining two years of the millage, 2023-2024, inclusive, and subject to authorized disbursements mandated by law, for the purposes of Fire Department property, apparatus, equipment, required personnel, and the general operation of fire services, estimated to provide revenue of \$3,762,272 in the first year of collection, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Lyon Downtown Development Authority as required by law?

#### **Library Bond Proposition**

Shall the Charter Township of Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow a sum of money not to exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefor for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new, approximately 19,000 sq. ft. public library facility on Township property and improving the site thereof? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 30 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.4677 mills (\$0.4677 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Lyon); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.3931 mills.

### **OAKLAND TOWNSHIP** **Police Millage Renewal**

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy after applying the Headlee rollback up to an estimated 1.6253 mills for a period of six (6) years, starting with the December 2023 levy to be disbursed to Oakland Township for the purpose of providing police services; including equipment, operating costs, officer quarters and personnel costs in the Township?

The voters approved a millage for the above-stated purposes in the amount of 1.7193 mills starting with the December 2017 levy, which will expire in December of 2022. This proposed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage for the above stated purpose. Approval of this proposal would renew the tax limitation increase of approximately 1.6253 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that based on the Township's current 2022 total taxable value, this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$2,861,600.00 in the first year, if approved and levied.

### **ORION TOWNSHIP**

#### **Parks and Recreation Millage Renewal**

Shall the Charter Township of Orion be authorized to levy up to .9537 mills, as reduced by millage rollbacks required by law, for a period of five (5) years beginning in 2023 through 2027, inclusive, for operating and maintaining the Township's Parks and Recreation services and facilities? The proceeds of the levy will be used for operation, programming, equipment, facilities, personnel, maintenance, acquisition, capital improvements and all related costs of the Orion Township Parks and Recreation Department. Approval of this proposal would approve a tax levy of up to .9537 mills (\$.9537 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect up to \$2,020,953.49 in the first year, if approved and levied.

### **ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP**

#### **Ballot Proposal**

The proposal, if adopted, would enact an ordinance to assist patients in need of medical marihuana for conditions such as epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, colitis, arthritis, crohn's disease, cerebral palsy, chronic pain, parkinson's disease, post traumatic stress disorder and other critical medical conditions, and repeal the Township's prohibition of marihuana establishments. Shall the proposal be adopted?

### **BINGHAM FARMS VILLAGE** **Charter Amendment Proposition A** **Chapter II, Section 3**

Shall Chapter II, Section 3 of the Charter which reads "The Village shall not have the power: (1) To acquire by purchase or gift or any real property if the value exceeds \$10,000 or by lease if the annual rental exceeds \$10,000, any real property, unless the acquisition shall have first been approved by two-thirds of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The Village may lease office space which shall be exempt from the annual rental limitation" be deleted in its entirety since the requirement is archaic and has become obsolete?



# Local Proposals *(continued)*

## BINGHAM FARMS VILLAGE *(CONTINUED)*

### Charter Amendment Proposition B Chapter III, Section 3-A

Shall Chapter III, Section 3-A of the Charter be amended to clarify that the requirement that no person shall be elected or appointed to any office unless he or she shall be an elector of the Village of Bingham Farms applies only to the elective offices of president and trustee, and appointment to the Planning Commission?

### Charter Amendment Proposition C Chapter III, Section 11

Shall Chapter III, Section 11 of the Charter be amended to read: "Absence from 4 regular meetings of the Council in a twelve-month period by a member of Council is deemed neglect of duty and shall be cause for removal from office unless the member's absence is excused by resolution of the Council setting forth such excuse"?

### Charter Amendment Proposition D Chapter VII, Section 1

Shall the first sentence of Section 1 of Chapter VII of the Charter be amended to provide that any ordinance which may legally be adopted by the Council of the Village of Bingham Farms may be proposed by petition, signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the number of registered electors in the Village of Bingham Farms as certified by the Village Clerk, or as otherwise authorized under State law?

### FRANKLIN VILLAGE Millage Increase Proposal

Shall the authorized charter millage of the Village of Franklin, established at 3.5 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and reduced to 2.5639 mills (\$2.5639 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the "Headlee" required millage rollbacks, be increased in an amount not to exceed .9361 mills (\$.9361 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to restore the original charter authorized millage rate of 3.5 mills, 2023 to 2032, inclusive; and shall the City levy such new additional millages? The estimate of the increased revenue the Village will collect in the 2023 calendar year is approximately \$346,637 to be used for general operating purposes consisting of police, maintenance and repair of public grounds and facilities, daily operations and maintaining services to the community.

### HOLLY VILLAGE Proposition for Police Public Safety Operations Special Assessment

Shall the Village of Holly be authorized to levy and collect a new special assessment on all taxable parcels in the Village in an amount of three (3) mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of fifteen years from 2022 through 2036, inclusive, for police/fire public safety operations in the Village? The special assessment is estimated to produce a minimum of \$378,000 in collections in the first year of the levy.

### LEONARD VILLAGE Marihuana Petition

This Petition Would Require the Village of Leonard Initiation of an Ordinance to Allow an Adult Use Recreational Marihuana Establishment.

The Village of Leonard, as required by the authority of Section 6, Subsection 1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation Marihuana Act, 2018 Initiated Law 1 MCL 333.27951 Forward the proposition to allow and regulate within the Village limits the business operations of persons/businesses licensed by the State to operate Marihuana Establishment(s).

This proposition would:

- 1) Allow State licensed Marihuana Establishments to operate within the Village in any zoning district including residential zoning;
- 2) Provide for an Ordinance for regulation of Recreational Marihuana for the operation of an establishment within the Village limits for growers, processors, retailers, transporters and micro-businesses.

## BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT Operating Millage Proposal

Brandon School District  
In the Counties of Oakland and Lapeer

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 1 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Brandon School District in the Counties of Oakland and Lapeer, Oakland and Lapeer Counties, Michigan, be increased by 19 mills (\$19.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and .1294 mill is levied in 2023 is approximately \$20,628?

## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Bonding Proposal

Shall Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$197,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to, and an outdoor learning space and a storage structure at, the Junior High School; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and other facilities; acquiring, installing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings for, instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, parking areas, drives, sidewalks, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023, under current law, is 1.58 mills (\$1.58 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.27 mills (\$3.27 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$26,620,735 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$10,512,610. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is twelve (12) years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.0 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$146,305,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$4,966,052.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

## FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Operating Millage Restoration Proposal

This authorization will:(i) restore the authority of Farmington Public School District to levy 18.00 mills previously authorized and levied for general operating purposes on all property, except principal residence and other property exempt by law which has been reduced by 0.6152 mill by application of the Headlee Amendment; and (ii) increase the prior authority by 1 mill in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of the same amount. This authority, combined with other unexpired authorizations, would allow the School District to receive revenues at the full foundation allowance permitted by the State.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on all property, except personal residence and other property exempt by law, in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased by 1.6152 mills (\$1.6152 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, the years 2022 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses? This millage would raise an estimated \$878,336 for the School District in the first year that it is levied.

## FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy building and site sinking fund millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be renewed by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .8707 mill (\$.8707 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2023 is approximately \$850,000?

## ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Renewal Proposition

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will renew and restore the authority, last approved by the electors in 2013 and which expires with the 2022 levy, for the School District to levy a building and site sinking fund tax, the proceeds of which will be used to make improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities. Pursuant to State Law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund tax proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

Shall the Royal Oak Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to create a building and site sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, the acquisition or upgrading of technology and other purposes, to the extent permitted by law? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the School District of approximately \$3,434,697 during the 2023 calendar year, if approved and levied.

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## Local Proposals *(continued)*

### **SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Improvement Bond Proposition**

Shall the Southfield Public Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Hundred Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$345,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security, energy conservation and other purposes;
- Erecting, completing, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and a stadium building;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses?

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to be at or below 5.56 mills which is a 3.26 mill increase from the 2.30 mills of annual debt millage levied in 2022. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than thirty (30) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 3.63 mills (which is equal to \$3.63 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 5.30 mills annually (\$5.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$32,160,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

### **TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **School Improvement Bond Proposition**

Shall the Troy School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$555,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security and other purposes;
- Erecting, completing, equipping and furnishing a replacement middle school and classroom additions and other additions to existing school buildings and other facilities;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and
- Acquiring sites, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses?

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to be at or below 6.10 mills which is a 2 mill increase from the 4.10 mills of annual debt millage levied in 2022. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than thirty (30) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 3.35 mills (which is equal to \$3.35 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 3.94 mills annually (\$3.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$104,165,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

### **WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Renewal Proposition**

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will renew and restore the authority, last approved by the electors in 2012 and which expires with the 2022 levy, for the School District to levy a building and site sinking fund tax, the proceeds of which will be used to make improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities. Pursuant to State Law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund tax proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

Shall the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy one-half (0.50) mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to create a building and site sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, school security improvements, the acquisition or upgrading of technology and other purposes, to the extent permitted by law? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the School District of approximately \$3,034,496 during the 2023 calendar year, if approved and levied.

### **WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT Operating Millage Proposal**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

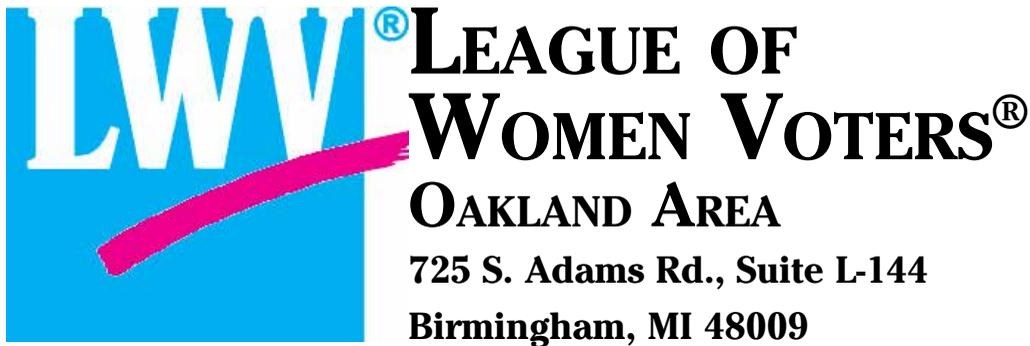
Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Waterford School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed by 17.6023 mills (\$17.6023 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2024 is approximately \$13,905,800 (this millage is to renew millage that will expire with the 2023 levy and to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?



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