

League of Women Voters Oakland Area

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VOTER GUIDE

FOR RESIDENTS OF **OAKLAND COUNTY**

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Information about election contests is also available online at

[VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org)

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

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

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About This Voter Guide

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

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ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

Who Can Apply?

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 1.

What is the Return Deadline?

By 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5.

Did my ballot arrive?

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

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ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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

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

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

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About the Online Voter Guide: VOTE411

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

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

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

For information on
Federal, State and Local Races
Wherever You Live in Michigan:
VOTE411.org



Voter Registration

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

Michigan has same-day voter registration, which means residents can register and vote on the same day by visiting their local Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, Election Day. The League, however, recommends you register as soon as possible.

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

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

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

You can register to vote online, by mail, or through a registration drive until Tuesday, October 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: All Michigan Clerks' Offices will be open the weekend before Election Day. City and township Clerks' Offices must be open for at least eight hours on Saturday, November 2, or Sunday, November 3, for in-person voter registration and voting.

College Students: Check Your Voter Registration Status!

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

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

- For college students to vote in person on Election Day, their voter registration address must reflect the community where they plan to vote — at home or at school. For example, a student whose home is Albion but lives in Ann Arbor attending the University of Michigan can register to vote in Albion or Ann Arbor.
- An alternative for college students is to request an absentee ballot. In doing so, students can keep their voter registration at their home address and request an absentee ballot be mailed to their school address. For more information on requesting an absentee ballot, see page 5.

Election Challengers vs. Poll Watchers

ELECTION CHALLENGERS

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

POLL WATCHERS

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



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

Oakland County Executive

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Executive and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the County Executive should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

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QUESTION 1: Currently serving as the Oakland County Executive and seeking re-election to continue implementing my Administration's strategic plan for Oakland County's future. I preserved the County's AAA bond rating (the highest fiscal rating available), made critical investments in the economy of the future, especially our small businesses, and have taken steps to ensure our residents have the skills and education to lead the innovation revolution. I initiated the largest investment in mental health services in county history which is helping students, seniors and first responders, started a new program to erase medical debt for eligible families and a Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing development in all parts of our county. As a former Mayor and

county commissioner, I understand the importance of working across party lines and building consensus to address pressing issues. I also believe government must be transparent, ethical and easily accessible to the residents it serves.

QUESTION 2: The approach I have taken as County Executive is to build on what is going well in our County and address challenges that exist to ensure a thriving future for all residents. That starts with fiscal responsibility and a deep focus on economic development and a skilled workforce. Two of my premier initiatives are seeing success. Oakland 80 — a goal to have 80% of our residents with a post-secondary degree or industry credential helped thousands of adults and is now expanding to high school students. Project Diamond — bringing 3D printers and lower manufacturing costs to small businesses who are now equipped to compete into the future. We must also address the issues holding families back so my top priority issues are: creating livable neighborhoods that are safe and have affordable housing options, advancing a sustainable future through clean water initiatives, expanding public transit options in all parts of the county, and ensuring access to mental health services to all residents.

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QUESTION 1: Nik Gjonaj, a Detroit native, was born and raised in a union household to Albanian immigrants, where he learned the value of hard work at an early age. Nik is a husband and a father of 3 as well as a first-generation American. Nik is deeply involved in the Albanian American community in Oakland County. He is a founding member of the Albanian American Student Organization (AASO) and has received the "Albanian of the Year" award for his community service. Nik is currently the Parish Business Manager of a 3000-family church, one of the largest Albanian churches in America. Nik currently works in the insurance industry, specializing in tailored solutions for small and medium-market businesses across Michigan. Nik is running for County executive because he wants to make Oakland County an economic powerhouse. His deep

understanding of the challenges faced by business owners, combined with his extensive network and expertise, has made him a trusted figure in Michigan's business community.

QUESTION 2: As County Executive, Nik plans to make Oakland County an economic powerhouse. First by making Oakland County safer, Nik will rebuild the relationship with the Oakland County Sheriff's office to ensure they have the resources necessary to stem the rising crime wave. Second, cut the budget, in 2019, Oakland County's budget was \$758.4 million. In 2023, Oakland County budget is \$1.09 billion. Since Dave Coulter took office, he has increased spending by 43% or \$331,600,000. He's spending it on liberal priorities such as \$1 million on 4 employees and DEI training in 2024. Once elected, Nik is going to prioritize spending on making Oakland County safer for families and businesses. Third, cut taxes, property taxes increased 29.7% from 2022-2023. Since 2019 property taxes are up 47.8%. Dave Coulter has raised property taxes to the maximum he legally can. Nik will propose budgets that put more money in our classrooms and provide proper mental health resources to all residents of Oakland County.

YOUR VOTE
Counts
 11.5.24

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
You are qualified to vote if:

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

Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

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

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the County Clerk should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them?

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QUESTION 1: I am running for re-election as Oakland County Clerk/ Register of Deeds to ensure that this office continues to be a model for the rest of the state in delivering innovative and accessible services as well accurate, transparent and fair elections. I am proud that under my leadership, the Oakland County Clerk/ Register of Deeds office has received local and nationwide awards and acclaim for innovations and improved services, like the Property Record Notification (PRN) system and our Combined Absentee Voter Counting Board. I'm proud to lead the state's largest early voting program for 45 of our communities. It's crucial that we have a Clerk/Register with knowledge and experience in each area of this important position. I'm a lifelong resident of Oakland County, proud

mom, former State Representative and Realtor, a graduate of Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law, a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Oakland County Bar Association, CERA, 3rd VP of MACC.

QUESTION 2: First, our electoral system is under unprecedented pressure. The County Clerk must provide steady leadership as the chief election administrator. I am proud of how professional, transparent, secure and accurate our elections are in Oakland County. We are a model for innovation and collaboration. We run the largest absent voter counting board and early voting programs in the state which save taxpayer dollars. We must continue to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and fair, and that every eligible voter has access to the ballot. Second, the County Clerk/ Register of Deeds Office provides many services, including vital records, property records, court records, among others. Ensuring that services are efficient and accessible to all customers, whether in-person, on-line, or at a local office visit is a priority, as well as implementing new innovations and technologies. Lastly, but equally important, the Clerk must always be a frugal steward of taxpayer funds.

BARB PALLOTTA

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

QUESTION 1: After 25+ years in local government, my reputation became my strength. However, my career path was not by design. In 1996, I accepted an entry level position in my home city, Novi's Planning Department, because it was near my children's schools. That position was short-lived when I was recruited to join the Clerk's office and I didn't realize how that experience would launch my career. In 2000, the Clerk who recruited me in 1996, enlisted me as her Deputy Clerk in Troy where I was honored to serve for 10 years. This position also equipped me with the skills essential for a Clerk position. In 2011, I was urged to apply for the vacated Independence Township Clerk position and was appointed for 18 months, elected in 2012 & reelected in 2016. Recently, I served on the County's AV Combined Counting Board & its Board of Canvassers. I am running for office because of the adverse consequences politics has placed on effective governance. That's why, as County Clerk,

I pledge to put people before politics!

QUESTION 2:

ELECTIONS: Initiate solutions to establish public trust in the integrity, accuracy & security of elections by: advocating for media education to avoid the misuse of election terminology; initiating opportunities for public engagement in the election process; & establishing an ongoing training program for Local Clerks and the Board of Canvassers comprised of updated instructions & materials as a means to communicate most recent election legislative enactments & their effect on election processes prior to election cycles.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Enhance homeownership & property security policies:

standardize immediate alerts to homeowners about any potential fraud activity on their property records; & educate homeowners about homeownership threats, e.g. Adverse Possession Laws.

FEES: Regularly assess & evaluate: services rendered & fees charged by all County Clerk divisions; & effectiveness & merit of current on-line vs. in-person services.

United We Stand

Let's Uphold Respect, Unity & Civility on Election Day



Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Prosecutor and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the Prosecutor’s Office should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

KAREN MCDONALD

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QUESTION 1: A: As a former teacher, prosecutor, private attorney, and judge, I have seen every side of the criminal justice system. When I was elected Prosecutor in 2020, I pledged to make public safety my top priority, to protect our kids and families, and to address the causes of violent crimes. I have done that. My office protects the community and builds trust by prosecuting hate crimes and fighting racial injustice. We keep low-level, nonviolent offenders out of jail by participating in treatments courts that address issues like mental health and substance abuse. When four students were killed at Oxford High School on November 30, 2021, I sought justice for victims and successfully prosecuted the shooter and his parents. I will continue to advocate for gun violence prevention programs (see Priority #1 below). I remain committed to being smart on crime, ensuring that those who

commit crimes are charged and sentenced fairly, in the interest of public safety, and without bias.

QUESTION 2:

#1 Preventing Gun Violence: The Oxford convictions were historic and important, but gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and adolescents, and it’s a public health crisis. That’s why I launched the Commission to Address Gun Violence. In June, we released a Protocol for Action that identifies steps we can take now to make our community safer. The Protocol can be found at AllofUsCan.org.

#2 Protecting everyone in our community: Oakland County is a diverse, inclusive community, and everyone deserves to feel safe and respected. I will remain focused on violent crime, particularly violence against children and seniors, and on hate crimes based on religion, race, ethnicity or LGBTQ+ identity.

#3 Transparency and accountability: The public should know what their elected officials are doing, and why. My office is collaborating with the University of Michigan to publish a report on the charging decisions my office makes.

SCOTT FARIDA

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QUESTION 1: I am running for Oakland County Prosecutor to restore the focus to public safety, reviving policies that had bi-partisan support and had been in place through every prior administration - both Democrat and Republican. I spent almost my entire legal career as a public servant, working in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office from August of 2017 to June of 2023. During that time, I was predominantly an assistant prosecuting attorney, a position that involved litigating cases for the office. Additionally, I was Acting Chief of the Family Support Division as needed from early 2022 up until the time I left. I have presented for numerous state-wide organizations including the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the Michigan Judicial Institute. Additionally, I have the work

ethic to take on the monumental task of addressing crime in our community. In just shy of 2 ½ years under my opponent, I worked over 820 hours of unpaid extra time as a salary employee.

QUESTION 2: We must address public safety, victim advocacy, and public confidence. We seen an explosion of crime since my opponent took office. In just two years, crime in our community rose a dramatic 12.48% with crimes against persons rose 7.93%. Property crime has also skyrocketed 18.66% to surge past the pre-pandemic totals. These issues stem from my opponent’s soft on crime policies, giving reduced charges for murder, child killing, sex crimes, and more. Repeat felons are no longer held to the same accountability. My opponent’s administration told the office’s attorneys outright that we did not represent the victim, rather, “That’s great at election time.” We will hold criminals accountable, particularly repeat felons. The more egregious crimes will not be pleaded down. At the same time, we will fairly look at the circumstances of offenses. We will invest efforts into dealing with drug addiction, mental health, and other societal issues. The goal is justice, not political extremism.

Oakland County Sheriff

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Sheriff and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the Sheriff’s Office should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

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MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD

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Oakland County Treasurer

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Treasurer and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the County Treasurer should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

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QUESTION 1: Since 2021, I have been serving in the role of Treasurer, and I truly enjoy the work. I love helping people, and that is why I'm in public service. During my tenure, I have been a compassionate and responsible steward of resources. Some accomplishments I'm proud to highlight:

- Implemented a robust tax foreclosure prevention effort, resulting in the lowest number of property tax foreclosures ever in Oakland County.
- Established the first-ever Oakland County Land Bank to help with economic development.
- Updated the county investment policy for the first time in 20 years.
- Worked with my colleagues to maintain the county's coveted AAA

Bond rating. I'm a proven, trustworthy leader whose track record of fighting for Oakland County residents' financial wellbeing is strong. My wife and I grew up in Oakland County, and we're raising our family here because we love this community and want to continue the work to ensure that Oakland County remains a place where everyone can be proud to live.

QUESTION 2:

A: 1) Fighting for the financial security and well-being of all residents - For most people, a home is the largest investment they make. I have been working to ensure people are able to stay and thrive in our neighborhoods. I have actively engaged residents with financial challenges to address their needs and set them up with plans to avoid foreclosure. I will continue to be both fiscally responsible and socially conscious as Treasurer.

2) Recruiting new businesses while supporting existing ones - I have led with innovative policy solutions to help boost our local communities. I have leveraged relationships in the private sector to implement public-private partnerships to help with economic development in the county, including through our Land Bank.

3) Maintaining our AAA bond rating - I have invested our county dollars wisely - while ensuring we have the funds to always pay our bills. Our communities & schools benefit from our rating, directly contributing to our strong quality of life.

QUESTION 1: A: I am an accomplished financial professional with a strong dedication to community service and a proven track record of driving positive change. With a background that includes a CPA and an MBA, I have excelled in the fields of finance and accounting. My experience ranges from serving as a forensic accountant for the FBI to holding leadership positions in various companies, both for-profit and nonprofit. I have held roles as acting director of finance, controller, treasurer, and CFO. With my extensive experience, dedication to community service, and leadership role in a family business, I am well-equipped to continue making a positive impact as treasurer in Oakland County. I decided to run for my grandchildren. Our community and the nation are such

DONNA BLAKE

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QUESTION 1:

QUESTION 2:

A: I am an accomplished financial professional with a strong dedication to community service and a proven track record of driving positive change. With a background that includes a CPA and an MBA, I have excelled in the fields of finance and accounting. My experience ranges from serving as a forensic accountant for the FBI to holding leadership positions in various companies, both for-profit and nonprofit. I have held roles as acting director of finance, controller, treasurer, and CFO. With my extensive experience, dedication to community service, and leadership role in a family business, I am well-equipped to continue making a positive impact as treasurer in Oakland County. I decided to run for my grandchildren. Our community and the nation are such

a mess, and I needed to help make things right. If I get elected, I see truth, transparency, and trust being brought into Oakland County, once again. I pledge to answer to all of you and not the board of commissioners.

QUESTION 2: As your Treasurer, I'm here to ensure our taxpayer funds are used wisely and responsibly. You work too hard to support the current levels of giveaways and waste. With my background in financial investigations with the FBI, I'm passionate about rooting out the misuse of funds. For example, we should not be spending county taxpayer dollars to resettle people entering our country illegally. Yet, our governor continues to provide benefits to encourage such migration. Let's also talk about wasteful spending. It's essential to me that every dollar of your hard-earned tax money is put to good use, benefiting all of our legal residents. We need to eliminate funding, for example, for DEI. Let's stop the racism and hire the best person for the job. Whether it's directing resources towards essential services or cutting back on unnecessary expenses, I'm committed to making sure your money works for you. So, let's roll up our sleeves and work together without wasting a dime.

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Water Resources Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the Water Resources Commissioner's Office should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

JIM NASH

Party: Democratic

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QUESTION 1: I have served the citizens of Oakland County for almost 20 years, first as Oakland County Commissioner for eight years and as Water Resources Commissioner for the last twelve. As County Commissioner I focused my efforts on mental health (I have a son on the spectrum), veterans' affairs (I'm a vet) and environment and climate. I organized six Green Building Workshops (2006-2011), bringing

experts on climate, engineering and environmental protection to a day-long seminar to help local government officials, businesses and citizens understand the issues and meet industry and academic experts. As WRC I have held 12 annual Regional Stormwater Summits, bringing experts from across the state and nation to talk about stormwater, climate change, green infrastructure and mitigation efforts. Bringing people together to solve problems is my passion and we have had a significant impact on how these issues are seen and addressed in Southeast Michigan and around the state.

QUESTION 2: Climate Change is the most important long term issue facing Michigan. The Great Lakes have seen a dramatic increase in extreme weather events that will only worsen as time goes by. My office has been working on the two sides of climate change response, resiliency, preparing our systems for extreme weather, and mitigation, getting off fossil fuels and moving to renewable energy systems. We have been organizing our local communities, working regionally to develop green stormwater infrastructure programs for local governments, businesses, industry and residents. My office is using new

technologies to replace fossil fuels with methane from sewer solids to save money while helping the climate. We are also working on replacing old infrastructure with new tech and materials, replacing lead pipes, planning for future needs and working regionally for efficiency and cost savings. Finally, we are working on affordability plans, because too many families struggle with paying their water bills.

STEVE JOHNSON

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

Oakland County Commissioner

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that the County Commission should address, and what actions would you, as a Commissioner, take regarding each of them? (Character limit: 1,000)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 1ST DISTRICT

DAVE WOODWARD

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QUESTION 1: Experience:

Chairman, Oakland County Board of Commissioners (2019-present)

County Commissioner (2005-present)

State Representative (1999-2004)

DNC Member

Board Trustee, Cornerstone

Community Financial Credit Union

Small business owner

Education: Wayne State University, B.S. Mathematics

Accomplishments:

- Led effort to expand and improve public transportation countywide
- Erased \$200M in medical debt for 80,000 residents
- Launched the first countywide universal free breakfast program, which served as model for the current statewide free breakfast and lunch policy
- Provided energy efficiency upgrades to over 1100 homes saving hundreds annually per household
- Created county's Housing Trust Fund to help build more attainable and affordable housing
- Funded body cameras for all Sheriff deputies
- Protected county Planned Parenthood funding when President Trump eliminated funding
- Expanded mental health services
- Secured millions for Normandy Oaks, Hamer Finch Wilkins, and other parks

QUESTION 2: Better Public Transit:

- Build on success of providing more rides to more destinations than ever before
- Increase frequency on fixed routes to improve rider experience and convenience
- Develop and fund bus rapid transit to realize true regional transportation service in metro area

Lower Costs for Working Families:

- Build on our success of lowering medical debt for patients
- Double efforts to permanently lower energy bills by helping families make energy efficiency improvement to their homes
- Build 2000 more attainable housing units by the end of the decade
- Eliminate and lower college debt for thousands of residents

Build an Economy that Works for Everyone:

- Put 3D printers and advanced manufacturing technology in the hands of 35-40% of our county's small manufactures to build a resilient network that helps build more things in America
- Raise the minimum wage in Michigan to \$15/hr
- Get 80% of our workers a post-secondary degree, credential or skilled trade by 2030 to raise wages

REGINA WILK

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QUESTION 1: Growing up, my dream was to live in Oakland County. Through hard work, I have proudly called this vibrant community home for my adult life. With a BS in Materials Engineering and an MBA in Finance, I bring a unique blend of technical expertise and financial acumen. As an International Sales Executive in the Automotive Industry, I've formed solid business relationships globally. As a Business Owner, I drive economic growth and foster community development. Now is the time to demand more from our County Leadership. Technology is progressing at an exponential pace, and we need strong leaders to facilitate Oakland County's progress and create a prosperous and secure future. My background equips me to advocate for smart investments, promote ethical business practices, and foster community development while upholding individual liberty. Together, we can build a resilient, innovative, and prosperous county that benefits all residents.

QUESTION 2:

- **Public Safety:** Our Sheriff's Office must be adequately funded and supported to keep our communities safe. I will prioritize the Sheriff's Office by advocating for the necessary funding to ensure they have the equipment and resources needed to protect our County effectively.
- **Infrastructure:** Roads, bridges, and public transportation, need continuous investment. We must find innovative funding solutions to upgrade and maintain these critical assets without placing an undue burden on taxpayers. I support keeping the Road Commission of Oakland County an independent entity of the Oakland County General Government.
- **Fiscal Responsibility and Economic**

Growth: Maintaining Oakland County's financial position and AAA Bond Rating is crucial. We need to create an environment that encourages existing companies to remain in Oakland County and attracts new industries that provide high quality jobs. I will support practices that foster a favorable business climate and use taxpayer dollars wisely.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 2ND DISTRICT

PENNY C. LUEBS

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QUESTION 1:

- Oakland County Commissioner 2018 to present.
- Senior Ad Hoc Committee Member
- School Mental Health Committee Chair
- Gun Violence Awareness committee member
- Airport Committee member Mayor, City of Clawson, 2007-2017
- Council member, Clawson City Council 2003-2007
- Clawson Youth Assistance Chair
- Sunday Summer Park Market (Farmers Market) Organizer
- Clawson 4th of July member
- Troy Historical Museum member
- Stage Nature Center member
- Secretary, Boy Scout Troop 1627 Licensed Master's Level Social Worker (LMSW)

I strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others at an individual, family, local and community level, addressing systemic inequalities, empowering individuals and groups, identifying areas for improvement and develop solutions to address social problems. Public safety, infrastructure, affordable housing, mental health and transportation are columns to provide support to live a good life.

QUESTION 2: Public safety, Mental Health, Senior services are the top 3 priorities. Affordable housing and transportation also rate high.

- Public safety includes ensuring our officers, fire, dpw, ems staff have commensurate pay and the tools to do their job.
- Mental health - we need to support positive mental health. I was able to introduce a resolution providing a minimum grant of \$175,000.00 to each school district in Oakland County. We

need to do more preventive work.

- Senior services - about 37% of our population is over 50 years old. Our population is aging at a faster rate than other states. People want to age in place. Licensing and fair wages for direct care workers is a focus. Working with commissioners, we are able to offer grant dollars to communities for chore assistance to seniors.

EDWARD KEMPEN

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 3RD DISTRICT

ANN ERICKSON GAULT

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Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/Ann4Oakland

QUESTION 1: I am the incumbent

Oakland County Commissioner for District 3 including Hazel Park, Madison Heights, and part of Troy. I serve on the Public Health and Safety committee, and I am Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs and Governmental Operations committee. The Board appointed me to the Oakland County Parks Commission where we work to expand and improve County parks. I am running so I can continue the Commission's important work including increasing affordable housing, expanding public transit, and improving access to mental health care. In my day job, I am an attorney with 27 years experience which taught me to advocate for my clients and negotiate with the opposition, both important skills for a Commissioner. I also served on Troy City Council for four years where I honed my leadership skills and worked as a team to improve the quality of living. I grew up in Michigan, the proud daughter of a Union Steelworker, which gave me the opportunity to become who I am today.

QUESTION 2: Obtaining treatment for mental healthcare and substance abuse is reaching a crisis level, and

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Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

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I will continue to support Oakland County's work to increase access to these important services. We expanded our co-responder program to Madison Heights and Hazel Park, embedding mental health professionals with local police departments. I also support screening for mental health and substance abuse issues in urgent care centers and hospitals and providing referral for treatment. We are also investing in affordable housing through the County's Housing Trust Fund resulting in several new developments. Everyone deserves access to a safe, affordable home, and I intend to push for additional support for this successful program. The Parks Commission is working to expand County parks to all of our communities and enhance our existing parks. Public parks provide important physical and psychological benefits for our residents, and I will support additional investment in our parks.

DOUGLAS K. MACLEAN

Party: Republican

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QUESTION 1: Madison Heights; Married to wife Elaine for 52 years. Two children Doug Jr. and daughter Tennille VanBuskirk, two Grand Children one great grandchild.; Formally worked at Warren Truck 1964-66 UAW Local140 City of Madison Heights Police Dept 1966-1995 29 Years; Elected to the Madison District School Board 1978 to 1995; Was on Board of Directors Gateway Counseling Center; 1995 - 1999 Madison Heights City Council. Write in Candidate for vacant position on Madison School Board for month of December 2023; Running for Commission as I feel monies are spent without Citizens in mind and spending monies foolishly; Raising Property Taxes not staying in line with the Law (Headly within budget. Oakland County 45.3% from 29.7 or 80.8 million between 2022 to 2023 (last year available) largely due to the Transit Tax and property values increasing Property Taxes are up 47.8% since 1019 when Coulter took over County currently levies the amount permitted under the Mich Headlee law.

QUESTION 2:

- Being mindful of the County Budget and Fiduciary Responsibilities entrusted to me as an Elected Commissioner.
- Work with people living in District 3 and listening to their concerns.
- Not raising Taxes and pairing back what has been raised already.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 4TH DISTRICT

BRENDAN JOHNSON

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QUESTION 1: A proud Michigander and lifelong Oakland County resident, I have been honored to serve as your County Commissioner since my election in 2022. As the Chair of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, the Transit Committee, and vice chair of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee, I have been steadfast in advocating for our district, and have already secured transformational funding and partnerships for the OPC, Innovation Hills, Oakland University, County Parks, SMART busses and more. I am running for reelection because we're just getting started, and I couldn't be more excited about the future of Oakland County! I have a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University and an MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. I worked at the U.S. State Department and then for as a national security fellow for Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin. I also serve as Chief of Staff for a state representative in Lansing.

QUESTION 2:

- 1) Healthcare - We need to keep taking 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 - Programs like Going PRO and Michigan Works! are the keys to keeping Oakland County the economic engine of Michigan. These programs and more 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 continue engaging with our counterparts in Wayne, Macomb, and Washtenaw Counties to create a coordinated, comprehensive public transportation system that works well for everyone.

DALE HETRICK

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QUESTION 1: Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering MTU; MBA - Global Management University of Phoenix; Licensed Life Insurance

Producer - MI, OH, IN, IL, NJ, TX; Rochester Hills City Council - At Large 8 years; Rochester Hills Planning Commission

I am running for County Commissioner District 4 because Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills residents deserve the same focus on issues important to them that they received during my tenure on City Council. Those issues are; Public Safety, Strong Fiscal Accountability, and Quality of Life. Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills residents deserve a Trusted Community Voice they can count on.

QUESTION 2: My first priority is Public Safety. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) provides public safety services for the entire county. Rochester Hills is the Safest City in the US and I want District 4 and Oakland to feel safe. I will work to improve training, update equipment (vehicles, helicopters, etc.), and improve services - whether direct services such as Rochester Hills or support services to city run Police Departments.

My second priority is using tax dollars in a manner that creates a return to residents and business. In Rochester Hills, we invested \$14 million to redevelop the Brooklands area. This investment is drove new business creation and increased home values at the highest rate in Rochester Hills. That is the type of investments I want to see Oakland County make for District 4. My third priority is Fiscal Accountability. I will work to ensure the dollars allocated to projects reflects the needs of District 4, and my District receives its fair share of county funds.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 5TH DISTRICT

PAUL KELLY

Party: Democratic

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QUESTION 1: I am 60 years old, my youngest son starts at Michigan State in the fall, and my oldest is in his last year of Medical School. I have spent my career managing businesses and creating jobs in our area. I am now a regional Director with a National company, overseeing the Midwest and Mass. My vast experience in business and having personally experienced the struggles of raising a family- provide a wide range of first hand knowledge , that can assist our community in creating common sense solutions, to complex issues. I think that we often over complicate things, trying to please everyone. We must move back toward a culture of compromise , with a strong focus on the long term well being of the greater community. My hope is that I can use my experience, and build relationships that will ultimately be beneficial to the entire community.

QUESTION 2: Selecting from current issues being addressed-

- 1- Anti Violence efforts- I think that being civil is the first step in a strong and well functioning community. Violence has no place in our public, or private lives- we need to actively educate people on the topic, and offer easily accessible resources.
- 2- protecting our environment, while offering reasonable opportunities for development, when and where it may be appropriate.
- 3- This is the BIG one, School Safety!! We cannot expect kids to learn, when they are afraid, or nervous. We need to ensure that our schools are free of health hazards, and violence, of any kind. I will do whatever it takes to protect our children.

MICHAEL SPISZ

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QUESTION 1: I have been married for 24 years and we have two daughters. I have a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Global

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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, and the Minority Caucus chair.

QUESTION 2:

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. Inflation is effecting every aspect of life, and we must be cognizant of costs and fees at the County level.

2. Taxes. The County has unfortunately added taxes to the every citizen over the last few years. Taxes increases are on the horizon due to inflation. We must be cognizant of any increase or added new taxes in the upcoming years, as Oakland County is close, if not already there, of taxing individuals and families out of their homes. We must find ways to lower costs at all levels of government.

3. Safety. We must continue to support our Sheriff's office and local law enforcement agencies. We cannot afford to reduce funding of our law enforcement agencies by supporting program such as critical intervention training and a cross jurisdictional task force.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 6TH DISTRICT

CHRISTINA JOY ROOT

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QUESTION 1: Christina Joy Root (she/her) was mostly raised by her mother and large extended family. When she was just 15 years old, her mother passed away from ovarian cancer after a three year fight against the disease. This changed the course of Christina's life as she began to struggle with grief and other traumatic experiences. Thankfully, she was able to reach out for help from a mental health counselor. Through this experience and healing journey, her passion grew for helping others and became her mission in life. Christina is currently a licensed clinical social worker and provides therapy to youth and adults. She feels grateful to offer services in English and Spanish to many communities, including immigrants, senior citizens, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and violence survivors. She is passionate about political engagement and local government leadership. Christina believes that social workers belong in these spaces because they have the skills and heart to fight for what matters to people!

QUESTION 2: As County Commissioner, Christina will prioritize upholding health care rights, access to mental health services, and anti-violence & safety measures. She will advocate for women to have self-determination rights and access to comprehensive health care. She understands that women's health decisions are deeply personal and should not be limited. Christina will also push for county health programs and other public spaces to be inclusive and gender-affirming. As a social worker, Christina cares deeply about programs that provide mental health treatment to all, regardless of citizenship status or insurance coverage. She commits to supporting the continuation of such programs. As Commissioner, Christina will take action to invest in evidence-based and community-based violence intervention programs. Christina will encourage the development of mental health services that address the root causes of violence. The youth of our community must feel safe in order to live happy and healthy lives.

MICHAEL J. GINGELL

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 7TH DISTRICT

DEREK MARSHALL

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BOB HOFFMAN

Party: Republican

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QUESTION 1: I am a small business owner and farmer. I served as Waterford Township Supervisor from 1984-1988. I am a former chairman of the Highland Equestrian Land Conservancy, the Holly DDA, and chairman of the Oakland County Material Management Committee. I am a current member of the Highland ZBA and have been for approximately 25 years. As commissioner, I am a member of the Finance Committee, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations (LAGO), and Sanitary Appeal Board. I am also a member of several business associations and Chambers of Commerce. I believe I have a good working relationship with other elected officials, at all levels, across Oakland County and will continue to work with them to make sure the voices in my district are heard. I will continue to advocate for rural Oakland County. Oakland County government does not know what my district needs. One size does not fit all.

QUESTION 2: Irresponsible spending and over-taxing the residents, farmers, and businesses in Oakland County. Oakland County just purchased the Ottawa Towers in Pontiac for 19.2 million dollars. Oakland County is the assessor the City of Pontiac. The county paid approximately 60% more than it was assessed at by Oakland County. One tower is 100% vacant and the other is 40% vacant. We all know that there is little demand for official space. We will then spend approximately 100 million dollars on the property and take it off the tax rolls. Secondly, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to place a Parks & Recreation (P&R) millage on the November ballot. If approved by the taxpayers it will replace the present P&R millage that was to expire in 2029. This new millage is an 85% increase over the present millage and it would be for 20 years. It will raise an additional 24 million dollars in the 1st year. Under proposal A our taxes will increase 5% or the rate of

inflation whatever is lower, every year. The county will not tell the voters that is an 85% increase. Rather they are stating that the average homeowner will only see an average of a \$40.19 increase and you will now be allowed to enter the parks without paying a fee. There are approximately 30,000 acres of farmland in Oakland County plus commercial, industrial, retail, and apartments they will pay hundreds if not thousands more in taxes. We all know taxes get passed on to the consumer in higher prices. The Board of Commissioners recently voted to spend \$500,000 to hire a company to help college students obtain forgiveness on their debt, that they borrowed and agreed to pay back. This is not the role of county government. I voted against all three of these. If the government wants to gain the respect of the voters they need to become more open, honest, and transparent.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 8TH DISTRICT

JESSE BROWN

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KAREN JOLIAT

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QUESTION 1: While completing my second term as County Commissioner, I'm pursuing a run for re-election to continue enforcing a fiscally conservative and transparent governance on 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, I have experience in the non-profit sector as past president to the Children's Village Foundation for 8-years. These careers have equipped me with fair

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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 continue as an active and productive board member. My experience and community involvement has earned me retired Commissioner Middleton's endorsement.

QUESTION 2: 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. This past term I worked with Road Commission to create a program to address Township subdivision roads special-assessment-district funding. Serving as a past Township Trustee, I saw firsthand the lack and need for funding of infrastructure to local units of government, specifically for subdivision roads. The Oakland County Sheriff and his department is more important than ever at this time to ensure citizens safety. It is important the Board of Commissioners support the needs of the department to make sure they are equipped with the necessary tools and training facilities to be effective in all situations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 9TH DISTRICT

ANGELA N. POWELL

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EUGENE DAVIS, SR.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 10TH DISTRICT

KRISTEN NELSON

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QUESTION 1: I am a life-long Oakland County resident who was born & raised in Keego Harbor. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Minor in Special Education & a Master of Education from Wayne State University, & I completed board certification (Behavior Analyst) from Florida Institute of Technology. After 18 years of working in public education, I currently work as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with individuals on the autism spectrum. Working hands-on as a special education teacher & a Behavior Analyst have instilled the values of persistence, compassion & problem solving. I know first-hand that seemingly insurmountable obstacles & challenges can be overcome when individuals have access to appropriate services and supports. As an energetic leader, passionate problem solver & forward thinker, I am running for re-election to further pursue my commitment in representing the diverse voices in District #10 while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about!

QUESTION 2: Seniors. Creating age-friendly communities is essential to meeting the needs of our rapidly growing aging population. I will continue to work on policies that foster social inclusion, recreational opportunities, accessibility & mobility enhancements to ensure older adults continue to choose Oakland County as their retirement destination. Health. Healthy residents are essential for fostering economic prosperity, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability. I will continue to support collaborative efforts in expanding equitable access to high quality mental & behavioral health services & treatment. Environment. Transitioning to clean & renewable energy sources & investing in green infrastructure is essential for promoting environmental sustainability & building resilient & livable communities. I will continue to support policies that protect our drinking water, recreational waterways, & preservation & enhancement of underdeveloped natural spaces, recreational land, & floodplains.

GREGG MARINELLI

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 11TH DISTRICT

MARCIA GERSHENSON

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QUESTION 1: I am the incumbent County Commissioner for District 11A and Vice chair of the Board. I try and use my leadership position to build coalitions and consensus in the community. I was born in Detroit and graduated with a teaching credential from the University of Michigan. I have always been involved in politics supporting other candidates and was finally convinced to run for office myself- and I have loved this opportunity. As an incumbent my past experiences help me understand the needs of residents in our community. Developing relationships within the County departments helps me to quickly answer questions and solve problems for my constituents. In addition, I have been working on developing more childcare options, affordable housing and increasing gun safety measures. I reach out to residents regularly in the communities I represent informing them about County Resources. My knowledge and experience has been invaluable navigating and supporting our County. **QUESTION 2:** My top priorities for next term are to continue my efforts to promote safe gun ownership. I have sponsored the county's first 2 gun buybacks and we are in the process of planning our next one. I chair our Safer Community committee to fund ideas and programs that will keep our residents safe. Most of our County's infrastructure is aging and in need of repair, There are Federal and state programs for financial assistance and I am currently exploring some local financial aid options for residents who will be faced with a significant bills to replace their water/sewer lines. Working with our senior population has always been a priority for me. We are in need of more affordable housing to assure our aging population can afford to live independently. I have worked with our housing department to bring more affordable projects into our community and continue to work on policies that help our vulnerable citizens.

JOHNETTE EGGERT

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 12TH DISTRICT

CHRIS SOMMER

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QUESTION 1: My wife Stephanie and I are 32+ year residents of Oakland County (district 12) and raised 3 beautiful daughters of whom we are quite proud. I received a degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, and an MBA from Michigan State. Before my recent retirement, I was a partner in a successful business. I am a critical thinker and foundationally strong in fact gathering and analyses before making a decision. I am a strong advocate for volunteerism and have always striven to be forward thinking in all endeavors. I have served on several boards through my time here and currently volunteer and serve on the board of Hospitality House Food Pantry, a local pantry of choice for the food deprived.

QUESTION 2: Infrastructure: Explore possible enhancements of Oakland Transit to address county and regional accessibility for under-served citizens. Work to increase the accessibility of walk/bike networks throughout the county. A rise in work-from-home and green initiatives make planning future infrastructure imperative. Food Insecurity: Many of our neighbors have limited or uncertain access to safe and nutritious food. I would work hard to enhance existing programs, and a number of pro-active programs throughout the county that service children and families that are food insecure. The end goal, for all citizens being able to obtain acceptable food in dignified ways. Build alliances that help Oakland County residents in crisis recover financially. The Hardship Assistance Program and the RIP Medical Debt Program are associations that connect

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residents with resources that promote financial healing and solvency. Initiatives like these help families and create a strong economic future for Oakland

CHRISTINE A. LONG

Party: Republican

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QUESTION 1: As your County Commissioner, I have been proud to serve the citizens of Oakland County for the last 22 years. I graduated from Michigan State University, College of Nursing with a BSN. My nursing career was at the University of Michigan Medical Center where I worked on the Kidney/Liver transplant unit. I am the mother of 5 children and a small business owner for 30 plus years. I currently serve as a member of the Finance Committee (minority vice chair), Economic Development & Infrastructure, Airport Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission since 2009, and Tax Increment Financing District Review Committee. I have worked hard to keep us safe and rebuild our economy. I believe in providing quality services while keeping our taxes low. With the increased cost of living and our dollar not going as far it is imperative to retain the experienced commissioner. Most importantly, I will remain highly visible and available for ALL citizens of Oakland County.

QUESTION 2:

1. Stop irresponsible spending. With an annual county budget of nearly a billion dollars, with is higher than 10 states, as an experienced Finance Committee member, I will continue to review county spending with diligence. I recognize it is taxpayers money and will always vote with that in mind.

2. Continue to rebuild small business climate in Oakland County. Many small businesses were forced to shut their doors during and after the pandemic. I will continue to support Oakland County's small business initiatives so they can keep their doors open or start up a small business.

3. Support Law Enforcement. Everyone deserves to feel "safe" where they live, work, and play. I will continue to support the Sheriff's department including the proposed new training facility. I am honored to be endorsed by Sheriff Bouchard for my re-election.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 13TH DISTRICT

ELLEN GELEMAN

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QUESTION 1: After growing up on Long Island NY, receiving my bachelor's at Indiana University, and enjoying a career as an advertising copywriter, I moved with my husband to Michigan for his new job. We chose Milford for its small-town charm and scenic beauty. In the decade since, my community has come to know me as a published author, a fitness instructor at the Carls Family YMCA, and a local activist. In my elected role as a Democratic Precinct Delegate, I encourage citizens in my district to exercise their right to vote and provide information they need to make educated choices. But I would like to do more for the people who have helped me create a home here and to protect this beautiful area for my future grandchildren. As a County Commissioner, I would bring a clear, precise communications style, honed in my writing career, as well as a sense of civility, empathy, and a willingness to reach across the aisle to find consensus that will benefit the entire county.

QUESTION 2: Oakland County is rightly proud of its lakes and rivers, and keeping them clean and safe will be even more critical in the coming decades as climate change affects every aspect of our lives. My highest priority would be to coordinate with the Water Resources Commissioner and Great Lakes Water Authority to protect one of our area's most vital and valuable assets. Likewise, as our green spaces and wildlife are central to the quality of life we appreciate in Oakland, I would liaise with the Parks and Recreation Commission and local planning commissions to balance growth with preservation efforts so that our children and grandchildren will always have natural spaces in which to play, grow, and learn. Finally, as the sole caregiver of my 90-year-old mother, I'm personally concerned with the availability and quality of services for our elderly. I would work with the Area Agency on Aging to ensure that these often-overlooked citizens are treated with the attention and dignity they deserve.

PHIL WEIPERT

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QUESTION 1: Married to Pam & 32+ 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, Finance, Airport & Transportation Committees. Past Chair-SEMCOG, Milford, Highland, Wixom & South Lyon Historical Societies, Highland White Lake Business Owners Assoc. & Member multiple Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 & 2005 Chamber Citizen of the Year, Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, past Grand Knight K of C #7586 & P. Secretary K of C Assembly 3099 Milford-monthly Flag replacement on Veterans Graves; Member/Active with-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.

QUESTION 2: 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 maintain a low tax rate-protecting property values while providing quality services. My goals are to ensure that all tax dollars, & the Federal Infrastructure 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 work-force 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, & will ensure that all tax dollars are spent in a fiscally conservative manner.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 14TH DISTRICT

AJAY V. RAMAN

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website:

www.voteajayraman.com

Campaign Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 45 Novi MI 48376

Campaign Phone: 248-916-9550

Campaign Facebook URL:

www.facebook.com/DrAjayMI/

QUESTION 1: As your current 14th District Oakland County Commissioner, I would be honored to have your continued support and earn your vote this fall. I am a proud Oakland County resident since 2011, alongside my wife and 2 beautiful children. As a physician of 20+ years, I have been a small business owner of a local medical practice; where in addition to patient care, I have experience with everything from negotiating contracts, to managing HR, and balancing budgets. Aside from my family and career, I enjoy serving on the board of the largest homeowners' association in Novi, working on environmental projects, and mentoring in school programs. I am running for re-election to the County Commission to build upon the wonderful foundation we've already created for Oakland County. I am committed to working with all stakeholders to keep Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, and Commerce Twp. great communities to live and work. Please visit voteajayraman.com or follow me on social media @DrAjayMI for more info.

QUESTION 2: While our County Commission juggles many priorities, 3 of the highest ones are:

- 1) Infrastructure Investment: For decades, there has been a disinvestment in our roads, bridges, water/sewer systems, and utilities. As a newer incumbent, I am proud to say that we have recently allocated significant resources to not only fixing these areas but also proactively taking steps to prevent future failures.
- 2) Public Safety: Keeping our communities safe has always been a personal priority for my family and I. To that end, I support our first responders and will continue to ensure that they have the funding and resources needed to function effectively.
- 3) Transparency and fiscal responsibility: As elected officials, we have a duty to instill trust among our constituents and

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Oakland County Commissioner *(continued)*

Vote for 1: 4 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

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be good stewards of their taxpayer dollars. Serving as the Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee, I have prioritized these values and will continue to protect our coveted AAA-bond rating in guiding our county decisions.

ROBERT SMILEY

Party: Republican

Campaign Website: www.smileyforcommish.com

Campaign Mailing Address: PO Box 106 Novi MI 48376

Campaign Phone: 248-289-0888

QUESTION 1: I am running as the conservative candidate for the Oakland County Commission on a board that determines the use of taxpayer funds (paid for through your property taxes). I will vote for proposals with taxpayers in mind in regard to necessary services and will vote to cease or prevent approval of any funds deemed unnecessary, excessive, or wasteful for residents, leaving more money in the pockets of taxpayers. Since Brooks Patterson's death in 2018, Oakland County has experienced a period of decline under Democrat leadership. The priorities of the Democrat led commission are tax hikes, government spending, DEI, climate change, and busing — all leading to tax increases of 44% in that time! My 9-years of experience on city council has taught me how to maximize spending with a fluctuating budget. I have successfully worked to lower local tax rates while maintaining great city services and a balanced budget each year.

QUESTION 2: 1: Cut the budget — I'll cut items like the wasteful move of 700 county employees out of the Brooks Patterson Office Building (only 10-years-old) to downtown Pontiac at an estimated cost of \$140 million. There is also the \$1 million spent on 4 DEI administrators. Then there is the 3 employees working in transit that are costing more than \$450,000. There is still more in the budget like these items that can be cut. 2: Once the budget is cut, we can reduce taxes — Since 2018, property taxes are up 44%! My top priority will be cut property taxes and give the tax relief that residents desperately need. 3: Public safety — The OC Sheriff's Department is doing an exemplary job. They are tasked with ever-growing responsibilities without an equally growing budget. Again, taxes have increased 44%, but those increases are NOT going to public safety. It is the responsibility of elected officials to properly fund law enforcement. I'll help rebuild the vital relationship with the Sheriff's office.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 15TH DISTRICT

GWEN MARKHAM

Party: Democratic

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Campaign Mailing Address: 45540 Violet Ln. Novi MI 48374

Campaign Phone: 248-921-9336

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/ReElectGwenMarkham

QUESTION 1: I am the incumbent to this position, serving in my 3rd term. I was a Novi City Council member for 5 years before being elected to the County Commission. I serve as Chairperson of the Board Finance Committee, and also serve on Economic Development and Airport Committees. I am a Vice President of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, focusing on economic development, addressing climate resilience across the Metro Detroit region, and coordinating with State, local, and Federal officeholders to advance funding for local infrastructure. I hold a degree in Chemistry, and was a manufacturing operations executive for both automotive and aerospace manufacturers before becoming a public officeholder.

QUESTION 2: The County Commission is responsible for oversight and appropriation of the \$1.1B annual county budget. As Chair of the Finance Committee, my work is focused on all aspects of this work. We are responsible for Public Health operations, including vaccines, WIC, and many other aspects of public health. They are the 2nd largest department, behind the Sheriff's office of Public Safety. As a commissioner, we each serve on committees delving deeper into the particular aspects of work within County Departments. As a member of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee, I join my colleagues in reviewing projects and funding to support workforce development, small business support, and infrastructure needs both within the county operations, and within our local communities. We work closely with departments such as the Water Resources commissioner to support infrastructure needs throughout the county, such as replacing lead service lines in the City of Pontiac.

DANIEL LAWLESS

Party: Republican

Campaign Mailing Address: 22639 Heatherwoode Novi MI 48375

Did not respond in time for inclusion

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 16TH DISTRICT

WILLIAM MILLER

Party: Democratic

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Campaign Phone: 3132156927

QUESTION 1: My name is William Miller, and I am a proud 24-year member and graduate apprentice of Operating Engineers Local 324, I am seeking re-election as county commissioner in Oakland County District 16. As the only commissioner with a background rooted in the trades, I have consistently advocated for workers' rights and the interests of our community. Throughout my tenure, I have successfully championed important policies such as the responsibility contracting policy and the neutrality card check agreement policy, which have significantly benefited workers in Oakland County. Notably, Oakland County stands as the only county in the United States to implement the neutrality card check agreement policy, a testament to our commitment to fair labor practices. Furthermore, I have taken concrete steps to ensure that the voices of the working people in Oakland county are represented in the decision-making processes.

QUESTION 2: As a County Commissioner, the top three priority issues to address would be: Workforce Development: Preparing our workforce for future opportunities is key. I would champion partnerships between local educational institutions and businesses to create training programs that equip residents with skills in high-demand fields. This includes vocational training, apprenticeships, and continuing education initiatives. Mental Health Support: Integrating mental health professionals into public safety teams can better address situations involving mental health crises, reducing the burden on law enforcement and improving outcomes for affected individuals. Affordable Housing: The increasing cost of living has created a housing crisis for many residents. To

address this, I would advocate for the development of mixed-income housing projects. By addressing these priorities, we can create a safer, more inclusive, and prosperous community for all.

JACOB KOVACS

Party: Republican

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Campaign Mailing Address: 29992 Richmond Hill Farmington Hills MI 48334

Campaign Phone: 810-623-2137

QUESTION 1: I first and foremost care about my community and all my neighbors and fellow patriots. I am running to ensure a promising, prosperous, and a future county of distinction for all of us and our posterity. I want to reevaluate our current budget and spending as we are a nation in great debt and we need to be a forerunner for cutting spending while operating at maximum output levels. I know our community has room for residential and business developments that provide realistic benefits to our county while bringing in new tax revenues so as to not overburden our current population with high taxation. I see and know that our current government structure has leaned towards subjective thinking and management styles, but everything our government should be doing, should be in an objective manner. I want our government to operate in such a way that it does not burden the residents but compliments their daily life.

QUESTION 2:

- SAFETY - Ensure sufficient budget and supplies to first responders and law enforcement
- INFRASTRUCTURE — provide and promote residential and commercial opportunities in our county in existing areas already zoned for their respective purpose. We need to promote rebuilding and revamping the current spaces that lay vacant and decaying throughout the county.
- CUT EXCESSIVE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING- An great example is for our Oakland County purchasing department to really negotiate and work on multi-year or multi purchase agreements to lower cost of equipment and vehicles. We don't need to constantly get the newest trucks and cars for our government operations, rather we should have our government mechanics within our public works divisions maintain and repair existing equipment and vehicles to last for a very long time. We should also not have to

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pay MSRP pricing for vehicles when our government has full power to negotiate for vehicles, especially businesses located within our county.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 17TH DISTRICT

YOLANDA SMITH CHARLES

Party: Democratic

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Did not respond in time for inclusion

AARON TOBIN

Party: Republican

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Campaign Phone: 248-635-5566

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/votefortobin

QUESTION 1: 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 County's budget, and seems to be sorely missing on the current Oakland County commission.

QUESTION 2: We must cut excessive spending. The current County commission treats Oakland County residents like they are an endless money pit. We must spend our money where it is most effective for Oakland County residents. I was shocked and horrified when the current commission voted to reduce funding to the excellent Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Public Safety need must be a top priority for all residents of Oakland County. Education must be addressed. Parents should have considerable input in to what is being taught to their children,

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 18TH DISTRICT

LINNIE TAYLOR

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: www.LinnieTaylor.com

Campaign Mailing Address: 29221 Somerset Dr. Southfield MI 48076

Campaign Phone: 2488908511

QUESTION 1: Linnie Taylor the Oakland County Commissioner for District 18 is a Southfield resident and has held positions on the Southfield City Council, Planning Commission, Library Board, Council Finance, Legislative, and Human Resources Committee's, where she developed a reputation of being a bridge-builder, being transparent, and for being a creative problem solver. Additionally, Linnie was the former Chair of the Southfield/Lathrup Village Democratic Club, former Membership Chair of the Southfield Chapter of the NAACP, and received the Michigan Municipal League's Elected Official's Academy Education Award.

Linnie has a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

QUESTION 2: Key issues facing Oakland County are: Road repair, Clean Water, Infrastructure Maintenance, Housing, Mental and Physical Health concerns. As a Commissioner I will help establish policies, create and pass ordinances and resolutions that fairly govern these areas of concern, review and approve the budget appropriately allocating funds for operations and services.

WENDY JACKSON

Party: Republican

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Campaign Phone: 3139187000

Campaign Twitter Handle:

[Wendyforoaklandcounty](https://twitter.com/Wendyforoaklandcounty)

QUESTION 1: I am a Physician and business owner. I am a wife and mother. I have a degree in biology. I have the necessary skills in order to navigate any of Oakland County's complex issues.

QUESTION 2: Keep business owners stabilized. The economy is putting pressure on business owners, I will not raise taxes on County businesses. Keep law and order funded. I will ensure the sheriff's office keeps budget keeps up

with the cost of living. Give increase when necessary. Religious freedom protected. I will ensure to make Oakland County an legally protected area for religious freedom.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 19TH DISTRICT

CHARLIE CAVELL

Party: Democratic

Campaign Website: Www.Cavell4commission.com

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Campaign Phone: 947-500-1144

Campaign Instagram URL: [Instagram.com/cavell4commish](https://www.instagram.com/cavell4commish)

Campaign Facebook URL: [Facebook.com/cavell4commish](https://www.facebook.com/cavell4commish)

QUESTION 1: 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 4 years as a County Commissioner.

QUESTION 2:

1) Lowering costs
+Erasing \$200M in medical debt for 80,000 Oakland County families
+Investing \$25M into making housing more affordable for seniors and families
+Launching a student loan forgiveness program in the fall
2) Increasing Care
+Redirect and increase funding to OakGov's Health Dept, Neighborhood and Housing Division, community corrections and mental health partner OCHN
3) Building Trust in government
+Being present, available and reachable. (Call anytime! 947-500-1144)
+Being knowledgeable and humble enough to explain governments function in our community.

All of these priorities are aimed at helping alleviate suffering and raise our understanding of how politics and government effects us and what we can do about it!

PAUL TAROS

Party: Republican

Campaign Mailing Address: 1288 Bird Avenue Birmingham MI 48009

Campaign Phone: 248-594-1040

Campaign Facebook URL:

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559084051317

QUESTION 1: I grew up in Livonia.

Graduated from the University of Michigan and went on to obtain my MBA from Wayne State University. I owned and operated my own CPA firm for over 30 years. I volunteered and had the privilege to serve 6 years on the parish council of St George Greek Orthodox Church and 4 years as their Treasurer. During that time, I discovered that the Church Secretary was embezzling funds. After discussing this with the Priest and Parish council, I collected the evidence and turned it over to the police. One of our top priorities needs to be our safety. Millions of illegal aliens have flooded our southern border and many of those illegals are members of gangs that are terrorizing local communities across this country, including Oakland County. The residents of Oakland County deserve to feel safe in their person and property. That is why funding and staffing of our sheriff's department must be one of our top priorities.

QUESTION 2: Keeping Oakland County's AAA bond rating is particularly important. A key aspect of being fiscally responsible is the ability to prioritize our spending. My opponent supports crony capitalism. He wants to give millions of taxpayer dollars to wealthy developers, so they can build low-income housing in neighborhoods, over the objections of area residents. The free market is the best method of allocating capital. Therefore, it follows that if Oakland County needs low-income housing, developers will undertake these projects without the use of taxpayer dollars because it is profitable for them to do so. By eliminating subsidies and hand outs to well connected businesses we can strengthen our balance sheet and increase our funding for the Sheriff's Department, mental health services and other important programs. The current Commissioner foolishly wants to end cash bail for nonviolent offenses, while I strongly support law enforcement and want to continue requiring bail for criminal offenses.



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Townships

All offices listed below are 4 year terms • Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer Offices: Vote for 1

ADDISON TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Bruce H. Pearson
 Rep Pauline Bennett
CLERK Rep Michael J. McDonald
TREASURER Rep Ed Brakefield
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Mary A. Frost
 Rep Karen R. Geibel
 Rep Linda Gierak

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Dani Walsh
 Rep Michael D. McCready
CLERK Dem Martin C. Brook
TREASURER Rep Michael E. Schostak
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Oscar Garner, Jr.
 Dem Roman Grigoriev
 Dem Valerie Sayles Murray
 Rep Mark Antakli
 Rep Neal Barnett
 Rep Malissa Bossardet
 Rep Christopher M. Kolinski

BRANDON TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Jayson W. Rumball
CLERK Dem Vicki Hale
 Rep Roselyn Blair
TREASURER Rep Dana M. DePalma
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Tony Candiloro
 Rep Robert S. Marshall
 Rep Scott Stangeland
 Rep Steven D. Unruh

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Larry E. Gray
 Lib Bruce Martin Jaquays
CLERK Rep Melissa Creech
TREASURER Rep Molly B. Phillips
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Bob Berkheiser
 Rep Robert Long
 Rep Rick Sovel
 Rep George K. Weber

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Kevin Scramlin
CLERK Rep Jenell Keller
TREASURER Rep Theresa Bills
TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 Rep Jim Christopher
 Rep Gina Muzzarelli

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Rick Hamill
CLERK Rep Tami Flowers
TREASURER Rep Jennifer Frederick
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Grant Charlick
 Rep Brian Howe
 Rep Beth Lewis
 Rep Joseph M. Salvia
 NPA Anthony Raimondo

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep George Kullis
CLERK Rep Karin S. Winchester
TREASURER Dem Jennifer Ryan
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Sherlynn Everly
 Rep Derek D. Burton
 Rep Richard Kinnamon
 Rep Ryan Matson
 Rep Michael McCanney

PARK COMMISSIONER Vote for 5

Dem Dave Lonteen
 Dem Donna McBride
 Rep Jeff Caryl
 Rep Joe Hutchins
 Rep Kathleen K. Martin

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Chuck Phyle
 NPA Darwin L. Moore
CLERK Rep Cari J. Neubeck
TREASURER Rep Paul A. Brown
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep David Hayward
 Rep Sam Moraco
 Rep Terri Nallamothe
 Rep Jim Tedder

LYON TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Gary Bailey
 Rep John Dolan
CLERK Rep Michele Cash
TREASURER .. Rep Patricia D. Carcone
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Todd Slisher
 Rep Lise A. Blades
 Rep Kristofer Enlow
 Rep Sean O'Neil
 Rep Robert Swain

MILFORD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Don Green
CLERK Rep Holly Brandt
TREASURER Rep Cynthia Dagenhardt
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Randal Busick
 Rep William E. Mazzara
 Rep Kimberly McFarland
 Rep Dale R. Wiltse

NOVI TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Tony Galdikas
CLERK NPA Janeen Crittenden
TREASURER NPA David C. Hall
TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 Dem Nathan J. Foster
 NPA Kevin McCallum

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Robin Buxar
CLERK Rep Dave Mabry
 NPA Lana Mangiapane
TREASURER Rep John Giannangeli
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Emily Campbell
 Rep John Casadei
 Rep Jack E. Elder
 Rep Jeanne Langlois

PARK COMMISSIONER

Vote for 7

Rep Emily Barkham • Rep Jim Fostey
 Rep Heidi Beverly • Rep Cathy Rooney
 Rep Christine Garrett
 Rep Jim Quesenberry
 Rep Daniel L. Simon

ORION TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Chris Barnett
CLERK Rep Julia Dalrymple
TREASURER Rep Matt Pfeiffer
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep John Carson
 Rep Michael Flood, Jr.
 Rep Carrie Hilgendorf
 Rep Jack Lovat

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Jack L. Curtis
CLERK Rep Curtis W. Wright
TREASURER Rep Joseph G. Ferrari
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Rod Charles
 Rep Catherine Colvin
 Rep Jeffrey M. Omtved
 Rep David A. Wagner

PARK COMMISSIONER

Vote for 5

Rep Harvey Acheson
 Rep Austin D. Brantley
 Rep Sarah Jones
 Rep Theresa Myer
 Rep Ronald John Roop II

ROSE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Brad Stilwell
CLERK Rep Debbie Miller
TREASURER Rep William Jobes
TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 Rep Debra Bourdeau
 Rep Mike Maher

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Donna Squalls
CLERK Dem Gwendolyn Turner
TREASURER Dem Kimberly Bradley Reaves
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Wanda Allen
 Dem Jefferson Cushingberry
 Dem Dena M. Respress
 Dem Herbert Welch

PARK COMMISSIONER

Vote for 7

Dem Lawrence Ramon Cochran
 Dem Javon Edwards
 Dem Ionia Angeline Jackson
 Dem Dennis Lamaris King
 Dem Debra M. Pollock
 Dem Armond Respress
 Dem Latricia Ann Wilbourn

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Janet Mooney
CLERK Dem Eileen Harryvan
TREASURER Dem Kim Chalifoux
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Vincent Borowski

..... Dem Michael C. Fayz
 Dem John B. Ross
 Rep John Clark
 Rep Paul A. Newitt
 NPA Amber R. Taylor

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Richard L. Davis
CLERK Rep Sean R. Miller
TREASURER Rep Jamie L. Dubre
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Lori Beatty
 Rep Dave Hopper
 Rep Chris Moore
 Rep Bill Whitley

PARK COMMISSIONER

Vote for 7

Dem Christopher Benedict
 Dem E. Roger Bower • Rep Jean Vallad
 Rep Dana Fox-Chobot
 Rep Diana Hopper • Rep Josh Leo
 Rep Richard W. Parke

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Mary Craite
 Rep Anthony M. Bartolotta
CLERK Dem Johnathon Wertheimer
 Rep Kim Markee
TREASURER Rep Steven Thomas
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Matthew K. McClure
 Dem Robin McGregor
 Dem John Paul Torres
 Dem Joseph Williams
 Rep Jeff Gilbert
 Rep Sam Harris
 Rep Marie Hauswirth
 Rep Gary Wall

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Dem Steven Kaplan
CLERK Dem Debbie Binder
TREASURER Dem Teri Adelberg Weingarden
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Dem Vincent C. Kirkwood
 Dem Jim Manna
 Dem Diane Rosenfeld Swimmer
 Dem Jonathan Warshay

PARK COMMISSIONER

Vote for 7

Dem Terrance T. Adams
 Dem Merv Aronoff
 Dem David Barash
 Dem Robert V. Brooks
 Dem John Erich
 Dem Amy Mindell
 Dem Sally Wenczel
 Rep Olga Meyer

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR Rep Rik Kowall
CLERK Rep Anthony L. Noble
TREASURER Rep Mike Roman
TRUSTEE - Vote for 4 Rep Steve Anderson
 Rep Scott Ruggles
 Rep Liz Fessler Smith
 Rep Andrea C. Voorheis

★ ★ ★ NON-PARTISAN ★ ★ ★

Court of Appeals

QUESTION 1: 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.

QUESTION 2: 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.

QUESTION 3: 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?

2ND DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Vote for 2

Unopposed on the ballot:

Randy J. Wallace (incumbent)
 Adrienne Nicole Young (Incumbent)

2ND DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT

Vote for 1

MATTHEW ACKERMAN

QUESTION 1: Matthew Ackerman is an attorney at Ackerman & Ackerman PC, where he primarily represents property owners whose land is taken through eminent domain. Matthew graduated from Harvard with high honors in economics and obtained his law degree from Columbia Law School. During law school, Matthew edited the Columbia Law Review and was one of 12 out of over 400 graduates awarded the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Prize (based on earning highest single-year honors all three years). Following law school, Matthew clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits. In addition to his busy legal practice, Matthew regularly

publishes academic articles and presents at national legal conferences. Beginning this school year, he will also teach at Michigan State’s law school.

QUESTION 2: At Ackerman & Ackerman, PC, my legal practice focuses primarily on advocating for property owners whose land is taken from them involuntarily through eminent domain. Although our firm is based in Birmingham, we represent property owners—both commercial and residential—throughout the state. I have done pro bono work for the Macomb County Prosecutor Office’s Conviction Integrity Unit, which reviews and corrects wrongful convictions. One case that I worked on resulted in a person being released from prison. Finally, our firm serves as the city attorney for Trenton, which brings a wide variety of legal matters.

QUESTION 3: The Court of Appeals reviews the Circuit Court’s most challenging legal issues. Our Circuit Court judges do great work, but sometimes they make mistakes, and I am who you want to examine their most critical and difficult rulings. I have the intellect: I graduated with high honors at Harvard and at the top of my class at Columbia Law School, where I was on the Columbia Law Review. I have the experience: I have worked on over 100 high-stakes civil and criminal appeals and have an active law practice dealing

with complex statutory and constitutional issues. And I have the drive: In my spare time, I publish articles, present at national conferences, and will soon teach at Michigan State’s law school.

LATOYA MARIA WILLIS

QUESTION 1: I have spent nearly half of my life in the legal profession. After graduating from Western Michigan University as a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology, I earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 2002. Immediately upon passing the Michigan Bar, I was hired as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. I volunteer for many organizations aimed at improving the Michigan legal system, including the Attorney Grievance Commission which I was appointed to in 2017, by the Michigan Supreme Court. am the current Chairperson. I am also involved in community service, including serving as a member of the Farmington Hills Police and Fire Benevolence Commission.

QUESTION 2: I have dedicated my entire legal career to public service. For 21 years I have worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. I have handled over a thousand cases, working

in various departments, including: Forfeiture, District Courts, General Trials, and Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse. In 2017, I was promoted to the Lead Attorney of the Mortgage and Deed Fraud Task Force. These varying assignments have given me a breadth of experience trying a variety of cases including drug and nuisance forfeiture, operating while intoxicated, assault, home invasion, carjacking, criminal sexual conduct, and homicide. My current position has given me the added experience of trying cases involving illegal transfers of property, mortgage fraud and criminal enterprise (“paper cases”).

QUESTION 3: I believe experience, integrity, and temperament are important factors to assess in a judicial candidate. Experience: I have 21 years of actual courtroom trial experience, conducting trials and using the Rules of Evidence. Integrity: I have cultivated and maintained a reputation of integrity amongst my peers, the bench, and opposing counsels. I not only have the support of fellow prosecuting attorneys, but of judges and defense attorneys. This support is derived from my history of being fair and honest with everyone. Temperament: Finally, I have always treated everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of race, religion, gender, or socio-economic standing. I believe in a judicial system that fairly represents all parties. A vote for me is a vote for experience, integrity, and justice.

Circuit Court

QUESTION 1: 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.

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QUESTION 3: 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?

6TH CIRCUIT INCUMBENT

Vote for 6

Unopposed on the ballot:

Jacob James Cunningham (Incumbent)
 Kameshia D. Gant (Incumbent)
 Maureen H. Kinsella (Incumbent)
 Julie A. McDonald (Incumbent)
 Kwame L. Rowe (Incumbent)
 Michael Warren (Incumbent)

6TH DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT

Vote for 1

TRICIA DARE

QUESTION 1: I have been an Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor since 1997. I have served as the Chief Assistant Prosecutor of the Special Victims Unit, the Juvenile Justice Division, the Hate

Crimes Unit and the Victim Services Division. I graduated from Western Michigan University in 1993 in Political Science and Criminal Justice. My Juris Doctor is from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1997. For the most part, my involvement in the community has been associated with the work that I do. I have been actively involved in organizations that provide resources to the most vulnerable individuals in our community. A few examples include HAVEN (Domestic

Violence and Sexual Assault Center), CARE House (Child Advocacy Center), and SAVE (Vulnerable and Elder Abuse Task Force).

QUESTION 2: As an Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor, my practice encompasses the entire county. I have appeared in every court and worked with every law enforcement agency in Oakland County. I have handled thousands of cases in my 26 years as a prosecutor

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Circuit Court *(continued)*

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including 14 murder cases. My work has almost exclusively involved prosecuting individuals who commit crimes against the most vulnerable individuals in our community, including sexual assault, domestic violence, hate crimes and crimes committed against children and the elderly. I have handled both misdemeanor and felony cases as well as cases involving personal protection orders, mental health orders, child delinquency cases and child protection cases.

QUESTION 3: I'm ready to do more as a public servant. My long experience has convinced me that I can make a bigger difference on the other side of the bench by ensuring justice through careful consideration, hard work and study of each case, which I am well prepared to do. I believe that both my history of commitment to the community and experience in court have prepared to serve well as judge.

NICOLE SOPHIA-CALHOUN HUDDLESTON

QUESTION 1: Nicole Huddleston's unwavering commitment to serving underserved communities, providing free legal counsel in family, civil, and criminal matters across Southeastern Michigan, sets her apart as the ideal candidate for judge. With a steadfast focus on strengthening families and advocating for equitable access to justice, Huddleston's extensive legal background, ranging from assistant prosecuting attorney to Managing Director at the Detroit Justice Center, demonstrates her versatility and dedication to the legal profession. Her active engagement in community service, along with her leadership roles on various commissions and boards, underscores her commitment to justice for all and community empowerment, making

her the epitome of a compassionate and effective judicial candidate

QUESTION 2: My legal background is extensive. My entire career has been pursuing justice for all individuals, particularly those who come from underserved communities. Upon obtaining my law degree, I worked as an assistant Wayne County prosecutor in the domestic violence division before becoming a staff attorney for Lakeshore Legal Aid and for the Detroit Justice Center (DJC). I currently oversee DJC's Legal Services Practices. Through this work, I have helped people from marginalized communities meet their fullest potential by providing free legal counsel to individuals in cases ranging from family to criminal litigation who otherwise wouldn't have access to the judiciary; this has obtained justice for countless individuals across Southeast Michigan.

QUESTION 3: Voters should elect me to judicial office because I offer a unique blend of personal experience and professional dedication essential for the role. As both a mother and advocate, I deeply grasp the profound and lasting effects of judicial decisions on families and communities. Judges serve as the hands of justice, wielding immense power to shape lives and futures. We need judges who comprehend the generational impact of their decisions, understanding that their rulings resonate far beyond the courtroom. With your support, I pledge to tirelessly champion fairness, human dignity, and justice, ensuring that our judiciary mirrors our community's diversity and values. Together, we can drive historic change, fostering equitable outcomes and empowering future generations in our courtrooms and beyond.

Probate Court

Vote for 1

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DANIEL A. O'BRIEN

QUESTION 1:

Legal Experience:

- 1.) Michigan Court of Appeals: Attorney, Prehearing Division, 1988 – 1989; Judicial Staff Attorney for Judge Myron Wahls, 1989 – 1990.
- 2.) Garan Lucow, Attorney, 1990 – 1991.
- 3.) Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 1991 – 1995.
- 4.) Raftery & Associates, Attorney, 1995 – 1999.
- 5.) O'Brien Legal Services, Attorney (Civil/Criminal/Probate), 1999 -2008.
- 6.) Oakland County District Court Magistrate, 52-2 Division, 2001 – 2008.
- 7.) Oakland County Probate Court Judge, 2009 – present.

College and Legal Education/Degrees:

- 1.) Michigan Technological University, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, 1977 – 1981.
- 2.) University of Detroit Law School (U of D – Mercy), J. D., 1985 – 1988.

QUESTION 2: I have been a lawyer for over 35 years. I am currently in my 16th year of serving as an Oakland

County Probate Judge. In my first 20 years as a lawyer, I served for 2 years as a staff attorney in the Michigan Court of Appeals, including serving as staff attorney to Court of Appeals Judge Myron Wahls. I then served 4 years as an Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor. During the next 13 ½ years, I worked in private practice handling civil and criminal cases, including 8 years as a District Court Magistrate.

QUESTION 3: I am currently in my 16th year of serving as an Oakland County Probate Judge, handling the exact same cases I would continue to handle if elected. Due to circumstances when I was first elected to this position, I inherited the largest probate docket in Oakland County, and I believe I've handled it well. There is no backlog of undecided cases on my docket. I have a broad background of work, education, and personal, professional and judicial experience that I believe makes me uniquely qualified for this position. I have worked hard as your Probate Judge, and I plan to continue working hard, to

help the people of Oakland County with the issues they bring to my court.

TRACI RICHARDS

QUESTION 1: I have been practicing law for almost 30 years. I spent a few years as an administrative hearing officer where I heard testimony and issued legal opinions. I have been a real estate broker since 2001. I am currently a VA appointed fiduciary for a disabled veteran who is considered to be 100% disabled by the VA. Yet, he does not have a court appointed guardian or conservator because he is capable of communicating through non-traditional methods. I am also a trustee at my church, board member of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition and a member of various legal organizations, such as the Oakland Bar, BWLA, etc.

QUESTION 2: I have successfully litigated in many legal areas, including, bankruptcy, probate, real estate, taxes, criminal, family, personal injury and general civil. Although most of my clients reside in the tri-county area,

I have represented clients from all over Michigan. Most of my current clients are real estate investors and individuals who have been victimized by fraud. I represent both plaintiffs and defendants. I have done work at all levels of Michigan courts. I have also litigated civil and criminal cases in federal court. **QUESTION 3:** My opponent, a current sitting Oakland County Probate Judge will be too old to run when his current term ends; thus he is running now. If I am elected, you get both of us; and I will encourage the preservation of generational wealth through the use of document preparation by lawyers who will charge fixed fees. This way a person can save money and represent the interest of his or her loved one in court. Further I have experience hearing and deciding cases. I have also written many legal opinions. Plus, I am very respectful of others and believe that people are entitled to know the reason why they are found to be unsuitable by judge. They should not be left to guess the reason.

District Court Judge

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

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43RD DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Keith P. Hunt (Incumbent)

44TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Derek W. Meinecke (Incumbent)

44TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Andrew Kowalkowski (Incumbent)

46TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

ROBIN DILLARD- RUSSAW

QUESTION 1: Robin Dillard-Russaw is a skilled attorney, mediator, and counselor dedicated to public service. She obtained a BA in Political Science from Xavier University of Louisiana and holds both a master's degree in Dispute Resolution from Wayne State and a JD from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Robin's commitment to serving the public is evident throughout her legal career, where she has held both legal and administrative roles in the public sector, including Magistrate Judge and Deputy Court Administrator at the 46th District Court. She also finds time to engage with her community, serving in multiple organizations and advisory boards. Her extensive experience, dedication to justice, and strong commitment to community service make her a well-qualified candidate for the Court.

QUESTION 2: I have extensive experience in public service, administration, and teaching. For the last seven years, I have focused on legal administration, adding depth to my litigation career. I have practiced at both the federal and state levels, providing a well-rounded perspective essential for a judicial seat.

QUESTION 3: Voters should elect me to the judicial office because of my extensive legal and leadership experience, commitment to fairness,

and dedication to public service. I have served as Assistant Attorney General, Assistant Prosecutor, Magistrate, and Director of Indigent Defense Services, demonstrating a proven track record of ensuring justice. I am known for my calm, respectful demeanor, meticulous case handling, and unwavering integrity. I am committed to fairness and equity, ensuring all individuals receive just treatment under the law. My active involvement in community service highlights my dedication to understanding and addressing community needs. With comprehensive legal expertise and experience in implementing significant reforms, I am well-equipped to restore trust and improve the efficiency and fairness needed in this seat at the 46th District Court.

DEBRA NANCE

QUESTION 1: Elected judge in 2012, reelected 2018. I have over 25 years in the legal community, in addition to over a decade of experience as an Administrator and Manager. I graduated Wayne State University Law School, Juris. Doctor. I worked in the Oakland County Prosecutors Office, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Ford Motor Company's Office of the General Counsel, and 13 years as a lawyer in private practice. Among many community service projects, most notable was Your Best Chance with Judge Nance, a weekly radio show I designed and hosted to increase the public's understanding of the criminal justice system and the court process. I provided information to the public on numerous legal topics from resolving identity theft and bankruptcy to employment law and probate matters.

QUESTION 2: I am not a candidate seeking another job change. I am an experienced judge of over twelve years with a passion for our young people. Over the years I have seen 18, 19, 20-year-olds charged as adults. I want to make sure misdemeanors never became felons. I try to "turn behavior around" so that our young people never appear before another judge "in any court". I am the only candidate with judicial experience handling nearly 60,000 cases. I have conducted over 500 criminal and civil jury and bench trials involving domestic violence, drunk driving, assault and battery, and contract disputes, to conducting over 1000 criminal

felony exams involving murder, home invasion, sexual assault, and fraud offenses in addition to resolving thousands of property complaints.

QUESTION 3: Passion. Maturity. Experience. Competence. Being a judge requires life experience and depth of knowledge. I have been a wife, mother, raised a family and survived the devastation of losing a child. I make tough decisions. I am honest, truthful, forthright, resilient in the face of adversity with the strength to think independently. Integrity is doing right even when no one's watching. These are my greatest blessings. Proudly, rated EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED/ OUTSTANDING by the Wolverine Bar Judicial Committee in 2018. I also received the Award of Judicial Excellence, Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan, Oakland County in 2021. I pledge:

- the strength to render sentences that keep our communities safe
- the empathy to exercise compassionate judgment when appropriate,
- the wisdom to know the difference.

48TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Diane D'Agostini (Incumbent)

50TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Ronda M. Fowlkes Gross (Incumbent)

50TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Jeremy Darnell Bowie (Incumbent)

51ST DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Todd A. Fox (Incumbent)

52ND DISTRICT, 1ST DIVISION INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Robert Bondy (Incumbent)

52ND DISTRICT, 3RD DIVISION INCUMBENT

Unopposed on the ballot:
Lisa L. Asadoorian (Incumbent)

52ND DISTRICT, 3RD DIVISION INCUMBENT

RYAN J. DEEL

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Michigan State University (BA) and Wayne State University Law School (JD). I have been a judicial staff attorney for the Oakland County Probate Court since 2006. Prior to that I was in private practice with my wife, Melinda. I was appointed to the Rochester Hills Public Library Board in 2014 and elected in 2015. I was elected to the Rochester Hills City Council in 2017 and as council president in December 2019 to present. I am a member of the Oakland County Bar Association, Rochester Rotary and Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. I have also served on numerous boards and committees, including the Rochester Area Recreation Authority, Rochester Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Rochester Hills Liquor License Technical Review Committee, and the City of Rochester Hills Building Authority.

QUESTION 2: Since 2006, I have served as the judicial staff attorney to Chief Probate Court Judge Linda S. Hallmark. From 2006 to 2017, Judge Hallmark was assigned to the family division of the Oakland County Circuit Court. As a judicial staff attorney, I perform legal research, write pre-hearing reports, make recommendations to the judge, and draft opinions and orders involving complex cases. I give legal advice to the judge regarding changes in, and interpretation of, civil, criminal, and probate statutes, case law, and procedures. I work with attorneys and litigants to resolve cases prior to trial. From 2002 to 2006, I was in private practice with my wife, Melinda. My practice areas included debt collection, landlord-tenant matters, criminal law, probate and family law. I practiced extensively in every district

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District Court Judge *(continued)*

Vote for 1: 6 Year Term

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court throughout southeast Michigan.
QUESTION 3: My legal experience is unique in that I have practiced on both sides of the bench. I have Litigated cases before the courts and provided counsel and advice to a sitting judge. This experience has prepared me to serve as judge. I can assess complex legal issues, analyze facts and apply legal principles to make informed, well-reasoned decisions. I can and will set aside personal beliefs and biases to deliver judgments based solely on the facts and the law. My close ties to the community and public service on the library board and city council give me the unique perspective on how the decisions of the district court judge impact community.

LAURA E. POLIZZI

QUESTION 1: Judge Polizzi was appointed to the bench of the 52-3 District Court in May of 2024. She previously litigated domestic, business, real estate, juvenile, and criminal matters as an attorney. Judge Polizzi was recognized by Super Lawyers as a Michigan Rising Star from 2018 through 2024. She was a member of the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly from 2019-2024, and currently serves on the Bar's Character and Fitness Committee. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals and the Rochester Bar Association. Judge Polizzi is a resident of Rochester Hills. She is bilingual and has represented many Spanish speaking clients. Judge Polizzi received her Bachelor of Arts

in Political Science and International Relations from Oakland University in Rochester Hills and her Juris Doctor from Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School at their Auburn Hills campus.

QUESTION 2: I regularly represented clients in the following Counties: Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair. My practice was diverse and included legal work in the areas of: family law, juvenile law, criminal law, real estate, civil business matters and some probate matters. I became specifically concentrated in the areas of juvenile, family and district court criminal matters.

QUESTION 3: My career as an attorney was marked by a dedication to justice, fairness and compassionate treatment of my clients. My expertise spans complex domestic litigation,

district court criminal matters, civil litigation, and serving as Guardian Ad Litem in both juvenile and family law matters. This experience has equipped me with a deep understanding of the District Courts challenges and its societal impact. A significant turning point in my legal career was the personal loss of my brother - an Iraq War Veteran - to opiate addiction at the age of 31. This loss coupled with my representation of him in district court matters has profoundly shaped my perspective on the law's role in addressing addiction. Addiction issues are prevalent in District Court matters and have devastating effects on families and our communities. My personal and professional experiences have instilled in me a deep empathy for those struggling with addiction...

College Board of Trustees Member

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues that Oakland Community College should address, and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office? (Character limit: 1,000)

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DWAYNE BROWN

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 3135064384

Campaign Twitter Handle:

BrownDnIce

QUESTION 1: I am Dwayne L. Brown, a dedicated educator, emeritus, with over 30 years of experience in teaching and academic leadership. I hold a Master of Arts in Education (Teaching /Administration) from the University of Michigan - Dearborn and have taught students at every level, from elementary through college. I currently serve as a tutor at Oakland Community College (OCC), where I remotely teach English Composition, English as a Second Language, and as a guide for students on their academic onboard matriculation. I am a member

of Phi Beta Sigma and a Precinct Delegate. A loving husband, father, and grandfather. I am running for Trustee to bring my vast educational knowledge and devotedness to impart student success in the governance of learning-hood at OCC. My goal is to make certain that OCC continues to offer excellence in education while addressing the advancing needs of the following: students, family of students, instructional faculty non-instructional staff, and the community's sash.

QUESTION 2:

1. Safety for the students, the campus milieu, and the global community: OCC must focus on improving student and campus safety protocols. A network of stakeholders working in tandem with Public Safety to clearly remain vigilant and proactive with Restorative Justice practices.

2. Community Labor force Growth: With the 21st century job market evolution, OCC programs must align with industry needs. I would support the enhancement of more career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students for high-demand

fields. I would also be in favor of stronger relationships between the college and local businesses to create more opportunities for internships, apprenticeships, and job placements.

3. Affordability and Agency: Higher education should be accessible to all, regardless of economic background. I would work to keep tuition cost and snacks inexpensive. A stronger faculty-student engagement is vital via professor agency, "Trust the Teachers" and students will feel sustained.

PAMALA M. DAVIS

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: My name is Pamala Davis, and I have lived in Oakland County my whole life with the exception of a few years. I have been on the OCC Board for 30 years, as it is my way of giving back to the community. I have held different positions in various levels of government, and feel I have a good idea of what a student would want and is looking for in a stable academic environment, and what is good for the

community to help us thrive. I have a Bachelors degree in Human Resource Management, and am half-way through my Master's on Public Administration and enjoy helping people.

QUESTION 2:

1) Increase student population. Post Covid has taken it's toll on the way we do our business of education, and part of that toll was our decline in the number of students we serve. If re-elected, I would like to see the Board reassess and possibly overturn our situation to increase enrollment while maintaining student success.

2) I would like the Board to reassess the academia offerings to accomodate students needs, and offer enrichment classes to the community, including paying closer attention to our seniors needs.

3) One of the duties of a Trustee is to make sure the budget is balanced, and to stay within it. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to oversee the public's interest and taxpayer dollars, and to see they are used efficiently,

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College Board of Trustees Member *(continued)*

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

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effectively, and fairly. I would encourage the Board to scrutinize our current way of doing business, and compare all of our pre-Covid successes to our post-Covid non-successes to see where we can improve our sustainability and grow.

ADAM DUBERSTEIN

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 2485992352

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/adam4occ

QUESTION 1:

My name is Dr. Adam Duberstein, and I'm running for the Oakland Community College Board for several reasons.

First, I want to ensure that academic freedom remains alive and well at OCC. Additionally, I want taxpayers to know how OCC can benefit them, and I also want them to use the services offered by their community college. My goal is to keep tuition low and make sure that OCC is open to all students who wish to attend. Furthermore, I hope to make OCC a national leader in the development and management of adjunct faculty members. I would also like to grow enrollment at OCC by increasing the number of students that we have not only locally, but also nationally and internationally. I want to begin programs to offer additional support to campus counselors and human resources professionals to deal with mental health concerns. I am a mental health professional, and I believe that employees work best and students learn best when they feel supported by their college.

QUESTION 2:

- Enrollments - higher education enrollments are on the decline across the country. I want OCC to be able to grow its enrollment so that we can stay competitive. To do this, I plan to build partnerships with high schools across the globe. As a regional economic engine, we have to stay afloat no matter what the enrollment landscape brings.
- Mental health - I am an educator and a psychologist by trade, and I support increasing funding for our counseling staff and helping to create free or low-cost programming regarding crisis intervention and mental health first aid for anyone in the community who has an interest in learning about these basic support skills.

- Adjunct faculty - I would like to see OCC become a national leader in the management and professional development of its adjunct faculty. I want to create a teaching center that helps adjuncts to teach at their best and helps support administrators and lead faculty in their efforts to support them.

RYAN SCOTT FOSTER

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Mailing Address: 17137 Jeanette St. Southfield MI 48075

Campaign Phone: 2489044523

QUESTION 1: I am Ryan Scott Foster from Southfield, Michigan. I am running for occ trustee because I believe I have the qualities to fit the board member that is needed to bring budget management, change and effective recruitment. I have worked for numerous agencies, Detroit PD, Dallas PD, Michigan Dept of corrections. Currently work for a supplier for Ford. I am in transportation. I have

run for state senate, city council and US congress 12 as a write-in. The great thing about running for office is meeting all kinds of citizens, challenging incumbents with better ideals and most importantly getting my message out.

QUESTION 2: Maintain and supervise the financial budget of the college. The college budget should be maintained to make sure the college has funds for the future and eliminate wasteful spending. More classes for students who are interested in trades and opportunities in classes that students can use for a successful career. And recruitment, reaching out to local high schools and encourage students that occ is a great place to get started. Pontiac, Oak Park and Southfield have high schools that are great opportunities for students that can't afford a four from a traditional university but occ can be a great place to help those students to get a education without thousands of dollars spent.

MEG LAMBERT

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: I am an CPA and attorney and have recently retired from an immensely rewarding career as a full-time Accounting and Business Law faculty member at Oakland Community College. Early on, I was elected as the chair of the Business department of the Auburn Hills campus and maintained that role for over 25 years. As chair, I worked closely with students, staff, and administration to provide all stakeholders the best educational

opportunities possible. My colleagues also entrusted me to serve as the Treasurer for the faculty union and as a grievance co-chair and union negotiator for most of my tenure. These roles involved a high level of communication, collaboration and analytic problem-solving on my part. I willingly performed these additional duties and always kept the interest of the students and the community at the forefront. Upon retiring, I felt drawn to return in the capacity of a board member to help ensure the excellence that is Oakland Community College continues on.

QUESTION 2: The top issues are engagement, affordability and sound resource utilization. Engagement is not only an issue for the overly prioritized student body trying to keep up their studies while working multiple jobs and juggling heavy family commitments. It is incumbent upon the board members, too. This means, show up, ensure a quorum and get to work! Then can we address the economic issues of affordability and sound resource utilization to serve our students and our tax paying community members.

EMERSON-WADSWORTH SHERROD III

Party: Non-Partisan

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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

MICHAEL TOBIN

Party: Non-Partisan

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Did not respond in time for inclusion.



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Cities and Villages

BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Bill Eisenman • Tracy Kecskemeti
 Tim Mercer • Ryan O’Gorman

COUNCIL MEMBER
Term ending 11/10/2026
Vote for 1
 Andrew Drummond

BINGHAM FARMS VILLAGE

TRUSTEE
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Mike DeRonne
 Eric McAlexander
 James N. Miller

CLARKSTON

MAYOR
Vote for 1 • 2 year term
 Theodore Hugh Quisenberry (Write-in)

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 3 • 2 year term
 Erica Jones
 Alfred A. Avery (Write-in)
 Amanda Catherine Forte (Write-in)
 Mark Lamphier (Write-in)

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

PRESIDENT
Vote for 1 • 4 year term
 Bachir Chamma
 David Goldberg

TRUSTEE
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Fred Gallasch
 Abigail Gates
 Chris King
 Anthony Schonek
 Michael Seltzer
 Angelina Marie Sulaka

HOLLY VILLAGE

PRESIDENT
Vote for 1 • 2 year term
 April Brandon
 Anna Matson
 James Perkins

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Douglas Grosvenor
 Thomas Ryan
 Daniel Wendel
 Buster Winebrenner

KEEGO HARBOR

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 2 • 3 year term
 Ronnie Dahl
 John Fletcher

LAKE ORION VILLAGE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 4
3 Highest Vote Totals • 4 year term
4th Highest Vote Total • 2 year term
 Alex Comparoni, Jr.
 George Dandalides
 Stan Ford
 Michael J. Lamb
 Matthew Szadyr

LEONARD VILLAGE

TREASURER
Vote for 1 • 4 year term
 Judith J. Verse

TRUSTEE
Vote for 2 • 4 year term
 John Hawkins
 Alexander Kennedy

TRUSTEE
Vote for 1
Term ending 11/19/2026
 Yvonne Pelachyk



MILFORD VILLAGE

PRESIDENT
Vote for 1 • 2 year term
 Jerry Aubry

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Anisa Allen
 James Kovach
 Kevin John Ziegler (Write-in)

ORCHARD LAKE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 3 • 3 year term
 Fred Leeb
 Joseph S. Majcher
 Bruce H. McIntyre

ORTONVILLE VILLAGE

PRESIDENT
Vote for 1 • 2 year term
 Kenneth J. Quisenberry

TRUSTEE
Vote for 3 • 4 year term
 Alex Faulker
 Rachel Menard
 Ashley Mould
 Melanie Nivelt
 Anthony M. Randazzo
 Alexa Webb

ORTONVILLE VILLAGE (CONTINUED)

TRUSTEE
Vote for 1
Term ending 11/19/2026
 Linda Brooks

OXFORD VILLAGE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 2 • 4 year term
 Jacob Nicosia

SYLVAN LAKE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 2 • 4 year term
 Sally Segal
 James Leo Cowper (Write-in)

WOLVERINE LAKE VILLAGE

COUNCIL MEMBER
Vote for 4
3 Highest Vote Totals • 4 year term
4th Highest Vote Total • 2 year term
 Mark Giromini
 Erin Leybourn
 Grant E. McNutt
 Michael McNutt
 Aaron Newman

Library Boards

ADDISON TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 James E. Baldiga • James Elsarelli Charles Meininger • Jessica Newby Wesley Pack • Marilyn Szost

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Keith Carduner • Dani Gillman
 Judy Lindstrom • Shane Spradlin
 Joan Luksik • Joy Murray
 Michelle P. Khan (Write-in)

BRANDON TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Verna Kay Cole (Write-in)
 John Crockett (Write-in)
 Cheryl Gault (Write-in)
 Janet L. Rathburg (Write-in)
 Debra Kay Taylor (Write-in)

FERNDALE

Vote for 4 • 4 Year Term
 Judeen Bartos
 Kelly Farrah
 Adrienne M. Fazzolara
 Brianna Foraker
 Amanda Hanlin
 Jonathan Ross

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Vote for 2 • 6 Year Term
 Katherine Hagaman
 Robin Rosen
 Catherine Marie Barron (Write-in)

HAZEL PARK

Vote for 4 • 4 Year Term
 Lisa Chrouch-Johnson
 Adam Duberstein
 Jacob Makowski

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Cindy Dombrowski • Jill Matthews
 Dawn Mecklenborg • Kathy Polidori
 Joseph R. Gaglio (Write-in)
 Christina R. Hamill (Write-in)

HOLLY TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Amber Linea Benedict (Write-in)
 April Grace Brandon (Write-in)
 Shannon Marie Cole (Write-in)
 Patrick Francis Feeney (Write-in)
 Tressa Grace Kennard (Write-in)
 Joseph Michael Mishler (Write-in)
 Chrissandra Maria Padilla (Write-in)

LYON TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Daniel Cash • Cheryl Chuck
 Edwin Coles • Steven S. Gross
 Scott D. Hanton • Kelley Haynes
 Sherlann Rogge

MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Xuan Avallone • Donna Gramlich
 Kimberly Gutierrez • Jill Mondrush
 Carol Mueller • Caitlin Brady Sarvesh

NORTHVILLE

Vote for 3 • 4 Year Term
 Joseph P. Corriveau
 Jennifer Gustafson
 Barry Roy Puckett
 Nicholas A. Vlisides

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Jim Kiefer • Michael Tyler (Write-in)
 Henry August Carels (Write-in)
 Shirley Ann Frazier (Write-in)
 Mark Christopher Gerhard (Write-in)
 Heidi R. Miller (Write-in)
 Kathy O'Rourke Pritchard (Write-in)
 Kristin L. Syverson (Write-in)
 Margaret Katharine Willard-Traub (Write-in)
 David Alexander Youngman (Write-in)

ORION TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Nathan Butki • Theresa Fougne
 James Phillips
 James Joseph Abramczyk (Write-in)
 Mary Margaret Pergeau (Write-in)
 Mary Anne Thorndycraft (Write-in)

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Julie Ann Fracker (Write-in)
 Kathleen A. Hoeflein (Write-in)
 Barbara Jean Kriigel (Write-in)
 Ronald Lee Nelson (Write-in)
 Anthony Michael Rizzo (Write-in)
 Lynn Ann Royster (Write-in)
 DuAnne K. Salswedel (Write-in)

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Charles Allen • Deidra Clements
 Danita Darden • Regina Ross
 April L. Thompson

SALEM/SOUTH LYON

Vote for 3 • 4 Year Term
 Daniel Siivola
 Denise Stacer
 Patricia Joan Peruski (Write-in)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Mary Lynne Bell • Kristine Bower
 Ruth A. Gruber • Sandra Marohn
 Kathleen F. Rollins • Joan M. Rusch

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Michael R. Dorfman
 Karen Eickemeyer
 Carol A. Kravetz
 Cory Nummer
 Rhonda Barnes Orr
 Raman Singh
 Jennifer Taylor Boykins
 Robert Tera

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Vote for 6 • 4 year term
 Carolyn Francis
 Becky Knapp
 William Lonsberry
 Gwendolyn Laurie Newton
 Jennifer Schulz
 Eric Shotwell

Oakland County School Boards

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ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Russell Buero and Justin Burns

ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2026

DAVID AMSTUTZ

Party: Non-Partisan
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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

ANDY ROOSA

Party: Non-Partisan
Campaign Mailing Address: 7880 Tiffany Dr. Almont MI 48003
Did not respond in time for inclusion.

KATIE ROTARIUS

Party: Non-Partisan
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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Rita Davis, Eveonne M. Roberts, and Lucille Washington

AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 1

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

Unopposed on the ballot:
Kelly N. Brault

BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

ROBERT E. BUXBAUM

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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JON HEGER

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QUESTION 1: Did not respond in time for inclusion.

QUESTION 2: Creating the right conditions for learning
1. Facilities and Environment
2. Staff attraction and retention
3. Connection with the community

KEITH ALLEN LOGSDON

Party: Non-Partisan
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QUESTION 1: Our family has lived in Berkley since 2001. I am an architect and partner in a firm in Birmingham and my wife has been a stay-at-home Mom and now works for the district. Our two daughters have benefited greatly from attending Berkley Schools. Both girls went on to attend Kalamazoo College and graduated in 2019 & 2024. Berkley Schools has had a tremendous impact on our lives and I want to give back in some measure for all that the district has done for our family.

I was appointed to the School Board in 2015, was re-elected for 2 years in 2016 and for 6 years in 2018. I am now seeking re-election for another 6 year term. Through education and training, I have achieved the level of Master Boardmember with over 350 education

credits. I have served as Board Vice President, Board President and currently as Treasurer. I have served on the Board Policy, Finance & Facilities Committees. As an architect, I hope to continue to bring my experience to bear to complete the current Bond work.

QUESTION 2:

1. Maintaining a safe, high quality, healthy and comfortable environment for our kids is vital to the first-rate education that is available to all students in our district. I hope to continue in my role on the Facilities Committee to make sure that we have first rate facilities to match our first-rate programs.
2. Staff attraction and retention is a critical issue. In Berkley, we are the best because we hire the best! With school funding not keeping pace with the cost to educate our kids, attracting and keeping high quality staff is a challenge. I want to make sure we maintain our strong relationships with teachers & staff by continuing our track record of fair and cooperative bargaining practices resulting in contracts that are fair and equitable to all.
3. Preparing kids for their next step is critical. Kids are under extreme pressure to get into the best colleges but we need to expose them to other options. I want to make sure our kids have the tools to "FIND THEIR PASSION"!

members; fiduciary responsibility is one of the most important obligations of every school board. My extensive Board of Education leadership experience includes: serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the BPS Board which has honed my listening and problem-solving skills, and my ability to engage with parents, students, staff and the greater community. Currently, I am the President of the Oakland County School Boards Association.

QUESTION 2: I have served on the Birmingham Board of Education for almost 6 years. During that time we have worked hard to make positive changes within our district through the creation of and adherence to our Strategic Plan which was adopted in 2022 and sunsets in 2027. As outlined in that plan, I believe that the district's top priorities include increasing student achievement through the use of continued curricular review and improvement and ensuring that Multi Tiered Systems of Support are used at all grade levels. Mental health and wellness must also continue to be a top priority, and we will continue to improve this through inclusive courses and extracurricular activities that provide meaningful opportunities for all students. Finally, we need to continue to ensure fiscal responsibility by finding ways to increase enrollment and to remain diligent in our budgeting process. We must make sound financial decisions without compromising student programming or our commitment to our staff.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

AMY HOCHKAMMER

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Campaign Phone: 248-229-8405
Campaign Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/bpsfuture2024
Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/bpsfuture2024

QUESTION 1: As a proud graduate of Groves High School, I know the value of a BPS education. My husband and I chose to send our children to BPS; our daughter graduated from Seaholm High School in 2018 and our son in 2021. I was an actively involved parent, serving on several school PTA executive boards, and as President of the BPS PTA Council. This fueled my desire to have a greater impact which is why I ran for the board in 2018. Prior to becoming a trustee, I spent 25 years working in financial services. Business and finance skills are critical for board

NANCY POMISH

Party: Non-Partisan
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Campaign Phone: 248-705-4681
Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/pomishforbps

QUESTION 1: For over 25 years I served as HR Director for my family's commercial construction business overseeing approximately 150 employees. My responsibilities included maintaining compliance with federal and local employment laws, updating and implementing company policies, onboarding new hires, and managing employee benefits. As a small family business fostering a family-friendly culture was essential. I worked diligently to create policies that embraced diversity and supported various family situations. I am running for School Board to bring

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this experience in policy development, collaboration, and community-focused leadership to our district. I believe my skills will contribute to fostering an environment where students, staff, and families can thrive.

QUESTION 2:

1. Refocusing on academics over social issues is crucial to ensuring our students the highest level of education our district can offer. Strong academic skills are essential not only for college-bound students but for those pursuing trades. By making academics a priority, we can restore our reputation and encourage families who turned to private education to return to our public schools again.

2. School Safety

I purpose a thorough review of the budget to identify areas where cuts can be made to fund enhanced safety measures across all schools in the district. Ensuring a safe environment will not only protect students but also foster a more productive learning atmosphere.

3. Support for Special Needs Students Our district must invest in a state-of-the-art facility, these students deserve the same quality education and resources as their peers. Addressing the unique needs of this community, we create an inclusive environment where all students have access to a great education.

JENNIFER RASS

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Campaign Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/stories/bpsfuture2024

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/bpsfuture2024

QUESTION 1: I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a Birmingham Board of Education trustee for the past 5.5 years. During my tenure, I have been the Board Secretary, Vice President and currently serve as the President of the Board. My inspiration for running for the BPS board six years ago was to give back to what has provided an exceptional educational foundation for my two children. I believe my business background, communication expertise and community involvement, I am qualified to serve in this important role. As an actively involved parent, I am a strong advocate for our children and teachers and would be proud to represent the entire Birmingham School District community. I believe one of the most important tasks would

be to make certain the BPS mission is upheld, "œin partnership with parents and the community, Birmingham Public Schools will provide educational excellence that empowers students to cultivate their individual brilliance and positively impact their world."

QUESTION 2: Three concerns for Birmingham Public Schools are mental, social and emotional well being of our students, physical safety and student bullying. Student and staff safety is a top priority for our district, in fact this year our Board created a goal focusing strictly on Safety & Security. The goal states, "œAs a Board, we commit to reviewing the district's safety protocols twice per school year. We will work with Central Leadership to ensure we are up to date on the latest protocols to ensure the safety of our students and staff. I am happy to say we have also put in place several things to help improve upon these safety concerns, including:

- Partnerships with the Birmingham
- Youth Assistance, Easter Seals and local police enforcement
- ALICE training for all district employees
- A Responding to Hate and Bias at School Incident Response Plan Guide and framework from Teaching Tolerance has driven individual response plans in all schools
- Therapy dogs at 11 of our schools

JASON TEJANI

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 1407 Stanley Blvd. Birmingham MI 48009

QUESTION 1: I have built a diverse career as a formulation scientist, spent over a decade in private practice, and serve as Head of Legal at a drug discovery firm. I hold degrees in biochemistry, chemistry, and law, and am a Ph.D. candidate in bioinformatics. Committed to education, I teach on innovation-related topics as a visiting lecturer at Harvard Medical School and visiting professor at Michigan State University Law School. My desire to serve as a Board Trustee stems from a love of learning and a commitment to fostering a positive educational environment where every student feels valued and safe. My three children attend Covington, inspiring me to ensure the best education for all students in BPS. Building a collaborative partnership among all stakeholders is crucial for preparing students for real-world success. Teachers provide essential insights; parent and student perspectives are valued in decision-making. Together, we can help students excel academically and develop vital soft skills

QUESTION 2: Fiscal Responsibility - I will work with the Superintendent

and the Board Finance Committee to eliminate the district's structural deficit without making cuts that will compromise our students' academic and social outcomes. Student Safety and Mental Health - I will fight for facility enhancements and cultural programming that provide our students with physical and mental safety and well-being. Academic Excellence for ALL - Birmingham Public Schools is already a lighthouse district that has a high percentage of students who graduate and go directly to college or a career in tech/trade. As a district, we need to continue to hire the best and brightest staff, promote curriculum and classes that appeal to a wide variety of students and speak to different interests, including trade and technical careers as well as courses designed for those who will attend college. We also need to continue to use testing and survey data to identify students who need additional academic support.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Term

JASON R. ABEL

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 2485350148

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of the district (Andover '98) and proud parent of two district graduates, with our youngest son currently at BHHS. I am also an avid district volunteer (e.g., coaching youth soccer and First Robotics, Cub Scout pack leader, and served on several district policy working groups), Professional, I am a graduate of Columbia Law School and a practicing attorney for 23 years, I am trained to listen, ask questions, negotiate, and seek positive resolutions of complex matters. I also have extensive experience establishing and executing strategic plans, and mediating between stakeholders with diverse interests. With a brand-new Superintendent and strategic plan revisions on the horizon, the choices made by this next board will impact our community of learners for the next decade. I'm genuinely looking forward to the work involved in this incredible opportunity to ensure that our educational system reflects, and effectively addresses, the needs of our diverse community.

QUESTION 2:

- Communication. District policy/practice changes should be

communicated promptly and provide: (i) reasoning; (ii) impact statements; and (iii) confirmation that teacher/student/community input has been taken into account. Making our community guess at the rationale and benefit of changes does not enhance good governance or district positivity.

- Student Safety and Well-Being. We must institute, and enforce, policies and practices that: prevent bullying and violence; implement mental health programs to educate and destigmatize; regularly test the safety and security of our facilities; and collect and analyze data to proactively identify trends and areas for improvement.

- Strategic Planning. Our current strategic plan is merely aspirational. We must actively reach out, and listen, to our students, teachers, staff, and community to identify district goals generally; and then we must convert those goals to actual, measurable standards that we will expect our administration to meet.

LINDSAY G. BAKER

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 248-497-9379

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/electlindsaybaker

QUESTION 1: I am a district mom, business leader, and active school and community volunteer. I have lived in the district for over 19 years and have 5 children. My school-age children have attended 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 as 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 MA and PhD 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.

QUESTION 2: While our district has recovered better than many post-Covid, test scores and rankings are still below expectations. I support offering differentiated academic opportunities

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from elementary to high school, so students can learn at a pace that enables them to reach their potential. We need to provide support to those students who need it and follow up to make sure the supports are having the desired impact. With Covid funding phasing out and other expenses increasing, our district is facing financial challenges. I will prioritize spending that supports the fundamental goal of improving educational outcomes while balancing the budget. Our district has seen a lot of change recently with new leadership and changes in the configuration. I look forward to collaborating with our new superintendent and board members to reevaluate our strategic plan and vision for the district. Working together we can capitalize on this opportunity for positive change.

SIVA KUMAR

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 2008 Shore Hill Drive West Bloomfield MI 48323

Campaign Phone: 2488192661

QUESTION 1: My wife and I are very grateful for the education that BHS provided to our two now adult children. Serving on the Board has never been about me but always been about how best to serve all our kids. I have over thirty years of experience in leadership roles across multiple functions. I now serve as Chief Strategy Officer and Senior VP of Finance at an electric vehicle startup with over 140 employees and brought my financial and analytical skills to the board. During my time as BHS trustee, I worked hard to support our district in navigating a recovery from the pandemic and also served as VP for 2 years. I chaired the bond subcommittee to ensure that our \$200 million bond stayed on budget and ensured that we prioritize spending first on students. More recently, I served on the superintendent search subcommittee. I decided very recently that I will continue to share my expertise with the district working through the Bloomfield Hills Schools Foundation, just not on the Board of Education.

QUESTION 2: Firstly, planning for the sustainability of our district and its leadership has always been at the center of my work, and I feel proud that our Board achieved that with hiring Superintendent Rick West. Secondly, having strong leadership on our Board of Education should be a key priority. I feel that I brought to the district a unique set of skills that matched the challenges during my time on the Board, including managing our bond spending and the superintendent search. To me,

securing strong leadership on our board going forward means endorsing Michelle Southward, Jonathan Vangemert and Jason Abel for the three open positions on the board. Lastly, we need to develop our new strategic plan incorporating input from all stakeholders across our community. Jason Abel has the talents that will be needed for the moments ahead, and he will be able to seamlessly join my colleagues Michelle Southward and Jonathan Vangemert whom I admire for accomplishing so much over the last four years.

EVON I. RIENECKE

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 2485636061

QUESTION 1: I am a native of Michigan. I served on a school board in another state. I taught for 44 years in secondary education, including various positions within the Bloomfield Hills district. I have observed and participated in education from the perspective of the board, the parent, and the teacher. I feel that this has given me a realistic view of what faces the community and the school.

Statistics, in recent years, have reflected a decline in the performance of American students and this concerns me. There are many considerations in maintaining an excellent education for Bloomfield Hills students, and I feel that my well-rounded perspective would be a valuable contribution to that end.

QUESTION 2: 1. Safety - This is a complex problem, but one first step might be a security presence in the school, along with surveillance cameras. 2. STEM was initiated as one tool to help our students be successful in a world where technology and knowledge are growing exponentially. That is commendable. However, I feel that to be critical thinkers, and "well rounded", it is also necessary for them to continue with such subjects as "true" American history - the good, the bad, and the ugly. We can learn from our past and be deliberate to never repeat it. Civics affects every facet of our lives. Young people need to know what a remarkable country we are, and we owe that, in part, to the amazing wisdom of our founding fathers.

3. Curriculum Content- I feel we need to maintain strong core studies in the school setting, and leave other matters to the parents. It is their privilege and responsibility to teach their children according to their own beliefs and consciences.

MICHELLE SOUTHWARD

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 2778 Plumbrook Dr. Bloomfield Hills MI 48304

QUESTION 1: My family and I have proudly called the Bloomfield Hills School District our home for over a decade. I have a child attending middle school and a son who graduated from BHHS a couple of years ago. As both a devoted parent and a committed professional, I am deeply invested in the success of our district. I hold a Doctor of Education degree with a focus in organizational leadership and I bring nearly 25 years of experience in higher education alongside three years of service as a Board of Education trustee. My background, skills, and experiences are profound and I process a comprehensive understanding of the educational system and the unique challenges faced by both students and educators. I am well-versed in board governance, fiscal responsibility, community engagement. I possess the wherewithal to navigate our systems and the district to support all students in achieving their academic, emotional, and social goals.

QUESTION 2: I will prioritize academic achievement, student well-being, and school safety. As a current school board member, I advocate for advancing our district's academic progress, especially for students facing greater challenges and those who face barrier to achieving their full potential. I aim to address the student achievement gaps, provide supportive services and ensure every student has the resources to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. I will continue supporting policies and programs that enhance academic outcomes for all students. Ensuring student safety is critical, focusing on physical safety, mental health crises, and cyber threats. We must maintain strong relationships with local law enforcement and collaborate with administration and resource officers to ensure security protocols are followed. Lastly, enhancing community engagement and trust through transparent relationships between our school district and the community, by building valuable partnerships.

BRYNN STEVENSON

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Campaign Facebook URL:

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QUESTION 1: My family moved here for the schools. Our children attend

Conant & South Hills. We have a child who receives specialized education services. My husband and I volunteer as Robotics Coaches, and I proudly serve on the Board of the Bloomfield Hills Robotics 501c3 organization. My unique work experience in navigating complex, multifaceted problems with competing interests, is applicable to education. Our current School District landscape is characterized by an alarming lack of transparency, persistent communication breakdowns, and a concerning decline in both test scores and student enrollment. I am driven to actively engage in seeking solutions rather than remaining a passive observer. My approach involves fostering open respectful communication, with transparency, valuing diverse perspectives, and identifying common ground to drive progress. Prioritizing the well-being and education of children, ensuring they receive the necessary supports to thrive and succeed, is my ultimate goal.

QUESTION 2:

- **CULTURE CHANGE.** Improved communication & transparency for Parents & Employees. Support front line workers: Teachers, Paras, Bus Drivers, Reading Specialists & Staff, evidenced by increased pay, additional FTE's & employees that feel respected & valued.
- **IMPROVING TEST SCORES VIA RIGOROUS ACADEMICS & INCREASED SUPPORTS.** More demanding elementary literacy & math curriculum, a gifted program track, accountability with Learning Services on curriculum effectiveness, decreasing classroom sizes, stopping the alarming trend of denying special education services, free tutoring for all, and group study sessions.
- **SPENDING EFFICIENCY.** Right size Central Office FTE's to be comparable to similar sized districts with better test scores. Eliminate fluff spending & find creative solutions so the District can stop operating as Parks & Rec Department for Township, leading to improved recreation services for all taxpayers while reallocating budget spend to targeting education priorities.

JONATHAN VANGEMERT

Party: Non-Partisan

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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Rebecca Haynes and Hilary Stockoski

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BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Jody Hall and Jeff Zielke

BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 1

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

Unopposed on the ballot:
Diane Salter

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 4: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Jessica M. Ellis
Patrick Marietti
Darwin Morgan
Andrea Watt

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

SHARON BLUMENO

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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

MIKE CLARK

Party: Non-Partisan
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STEFANIE CRANE

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Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/CraneCCS
QUESTION 1: I have been a resident of Clarkston since 1997. I am the proud mother of two Clarkston graduates (2017 and 2020) and one current Sophomore (Class of 2027). I am nearing the end of my first term and the vast majority was covid-abnormal.

Even with the oddity of a covid term, I believe that the first years should be spent learning how to be an effective board member. I attended multiple School Board conferences each year, earning 580 MASB education credits and took 28 MASB classes. I am running for a second term to use all that I've learned and continue the good work that this team has started. I'd like to see the programs we've put in place grow. I believe that the current Board of Education works very well as a team with Clarkston administration, teachers and support staff. I want to serve a second term to further this work and continue to support our team, which will only serve our students in the best ways possible, ensuring that they continue to make progress.

QUESTION 2:

1. Public School Funding, underfunding can lead to larger class sizes and overworked staff.
2. Mental Health and Support Services. Students are still dealing with covid related losses, both social and academic. Additionally, phone and social media usage never offers a break.
3. Teacher Shortages and Retention. I have gone to Washington, D.C. for the last three years to advocate for these issues and will continue to do so. With covid closures in our rear-view mirror, we have discussed getting back to bringing key staff members and parents with us to paint a clearer picture to our legislators. As someone who treasures the relationship between board members, staff and community, I'd like to be a part of that. I believe in keeping close tabs on the district budget and spending to ensure that the money we do have is being used effectively.

JESSICA MCDONALD

Party: Non-Partisan
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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

JACLYN SIVERS

Party: Non-Partisan
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Did not respond in time for inclusion.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

Unopposed on the ballot:
Greg Need

CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Michael A. Frink, Angela Hamilton,
and Joseph Savel

CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

Unopposed on the ballot:
Jacqueline Stanley

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

T. R. CARR

Party: Non-Partisan
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Campaign Phone: 2486759990
QUESTION 1: The District must Put Children First! My goal is to see the district provide quality education to all children. Our grandchildren attend Farmington Public Schools. I am seeking election because I have the skills and background necessary to effectively serve on the Board. I have a Ph.D. in Public Administration with extensive experience in education and in leading public organizations. I serve as Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation of Farmington Hills. I have a record of working effectively with individuals of varied backgrounds and views to implement policies and programs that meet the needs of the public. I have skills in budgeting, personnel administration, education policy, program evaluation, and curriculum issues. My career and commitment is to public education. My wife is a former school psychologist and our son teaches at Oakland University. Educational Excellence must be our priority for the future of our children and our community.

QUESTION 2:

1-Education excellence. Neither FPS High School ranked in the top 50 schools in Michigan by US News. The Farmington District is not in the top 100 districts by the state of Michigan. We can and must do better. I will work with the Superintendent, Board, and staff to identify strategies for improvement.

2- An unacceptable gap in educational achievement. Michigan data shows 12% of Blacks and 39% of Whites are college ready. This gap must be eliminated and the percent of students ready for college and technical careers must be raised. I will work with the Administration and the Board to make this an area of emphasis and identify strategies for change. The District has good teachers but they need support and resources to teach effectively.
3-District decision making is hidden from the public. The Board has 3 subcommittees-Policy-Finance-Public Relations. All policies flow out of these but they are closed to the public. I will work to open these to attendance by the public.

DANIELLE DEPEW

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VANESSA GWINN

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QUESTION 1: I have lived in Farmington for ten years. I am a single mother of three children. One graduated from North Farmington last May and two are currently attending Power. I am a registered nurse of 27 years who just recently left bedside nursing and am now a case manager. Until I left my bedside position I worked straight midnights which limited my availability to help with fund raising etc. I have helped with choir fundraising, dances and even was a co-leader for a Daisy troop. My hobbies are baking, reading, crafting, card games and music.

QUESTION 2: In my opinion the three biggest issues impacting school employees are budget constraints, teacher recruitment and retention, and standardized testing pressures. Funding distribution is often uneven based on local tax revenue as well as lacking state and federal support, leading to a shortage in resources and insufficient and ever-changing support staff. Qualified teachers coming into the school systems are decreasing each year. In addition, less teachers remain in the classrooms due to low salaries, high workloads, and burnout. With an emphasis placed on standardized testing results and employment status dependent on them, preparation for testing takes precedence over a well-

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rounded education. The stress generated by fear of not meeting the testing expectations may affect how teachers present the information. These three issues can make it very difficult for teachers to adequately perform in the classroom. Each area will require many changes that will take a long period of time to fix.

CLAUDIA HEINRICH

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 21650 Mayfield St. Farmington Hills MI 48336

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a BA in Education and Eastern Michigan University with a MA in Mathematics. I retired in 2015 after a 40 year career in education teaching high school and college mathematics. I have lived in Farmington Hills since 1975 and raised 4 daughters who all attended Farmington Public Schools. Two of my daughters live in Farmington and their children attend Farmington Public Schools. I was first elected in 2020 and re-elected in 2022. In my 4 years as a School Board Trustee I have served as Treasurer for 2 years and Vice President for 2 years. I am currently the Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. In addition I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Oakland County School Board Association. I am running for re-election because I recognize the importance of stability in leadership as we select a new superintendent to move the district forward in student achievement and make FPS a premier district.

QUESTION 2:

• **RESOURCES:** Equitable school funding is an ongoing problem. The current budget gave no increase in the per pupil foundation allowance. Federally mandated IDEA funding is currently at 14% which is way below the promise of 40% funding. I have lobbied for equitable funding and will continue to use my voice to advocate.

• **EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:** If students do not feel safe they cannot learn. Violence and school shootings are now a part of the society in which our students live. These stress factors take a toll on the emotional health of both teachers and students. I will continue to advocate for funding at both the state and federal level for

support staff and resources necessary for emotional health.

• **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. I will continue to support the programs we have and the resources required for them.

THOMAS HULL

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: Farmington Hills Resident since 2005. Current Children in the Farmington District. President and Member of the Farmington African-American Parent Network (FAAPN). Former member of the PTA, Basketball Coach, Boy Scout leader, and many other organizations and initiatives. As FAAPN President, we created the Saturday Tutoring in 2009 that we run throughout the school year along with the ACT/SAT Exam prep classes; financial literacy camps; College board discussion and tours; and advocacy for special education. We hold many community forms with the superintendent, board members, police, and other community organizations. I believe my current work and community relationship will greatly benefit the board, students, and employees of Farmington Public Schools.

QUESTION 2: The school district's top three issues are the achievement gap; student safety, and employee morale. The action that I will take to help achieve is to help create a policy and ensure the superintendent will implement and enforce it. 1. Create a safe space, and mental health for all students and ask for feedback from them, on what they would like to see for them to learn the required skills to create a high-achieving environment. 2. Create a safe and secure environment in person and online. Report and correct all types of bullying, harassment, and hate speech. 3. Implement a policy that teachers and other staff give their input and best practices without fear or retaliation on how to achieve the district's goals and make sure it is applied uniformly across the district.

FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:

David Crumrine, Lisa Kaiser, and Erin Molnar

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

APRIL BEATON

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Website: www.facebook.com/April4HP

Campaign Mailing Address: 79 E. Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park MI 48030

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/April4HP

QUESTION 1: I am a graduate of Michigan State University, studying family and child ecology and criminal justice. After working for 10 years in crisis response and disaster recovery, I pivoted careers into early childhood education and family engagement. I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Hazel Park School Board and began service in May 2024. As a passionate advocate for public education, I am eager to run for school board with a clear focus on supporting students through community involvement and staff support. My commitment is to keep Hazel Park a place where students thrive. Together, we can build a stronger foundation for our schools - one that prioritizes the needs of our children while empowering those who educate them.

QUESTION 2:

• Funding inequity is a primary issue affecting the quality of public education, as smaller districts or those in lower socioeconomic areas face disparities in building quality, resources, and staff pay. This impacts both student experience and staff retention. Districts like Hazel Park deserve the same high-quality education as their peers.

• Teacher and staff shortages are affecting most of Michigan's schools.

With salaries that don't match the workload, professionals are leaving the field early, leading to larger class sizes and less individualized attention, which can harm educational outcomes.

• Mental health and behavioral challenges among students are increasing, impacting both learning and staff capacity. Schools are often left to address these challenges without adequate time, training, or resources, while the mental health system also struggles with underfunding and staffing shortages. Schools have become de facto mental health providers, a role they were never intended to fill.

NATHAN BECKER

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Facebook URL: Facebook.com/NB4HP

QUESTION 1: As a lifelong Hazel Park resident and the parent of three 4th generation Hazel Park Schools students, I have a deep connection with Hazel Park Schools. Continuing on a path of improvement and success for the district is something that I want to be a part of. In these times of divisiveness, it is imperative to have people on the board who are willing to do what is right for the students & community. As a 20+ year utility worker, I have often worked directly with the public. In my current role, I've helped develop a company-wide training program for my department. At times, more experienced, veteran employees struggled to come to terms with the new training program. Listening to their concerns and criticisms, we worked together to mold the program into what it is today. Now, many of those employees who voiced concerns are big proponents of the program. Working through these obstacles on a diverse team is something that I'm proud of and the experiences will benefit me as a board member.

QUESTION 2: Teacher & student retention is an issue that our district faces. Making sure staff & students have a safe, respectful, and enriching

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environment to work and learn in is very important. I would like to see some public outreach to determine why families have left and what we can do better to make parents feel confident in sending their children to HP Schools. A directly related issue is school safety. I believe that the district can be more transparent with families about the steps that are being taken to ensure safe schools and the board needs to be especially diligent in making sure that funds are available for safety measures. Lastly, divisiveness on the board has been an issue for Hazel Park over recent years. I believe that coming to the board with the attitude & willingness to work together is very much needed. I've spent over twenty years resolving differences of opinion to get the job done safely and efficiently and I believe I could continue to model this as a board member.

RYAN BISCHOFF

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HEIDI M. FORTRESS

Party: Non-Partisan

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DARRIN FOX

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: I am deeply committed to enhancing the Hazel Park School Board with my extensive knowledge and experience gained from nearly four decades of working within the district.

As a proud graduate of Hazel Park High School, I am passionate about giving back to the community that shaped me.

QUESTION 2: If elected to the Hazel Park School Board, my commitment will be to put students' education first, address behavior and absenteeism through fair policies and mental health support, and improve transparency so that the entire community feels heard and informed. By tackling these three critical areas, we can set the foundation for a stronger, more successful school district.

CHARLES HEMPLE

Party: Non-Partisan

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CHRIS JOHNSTON

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Website: www.facebook.com/CJ4HP

Campaign Mailing Address: 23781 Crossley Ave. Hazel Park MI 48030

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/CJ4HP

QUESTION 1: My wife and I moved to Hazel Park in 2004. We have 3 kids in the district, one at the High School, one at the Junior High, and one at Hoover Elementary. I have a history of being involved in the community; I have volunteered to coach multiple teams through the Hazel Park Recreation Department, and helped to build the play structure at Scout Park. I am a veteran, serving 6 years in the Marine Corps infantry. I am a Central Michigan University graduate, with a degree in Sociology. I currently work for a market research company collecting and analyzing data. I want to prioritize community involvement to develop a strategic plan for the District's future. I believe that with community involvement, the School District, the City, and the residents can work together to implement the strategic plan. I want to ensure that the students have an academic curriculum that prepares them for life, and there are enough extra-curricular activities available for students to pursue their joy.

QUESTION 2:

- Funding. The school district, the city government, and the city residents need to work together to create a strategic plan so that the district reflects the vision/values of the city residents. This alignment will help Hazel Park schools retain local students, and make the district a destination for students living outside the district boundaries. The more students attending the school district means more funding.

- Teachers. The school district needs to secure a contract with the teachers so that we can attract and retain motivated teachers. We expect our teachers to have the students best interest in mind, and the district needs support our teachers so they can.

- Safety. Our schools should be a place where everyone is safe. This needs to come from a mix of active

and passive security measures. Active measures include having specially trained, dedicated resource officers in the appropriate buildings, and passive measures include updates to building entrances to make them more secure.

DENNIS WHITTIE

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Campaign Phone: 2482190989

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/DennisforHPSchools/

QUESTION 1: I am running for School Board as we need a fresh approach to managing our district. As a trained attorney and mediator, I will collaborate with my fellow board members to lead our district into the future. We are a community divided, and I seek to bridge the gaps as I will work with all parties who hold differing perspectives and opinions. Everyone must be accountable all of the time - this includes our School Superintendent, School Board, down through our teachers and valued staff members. I plan to focus on goals, rather than personalities and political positions. My qualifications include earning my Master of Public Administration degree and my Bachelor of Political Science degree from Wayne State University, my Juris Doctor degree, from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, and my two associate degrees from Oakland Community College. Additionally, I am the most diversly experienced candidate as an attorney, retired whistleblower police officer and an Advanced EMT.

QUESTION 2:

(1) Dissention and Distrust. Our school board members have broken down with mistrust and animosity between fellow board members and the superintendent. Additionally, there is mistrust within the community and a feeling of not being heard. I will work to bridge these gaps and have communication with all people from differing viewpoints. This first starts with having a school board that collaborates with each other for the best outcomes for our students.

(2) Funding. Funding is always an issue for any school district. The voters spoke loud and clear during our last millage election, defeating it 2 to 1. We certainly need funding for improvements to our district and I will work to have a citizen-

lead committee evaluate our district's needs and propose solutions for the people to decide on.

3) School Safety. Sadly, this is the paramount concern in the present times. I will use my background in public safety to improve safety measures within our school district for our students.

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 4: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:

Linda D. Blair, Sean Creger, Peter Deahl, and Leigh Jackson

HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

LINDSAY COTTER

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Website:

reelectdoddandcotter.com

Campaign Mailing Address: 816 E. Huron St. Milford MI 48381

QUESTION 1: I have served Huron Valley Schools for more than 40 years - starting as a classroom teacher, then an elementary school principal and now a member of the Board of Education. As an educator, I am passionate about making sure the district and staff have the tools and resources they need to help each student succeed. Recently, our community overwhelmingly passed our bond initiative. I'm most thankful for their support and excited for the future of Huron Valley Schools.

QUESTION 2:

1. Maintain safe surroundings for our staff and students. We continue to evaluate and improve emergency operations and procedures. I will encourage staff, students and community to voice concerns.
2. Support Innovative Programming designed to create enrichment, focus on career technical education and create learning environments that maximizes learning opportunities for students.
3. Continue to be fiscally responsible and maximize our resources for instruction and infrastructure.

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LAURA DODD

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Website:

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Campaign Mailing Address: 2253

Wixom Trl. Milford MI 48381

Campaign Facebook URL: www.

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QUESTION 1: I have proudly served on the Huron Valley Schools (HVS) Board of Education for 4+ years and actively advocate for HVS. As the parent of an HVS elementary schooler, I understand the importance of getting the whole family involved in learning through active participation with the schools and community. My tenure on the board has been marked by record investments in student achievement and our school buildings, a community-driven strategic plan, balanced budgets, and sound fiscal management. Laura is running for reelection to continue building on this progress and addressing the evolving needs of our educational community.

QUESTION 2:

1 - HVS communities supported a major bond investment in school infrastructure in 2024. I will work with the board and administrative team to ensure sound fiscal management and good governance of these funds while hiring responsible/skilled companies to complete the infrastructure projects. 2 - Recently, the HVS communities have lost a local newspaper that covered our school activities and opportunities. I will work with the team to enhance outreach efforts and develop new communication channels to ensure the communities are informed and connected to HVS.

3 - Advocacy for public schools is a passion and priority for me. Funding schools properly will allow HVS to invest in the best tools needed to meet the needs of each unique learner and pay a fair wage to all employees. I am proud of the success we have had bringing leaders at the local, state, and federal level from all political parties together to prioritize educating our students - I look forward to continuing this work.

DEB GEROMETTE

Party: Non-Partisan

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BRENDA PUSKA

Party: Non-Partisan

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brendaforhvs?mibextid=JR0KGI

QUESTION 1: My name is Brenda Puska, I live in White Lake, Michigan and I am running for HVS School Board. I am married and have one child, a student at Lakeland High School. I am running for school board because I care about our students and am committed to serve them in my best capacity. I am a highly skilled communicator and am able to connect to people from all backgrounds. I believe community engagement is so important along with being an advocate for our students.

QUESTION 2: Three priorities of our district are accountability, transparency and parental rights. We need to be able to explain to our community why we make the decisions we make, and also hold ourselves accountable to them (or the lack of following through).

Transparency is necessary, as our community deserves to know exactly what is going on and topics need to be explained plainly. I also believe parental rights in regards to our students education is a top priority. Our Board needs to listen to parents and take their thoughts seriously. Without parents, we have no students and without students we have no district. Parents have rights and they need to be upheld.

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Term

DANIELLE BRESSETT

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 1220

Quail Ridge Dr. Oxford MI 48371

QUESTION 1: I have had the privilege of serving on the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education for the past four years, and I am currently honored to hold the position of President. Throughout my tenure, I have been committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. I bring both continuity and valuable experience to the Board, combining my background as a former classroom teacher with my current role as a private tutor. Working with students daily, I have a firsthand understanding of their needs, challenges, and aspirations, allowing me to offer a unique and informed perspective. I am dedicated to ensuring that our schools remain places where every child feels supported and empowered to reach their full potential. I am excited to continue this important work, collaborating with

our community to achieve the best outcomes for all students.

QUESTION 2: The top three priorities for Lake Orion Community Schools are enhancing school funding, addressing teacher shortages, and expanding mental health services for students and staff. While the district faces budget constraints, this challenge presents an opportunity to innovate and improve educational resources and support services. The shortage of qualified teachers is a chance for us to rethink and strengthen our recruitment and retention strategies to ensure every student benefits from high-quality education. Addressing mental health is vital, as it offers us a chance to create a more supportive environment that enhances students' and staff's well-being and performance. If re-elected to the Board of Education, I am committed to educating our community about how schools are funded and the importance of their involvement. By increasing awareness, I hope to empower our community to actively engage with legislators and advocate for the support and resources our district needs to thrive.

JOEL COLE

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 2536 Cole

Rd. Lake Orion MI 48362

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

SUSAN FLAHERTY

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 1867

Arrowhead Trl. Oxford MI 48371

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BIRGIT MCQUISTON

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 440 N.

Broadway St. Lake Orion MI 48362

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SCOTT A. TAYLOR

Party: Non-Partisan

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LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2026

JEFFREY FABER

Party: Non-Partisan

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Crestwood Ct. Lake Orion MI 48359

Campaign Phone: 248-830-7402

QUESTION 1: Hi, my name is Jeffrey Faber, and it is my great honor to run for the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education. After 25 years of teaching in Lake Orion, where I worked at Carpenter, Pine Tree, and Oakview, I retired last June. For 12 of those years, I also served as President of the Lake Orion Education Association. Alongside my career in education, I have been a reserve police officer in Center Line for the past 22 years, a role I continue to fulfill. My wife, Karyn, is a Developmental Kindergarten teacher at Carpenter, and together we are proud parents of five children. Four of them are graduates of LOHS, and our youngest is a 6th grader at Waldon where he absolutely loves it! Over the years, our kids have participated in many fantastic district programs, including football, track, volleyball, robotics, choir, and band. I believe my experience as both an educator and a parent give me a unique perspective and I am eager to work hard to help our district continue to thrive!

QUESTION 2:

- Continuing to support education to meet the needs of our students is critical. Whether they are preparing for college, entering skilled trades through vocational schools or apprenticeships, or serving their country in the military, we need to have the resources and opportunities to help each student reach their full potential here in Lake Orion.
- School funding remains a yearly struggle for districts, as our community's funds are sent to Lansing and often returned with strings attached. The amount we receive back from the state can fluctuate unpredictably from year to year. I will advocate for more local control of our funds and fewer bureaucratic hurdles.
- Attracting and retaining great educators is more critical than ever, as the supply of qualified staff dwindles and competition with other districts intensifies. I want our staff to feel valued and supported, knowing that Lake Orion is a place where they can establish long-term careers and proudly call this their home.

SHAWN FOX

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 1528

Nancy G Ln. Lake Orion MI 48359

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

LAMPHERE SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:
Dedra LeSage and Allison Minowa

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LAMPHERE SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

Unopposed on the ballot:

Emily Swan

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:

Rebecca L. Chambliss,
Cindy Rothwell Holder, and
Kristara McAlpine-Taylor

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

JAMIE VANDERMASS KLIBERT

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/jamie_for_novischoolboard

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/share/wzbMYUhRLML3LocL/?mibextid=LQQJ4d

QUESTION 1: As a Novi graduate, parent and volunteer, I know how important it is to have informed, invested stakeholders helping to guide our decisions. After graduating from Novi High School, I earned a degree in Finance from Miami University, opening the door to my career in finance and consulting. Now with three children in Novi schools, I have seen first-hand the dedication, energy and expertise of our educators. As a parent, I have dedicated over one thousand hours of my time and talents to volunteer positions benefitting NCSB and our students. I have served on the PTO Board of Directors for 8 years, formed a nonprofit to support Orchard Hills and started two Girl Scout troops, all of which I'm actively involved in. I am running for NCSB Board of Education and am eager to bring my dedication, business acumen and community engagement to this role.

QUESTION 2: For our Novi students to prosper, we must prioritize fiscal responsibility, staff support and academic

opportunity. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** As we hire our fourth Assistant Superintendent of Finance in as many years, it is imperative that the board is focused on maintaining financial health. The Board must have policies which ensure that funds are spent responsibly and recorded accurately. NCSB will be asking the community to approve a multimillion dollar bond next year, and voters deserve an accurate, stable budget as they make this important decision. **STAFF SUPPORT:** Our educators are the district's biggest asset. We need to provide them with the best resources, training, and support available to maximize student opportunities for success. **ACADEMICS:** Academics are the cornerstone of any public school district. Our students are all unique and deserve to have educational opportunities that prepare them for success, whether that be in college, trade school, the military or another path.

MARY ANN RONEY

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 248-207-3663

Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/MaryAnnRoney4NCSB
QUESTION 1: I have lived in Novi for 39 years. My husband and I have been active members of our community. We have 2 children that went through the Novi Community School System and 1 Grandchild currently enrolled. I love this area and plan on living here for a long time. I'm an active member of St James Church.

I'm excited for the next phase of the improvements to our School Buildings. I'm also curious to see what academic improvements our K-5 students will make with the new literacy program we put into place this year.

I'm currently on the Board of Education. I'm in my 6th year. I have served as the Treasure for 2 years and been on the Finance Committee for all 6 years. I'm currently also on the Governance and Policy Committee. I'm also the liaison to OCSBA. I have met many other trustees from other School Boards in Oakland County.

I have continued with my education taking CBA classes to become a more informed board member. I'm currently Level 2-Award of Merit.

QUESTION 2:

- Finding and retaining our talented staff members. There is a shortage of teachers, administrators and bus drivers. NCSB changed the way we are hiring staff, and it seems to be working nicely. I will encourage us to continue with the current process for hiring. Retaining our staff, we need to stay current as to the compensation other

similar districts are offering and stay competitive. Also keep class sizes low and extra rescues available to help in the classrooms. The mental health of all of our staff is vital to this as well. All of this will continue NCSB to being one of the top school districts in the state.

- We need to continue in being diligent with school safety. We have hardened our entrances, changed our securities inside the buildings but there is more work that can be done in keeping our children safe and able to learn without fear.
- Financial Reasonability, NCSB needs to continue to work with the MASB, state and local governments to secure grants and funds for our schools.

TOM SMITH

Party: Non-Partisan

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

XONDRA CLARK

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Facebook URL:

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QUESTION 1: As a recent graduate of Oakland Community College with Associate degrees in art and general studies, I've dedicated the past two years to enhancing our children's educational experience. Through volunteering at Lessenger Early Childhood, leading the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), and creating the M.O.M.S mentor group, I've actively supported our school community. I've also participated in events like Trunk or Treat and The OPYA Pancake Breakfast, strengthening my ties to Oak Park. I'm running to retain my seat on the School Board to continue advocating for special needs students, including my son, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder and receives services in our district. Oak Park has provided him with a strong start, and I'm committed to ensuring every student receives the same care and support. As a board member, I will continue to advocate for all students, striving to enhance our educational environment and ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

QUESTION 2:

- Low Test Scores and Academic Achievement: Our district has faced

challenges with low test scores, which reflect broader concerns about academic achievement. To address this, I would advocate for evidence-based instructional strategies and enhanced support for teachers to help tailor their teaching methods to meet diverse student needs.

- Special Education Support: As a strong advocate for special needs students, I recognize the critical importance of ensuring they receive the appropriate resources and services. I will push for increased funding for special education programs, professional development for educators on inclusive practices, and improved communication between parents and the school district.

- Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: I would work to increase the availability of mental health resources within our schools support programs and additionally support programs that foster a positive school climate, helping students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

DAWN CORPORAN

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 14530

Pearson St. Oak Park MI 48237

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

LARMENDER A. DAVIS

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 24321

Jerome St. Oak Park MI 48237

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

KEVIN KEYS III

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 15406

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2028

TIFFANY L. SCOTT

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ALBERT A. SMITH III

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SHANE W. GIBSON

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environment wherein our students can concentrate on their education.
3. Fiscal responsibility is a key to offer our students a high quality education. The board must maintain communication with legislators for funding.

JENNIFER L. DOOLEY

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QUESTION 1: Hello, my name is Jennifer Lynn Dooley, I am a lifelong resident of the City of Pontiac, homeowner and a member of New Mount Moriah Church. I was educated and graduated from the Pontiac City School District class of 1979. I began my teaching career in the 90's and retired in May 2021. I worked for the National Heritage Schools Walton Charter campus as an Instructional Coach 22-24. I possess a Masters 'of Education (Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership) Oakland University and a Masters' of Art in Education (Administration and Supervision) from the University of Phoenix. I also hold a 6-12 Professional Teaching Certificate a K-12 Administrative Certificate, and a Central Office Certificate. I am running for the School Board as a result of my love and care for education. My belief is that every student has a right to a quality education and when given adequate resources and support, they can be equipped with the necessary skills to be a successful productive contributing citizen.
QUESTION 2: 1. Acceleration and Sustainability of Academic Achievements. (It is imperative that the correlation for learning be directly connected to the delivery of instruction. Far too many students are not proficient and in many cases are 2-4 grades behind partially due to lack of comprehension and intrinsic motivation.)2. Teacher Recruitment and Retention (Highly qualified educators are needed however competitive wage benefit packages, incentives and bonus must be used to attract those individuals) 3. Mental Wellness (the world we live in our students deal with issues such as crime, gun violence, homelessness, drug abuse, bullying, teen pregnancy just to name a few. It is necessary to provide assistance,

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2026

HEATHER PERRYMAN-TANKS

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ERIC C. LOVE (WRITE-IN)

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RANDALL P. KREGER

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QUESTION 1: I am a retired Michigan public school educator, teacher and administrator, with over thirty years of service in middle and secondary schools. I have a BA in History and Sociology, an MA in Teaching with a concentration in Reading Remediation and an MA in Educational Leadership. As a member of the Oxford Board of Education my focus would be to insure that we provide a quality education for all of our students that is built on pedagogically strong principals based on sound curriculum standards. To do so we must be responsive to the needs of our students and parents as well as being fiscally responsible. As a board member I will advocate for all students and maintain an open line of communication to respectfully listen to the diverse opinions of community members.
QUESTION 2: 1. The prime issue the board must meet is to repair a rebuild trust between the school district and the community. To do so we need to actively listen to the concerns of others and respond wisely and appropriately. The tragedy that happened at Oxford High School has eroded that trust and it is the boards responsibility to take the lead in that rebuilding process.
2. Maintaining, reviewing and appropriately revising safety measures in our schools in order to create a safe learning environment for our students. It is unfortunate that we live in a society wherein students need to feel anxious about their own safety. Since Federal legislators refuse to take appropriate measures to minimize safety, it is the board's responsibility to take action in creating a safe

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OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2026

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RICH SCHNEIDER

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

TORI BLANDER-HARRIS

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TROY F. CRAFT

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support and services.) Acceleration and Sustainability of Academic Achievements Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Mental Wellness need comprehensive programs implemented, recruitment teams deployed, more Social Workers, Nurses, Wellness Screeners and us working in concert together .

ANISSA ELLIS

Party: Non-Partisan

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G. KEVIN GROSS

Party: Non-Partisan

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TODD KOKKO

Party: Non-Partisan

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TANISHA MILLER

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: My name is Tanisha Miller and I am running for the School District of Pontiac School Board Member. I am a mother to a 15-year-old 10th grade student that attends Pontiac High School. My personal experience as a parent with the district in addition to my volunteer work with the school gives me first hand vision to the needs, challenges, and strengths of Pontiac Community Schools. I believe that education develops our children's success as they transition into adulthood. I am invested in my community, our students, and our teachers. I have 13 years of experience in governance, developing, and implementing policies and procedures for a nonprofit mental health organization. In addition to that, I have 5 years' experience serving as the Government Affairs chair for the AFA Union (association of flight attendants). Collectively, my previous experiences provide me the tools to effectively work together for the betterment of education and resources for the students and families of Pontiac.

QUESTION 2: My top priority is to increase the number of students in Pontiac. Prior to enrolling my student in Pontiac Community Schools, I utilized school of choice. I was influenced by the advice of others which I regret. With Pontiac's enrollment

decreasing by 6.6%, I vow to rejuvenate and excite families to enroll or reenroll their student in Pontiac by providing them accurate information on what the district offers our students. Resources for families and students is my second priority. I understand the critical need for support and resources especially in urban districts. I would ensure the appropriation of funding allocated to development and improvement for student and family resources. My third priority includes upholding district policies including staff budgeting. I am dedicated to not only to students' success but the success and support of our teachers, administrators, and staff.

SOLOMON SMITH, JR.

Party: Non-Partisan

Campaign Mailing Address: 101 South Blvd. W. Pontiac MI 48341

QUESTION 1: Born to Pastor Solomon Smith Sr and Leona smith 1970 at Grace Hospital in Detroit. My father moved us to Pontiac in 1980 as he was called to Pastor New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. I attended Franklin school, Jefferson Jr High and graduated from Pontiac Central High School. From there I joined the MILITARY and a veteran of Dessert Storm. I'm running for School Board because there's a need for men of my age to get involved in our community and support the success of our Education System which is the backbone of our society.

QUESTION 2: Top 3 priorities:

1. Literacy
2. Mentorship
3. Safety

MICHELLE D. TIMES

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JOSE YBARRA III

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ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

JULIE ALSPACH

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Facebook URL: tinyurl.com/alspachforrcskids

QUESTION 1: I've lived in Rochester Hills my entire life and am a proud graduate of Rochester High School. My three children graduated from Rochester Adams High School. Beyond being a student and parent in RCS, I've student-taught at McGregor Elementary and been a long-term substitute in several RCS buildings, including special education. I remain engaged as the robotics coach at Stoney Creek High School. My career includes teaching elementary, high school English, special education teacher, and being an administrator. After earning my doctorate in educational leadership, I became Executive Director of Human Resources at Eastpointe Community Schools. I've also worked with Detroit Public Schools, Madison Schools, and Oakland Schools ISD. As a graduate, parent, educator, and leader, I bring unique experience to the Board. Few candidates will offer the breadth and depth of experience I bring to serving our children and community.

QUESTION 2:

- Support for Diverse Career Paths: Advocating for students to pursue a variety of futures, whether through college, skilled trades, or military service, recognizing that different paths can lead to success.
- Inclusive Education for All Students: Ensuring every student, regardless of background, feels safe, represented, and challenged in their learning environment.
- Continuing Excellence in RCS through Strategic Planning: Ensuring Rochester Community Schools maintains its high standards by effectively implementing and building upon our strategic plan to enhance student achievement, foster growth, and meet the diverse needs of all learners.

JAYSON BLAKE

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Facebook URL:

www.facebook.com/profile.

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QUESTION 1: I was appointed to the Board in September 2023, and am now running for a complete 6-year term. I am an attorney, and the father of a 4th grader in an RCS elementary. I value this district because I have seen the other side, when a district is failing. I attended high school at

Pontiac Northern, which was a low-income school with many challenges. My mother was a school bus driver for RCS, and always told me about the great schools in Rochester. I was the first person in my family to attend college, and I obtained my BA and JD (law degree) from the University of Michigan. For over 20 years, I practiced complex litigation, working on some of the most unique cases in the country. I now manage national litigation for a big corporation. I bring to the Board my legal knowledge, negotiation and drafting skills, a calm and even temperament, and the ability to cut through the noise and identify the real issue at hand. I hope that the community agrees and will elect me to continue serving them.

QUESTION 2: My priorities are maintaining and building upon the academic rigor that Rochester Schools has always emphasized, better addressing the social-emotional needs of our students, to enable them to meet their full potential, and ensuring that ALL students feel safe, seen and valued in our schools. I also fully support our educators. As to rigor, I believe RCS should do more to meet the needs of our advanced or gifted learners, and should explore an International Baccalaureate (IB) program at the high school level. We must also continue to address learning loss and strive for improved test scores. For social-emotional needs, I believe additional resources such as counselors and peer assistance programs should be encouraged. Finally, we must honor our diverse community by making sure all feel included, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or any other characteristic. I support new initiatives to keep RCS on the forefront of public education, always innovating and excelling.

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QUESTION 1: I'm running for the school board because I received an excellent education in RCS and want current students to have access to the same educational opportunities that I did. I've been a vocal advocate for students, staff, and parents at board meetings for several years. I have a BSE in chemical engineering from UM in Ann Arbor, an MSE in mechanical engineering from Oakland University,

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and an MBA from UM Ross School of Business in Ann Arbor. I worked for an automotive OEM for over 12 years, where I had jobs with increasing responsibilities in engineering, manufacturing, and marketing. I'm successful at building cross functional teams, complex project management, and developing strategic plans. We are at a critical turning point in RCS and need trustees with the issues knowledge to help solve problems from the past, and the long term vision to help propel our district forward into a new era. I have both and am willing to do the work with your support.

QUESTION 2: My first priority is ensuring academic growth for learners of all abilities. All academic growth requires a strong foundation in reading. I've been outspoken in board meetings about moving away from the current balanced literacy curriculum towards a structured literacy curriculum with more explicit phonics instruction. RCS is piloting a new structured literacy curriculum this school year. If elected, I would also want to evaluate the effectiveness of our Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention methods. My second priority is ensuring financial stability in RCS, especially after witnessing recent budget shortfalls in Birmingham and Ann Arbor. I support prioritizing competitive wages to recruit and retain classroom staff, while also reducing spending in other non-academic areas. Finally, we cannot move forward unless the breakdown in trust between community members and Central Office administrators is addressed. If elected, I would seek compromise solutions that pave the path forward.

RICHARD J. KACZANOWSKI

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Campaign Phone: 248-275-9544

QUESTION 1: I am running for the Rochester School Board to offer a fresh face and new perspective but most importantly to keep the radical extremist's from taking over our great school system. I believe it is my civic responsibility to run for the position of trustee and that as a lifelong public servant and child and family advocate I would be a great addition to the RCS school board. I served proudly in the U.S. Army, worked as a domestic mediator at the FOC, spent 25 plus years at Oakland Children's Village working with some of our most vulnerable children and families. I also worked with the Oakland County Health department serving as an

Incident commander helping to fight the pandemic and save lives. Other positions include being part of the radiological response team, HAZMAT team, crisis response team, CPR instructor and trainer for the Crisis Prevention institute. I have coached youth wrestling, served as a parent director in youth football and worked as a mentor in youth assistance.

QUESTION 2: The top three issues are safety and security, retaining and compensating our teachers fairly, and addressing the complex issue of test scores and setbacks due to covid. Safety and security include having a strong mental health component in our schools, safe infrastructure such as secure buildings and doors and a response system in place to deal with emergencies should they arise. Compensating teachers has been partially addressed with the new contract. Retaining of teachers involves having a positive work environment, mentorship programs for new teachers, continuous professional development, collaboration, great communication, work life balance and rewarding those teachers that are exceptional. Addressing the test scores post pandemic is also a complex issue. We need supported teachers, evidenced based literacy programs, collaboration in addressing the academic gaps, and meeting our students social and emotional needs and ensuring kids feel safe.

SHELLEY LAUZON

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QUESTION 1: My husband and I have 3 young children & we moved our family to this district in 2020 for the schools due to its excellent reputation. Once I started paying close attention to the district at the upper level, I noticed the current leadership very broken. There is a lack of transparency and accountability on many different fronts. We need to ensure that the voices from everyone are heard and not unfairly dismissed. We need to ensure that our students are prepared adequately for college once they graduate. My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Business from Walsh College. Professional background includes roles in HR, AP/AR, Office Management, Sales & Customer Service. Additional skills that I would bring include that I am organized & thorough. I am a planner & strive to be proactive,

so I do not have to be reactive. I am an over communicator - which is very much needed in this district.

QUESTION 2: My top priorities include, but are not limited to the following:

- We need to get the board working together, not against each other to return the focus back on the students and their education and rebuild the community's trust.
- Enrollment. We have seen a rapid decline. Several years ago it was only hundreds of students that chose to use other public & private schools. Now we are up to around 4,000 students. We need to ask the hard questions; why are they leaving and what can we do to bring them back.
- The districts test scores have fallen 85 points on the SAT since the 2017-2018 School Year. This is a big deal - we need to stop the decline and turn things around. It is our duty to ensure that these students are prepared to enter college or careers once they graduate. We must evaluate curriculums and make sure our teachers have adequate training in order to help our students thrive.

NESREEN SABBAGH

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 5863545990

QUESTION 1: I am running for Rochester Community School Board because I believe we can do better for our children and our city. As a parent of 3 children, one graduated from the district in 2020 from RHS, 2 in Rochester Schools today, PTA Secretary at both Reuther and Rochester High School, a Catechist teacher for over a decade and a Educator in a private school! I believe the future of our city depends on the ability of our district to bring Academic Excellence to all our students. This starts with supporting our teachers to do their best work with our children everyday. We need to listen and incorporate the input of teachers, families and community members when developing district policies. This means we need to hold the district accountable when test scores decline, enrollment declines and transparency of how are tax dollars are used. I need to help restore academic excellence for our students. I will not create or support any policy that violates people's Constitutional Rights!

QUESTION 2: My top three priority issues facing our district today are; Decline of enrollment, tax dollar transparency and political agendas in

our schools and classrooms. As a trustee I would be sure to have exit surveys done to understand the decline in student enrollment and to give parents a chance to explain why they are leaving the district. I would request to see how our tax dollars are being used and to be more transparent to the district. Lastly, I would bring in the constitution letting families know that, the state cannot seize the parents Constitutional Rights or their child's rights!

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2

Term Ending 12/31/2026

BARB ANNESS

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URL: www.facebook.com/barbaraannessforRCS2024

QUESTION 1: I believe in public education; it's a public good and a community promise for our collective future. I am committed to giving back for the investment made in my education. I also want to ensure that the high-quality education my children received in Rochester Community Schools remains guaranteed for future generations. My background as a graphic designer brings experience in creative thinking, problem solving, compromise and the ability to work with others. Pragmatically, I seek re-election to ensure our new strategic plan is implemented effectively. Our board hired a new superintendent, and we introduced this strategic plan as the "roadmap" to our district's future. Mr. Russo and his team must have the resources and support needed to execute the plan successfully. We are currently focusing on projects within this strategic plan that enhance learning, teaching, and professional development. As these projects roll out, I am excited to see their positive impact on our students.

QUESTION 2:

- 1.) Partner with the Superintendent to continuously improve student outcomes, including literacy growth, as our new Strategic Plan outlines.
- 2.) The former Administration Building: We should seek community input to

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gauge support for further investment. Our strategic plan includes future programs that may require more space, so community feedback will help guide our board's decision on this property.

3.) Communication: We must promptly address perceptions vs. reality and opinions vs. facts regarding the district and the school board's actual role in this governance model. Monthly updates and increased board engagement opportunities will help keep the community informed about the board's work, reduce misunderstandings, and build trust.

MICHELLE BUELTEL

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: I'm the current Board of Education President, originally elected in 2016, and I'm seeking an additional two-year term to continue serving our community during this transitional period. My focus is on civility, stability, and a student-centered approach while supporting staff as we launch our new strategic plan with our new superintendent. I'm a 30-year resident and parent of two RCS grads. I have a BA and MBA from Michigan. I've been involved in the district for the past 22 years and am an active community volunteer. While serving on the board, we've increased the fund balance, improved our bond rating, and lowered the tax rate. We standardized technology and curriculum, added a Transitional Kindergarten program, improved security and upgraded all buildings with bond funds, updated our policies, introduced an orchestra program, and are piloting a medical career course with internships.

Our district ranks in the top 5% of Michigan districts. Learn more at MichelleBueltel4SchoolBoard.com

QUESTION 2: Besides a focus on ensuring the success of our strategic plan, which has many facets aimed at student achievement, here are my top priorities:

- Safety, Security & Emotional Well-Being of Students & Staff: I aim to prioritize ongoing improvements in processes, training, programs, infrastructure, and technology to ensure students and staff feel both physically and emotionally secure, fostering a productive environment for teaching and learning.
- Funding: The instability of funding limits long-term planning, making it difficult to offer competitive salaries, recruit and retain staff, add class periods and reduce class sizes, which requires more space and teachers. I will continue

advocating for stable, increased funding to address these challenges.

- Community Involvement: I support creating new opportunities for roundtable discussions among community members, administration, and board members to promote open dialogue. I also encourage increased community involvement on district committees.

JOHNATHON SESI

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QUESTION 1: As a parent of four children, I am committed to exceptional education for each child in our district. Our duty is to provide a safe, enriching learning environment. Transparency is essential, and parents must know and trust what their child is learning. I aim to guide our schools back to academic rigor and clear communication, boosting student, parent, and teacher confidence. My vision is to restore pride in excellence in our schools by prioritizing education, fostering transparency, and ensuring competitive wages for teachers. My 15+ years of business ownership has instilled the necessary skills in me to achieve these goals. I plan to cut excess/unnecessary spending, introduce more advanced classes, and make our schools the top choice for all families. With enrollment sitting at an all time low, we MUST make changes that will attract more parents and students to the district. We need a new approach that listens to the community.

QUESTION 2:

1. Budget
 2. Transparency
 3. Enrollment
1. I will do my due diligence on any expenditures to make sure that our resident's hard earned tax dollars are going towards items that benefit students, teachers, and infrastructure. Approving invoices WITHOUT knowing where the funds were/will be allocated is unacceptable and has no place in our district.
 2. I will keep an open line of communication with parents on any curriculum changes, and make sure to not only listen to parent concerns, but address them and bring them to my fellow trustees to see how we can improve. Parents in the district must feel comfortable with bringing their concerns forward to the Board of Education.
 3. I will bring ideas to the table that

enhance educational programs that are new and relevant and that meet the needs and interests of students. I will also help strengthen community engagement by keeping an open line of communication with parents, students, and teachers.

ANDREW WEAVER

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https://youtube.com/@

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QUESTION 1: I am the father of three school-aged children who are all enrolled at RCS. I am also the husband of a public high school teacher. I am the son of a strong single mother and the grandson of a first-generation immigrant from Japan. I partly attended school in that small town outside of Jackson, MI, and also in Torrance, CA. The two educational communities were drastically different in size, diversity, and school culture. As a student and a young man, I gained a wealth of diverse experiences through these two communities. I attended Western Michigan University and graduated with a Political Science degree and a History minor. I earned a Master's degree in Lean Manufacturing from Kettering University. I have worked in retail, banking, and, currently, automotive manufacturing industries. Throughout my life, I have gained a wealth of diverse experiences. I look forward to trying to apply my diverse set of skills to our Board of Education.

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are to rebuild trust with parents and protect teachers, stop the decline in academic results and enrollment, and defend the original intent of Title IX.

- To Rebuild Trust with Parents and Protect Teachers: This will be accomplished by setting transparent district policies that are fair, firm, consistent, and applicable to all.
- Address the Decline in Academic Results and Enrollment: This will be accomplished by reducing wasteful spending in the central office and on non-value-added programs focused on political and social issues and redirecting those funds to the classrooms and value-added academic programs.
- Defend Title IX: This will be achieved by implementing district policies that recognize biological differences between

males and females and emphasize the need to consider these differences when establishing policies and procedures to ensure equal opportunities.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS

Vote for 4: 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:

Erika Alexander, Timothy J. Ciechorski, Maryanne VanHaitsma, and Matt Wickey

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

JAMIE CUMMINGS

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TERESA LASZLO

Party: Non-Partisan

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QUESTION 1: With 15 years of teaching experience and a background in education administration, instructional design, and curriculum development I bring extensive expertise to the board. I hold a Bachelor's degree from EMU and both an MA and PhD from ASU. My current role as Managing Director of Learning and Development and the Center of Excellence for a leading global Corporate Risk Management company has honed my skills in budgeting, strategic planning, and policy development. Having lived in South Lyon for over 9 years and with my daughter in 6th grade at Millennium Middle School, I am deeply committed to our community. I seek re-election to continue supporting our district and ensure we meet our educational goals through strong governance, community engagement, and strategic planning.

QUESTION 2:

1. Funding: Revenue from stagnant enrollment poses challenges. I will continue to conduct thorough budget analyses and implement effective policies to ensure resources align with our educational goals and provide a strong return on investment for the community.

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2. Teacher Retention: Attracting and retaining top-tier educators is essential. I will advocate for competitive salaries and professional development opportunities to support and retain our talented teachers.

3. Strategic Planning: Continuous improvement requires effective strategic planning. I will work with the community and staff to set and achieve district goals, ensuring our students receive comprehensive, growth-oriented learning experiences.

JENNIFER URTEL

Party: Non-Partisan

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SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

ZACHARY ANDERSON

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QUESTION 1: I am a husband and father of two kids in Southfield Public Schools. I work with the Southfield Esquires Mentoring Program and was a member of the leadership transition team for merging MacArthur and University High School. I have experience working with you and serving the community. I am also a lawyer.

QUESTION 2: Decline in enrollment, lack of extracurriculars for elementary school students are issues facing the district. I believe this can be addressed by adding extracurriculars to the lower grade levels. We could attempt to partner with Lawrence Tech for a stem program. Given the frequent school shooting throughout the country school safety is a priority and if not in place already I would advocate for yearly active shooter training and review of safety protocols.

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QUESTION 1: I am running for the Southfield School Board to bring over 20 years of experience in advocacy, policy-making, and fundraising to improve our local schools. As a mother of a 5th grader in Southfield public schools, I am committed to ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality, equitable education. My campaign focuses on creating safe, inclusive environments for students, promoting transparency, and advancing curriculum development that prepares our students for the future while reflecting our community's diverse values. I am also a dedicated advocate for social justice, reproductive rights, and the well-being of students and their families. My goal is to foster an educational environment where all children can thrive, and I am determined to ensure that every decision on the school board prioritizes the needs of our students, teachers, and community.
QUESTION 2: My top priorities for running for the Southfield School Board are centered around creating a better educational experience for all students. First, I am committed to creating safe, inclusive environments where every student feels supported and valued, with a strong emphasis on equity. Second, I will promote transparency in our school system, ensuring that decisions are made openly and that our community is fully informed and involved in shaping our schools. Lastly, I am dedicated to advancing curriculum development that

prepares our students for future success while reflecting the diverse values and needs of our Southfield community. These priorities guide my vision for a school system that truly serves every child and family.

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TROY SCHOOLS

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

GARY N. HAUFF

Party: Non-Partisan

QUESTION 1: It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve the Troy community for the past 52 years, as a veteran police officer for 26 years and now as a School District Trustee for an equal amount of time. I am seeking another term, to make sure your child reaches their full potential and their American dream. My patience and training in school boardsmanship allows me to do the best for you.
QUESTION 2: My priorities are, and have always been school safety, increasing STEM opportunities and doing more for our special needs students. And, I believe that our fine arts programs are wonderful and flourishing more each day. This is what I believe in.

ALEX KARPOWITSCH

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QUESTION 1: My name is Alex Karpowitsch. I am 38 years old, and I am running for Troy School District Board of Education Trustee in the upcoming November election. My experience in Troy Schools played a foundational role in shaping the person I am today. I am a 2004 Troy High graduate, University of Michigan alumnus, and a 11-year Plex/Rockwell Automation employee. My fianc , Nicole, serves as a Nurse at Troy Corewell Health. Troy School District excellence is derived from its World Class Staff. The skills I built as a Troy School District student were derived from an operating principle in which of those entrusted with much, much more will be asked. The analytical, financial/organizational management, and stakeholder alignment skills I have developed over the course of my professional career will help me serve as an effective Troy Board of Education Trustee. I am confident we can elect a World Class School Board to support a World Class School District.

QUESTION 2:

1) Commit to remediating COVID Learning loss for Troy students. This commitment should be included as part of the 2026 Troy School District Strategic Plan with target M-Step/PSAT/SAT scores that meet and improve upon Pre-COVID scores.

2) Establish Academic, Financial, and Inclusion Committees with Board of Education Trustee, Teacher, Curriculum & Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, Department Subject Heads from Primary/Secondary, and Support Staff Stakeholder participation. Leverage the Finance Committee to begin preparing for the next TEA contract. Utilize the Academic Committee to build a roadmap/chart milestones to remediate COVID learning loss. Report out progress in every BoE meeting.

3) Restore Honor Courses. This Election

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will ultimately be a referendum on the Community's desire to re-establish Honors courses by electing Audra, Stephanie, and I. There is also interest in bringing back our Gifted Elementary Student Program so that Grade 2-8 students can return home to TSD.

AUDRA MELTON

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QUESTION 1: I am a 42 year TSD resident and graduate, as well as a TSD parent and TSD retiree. I was one of the founding teachers of the IA in Bloomfield in 1996 and worked with TSD to open IA East in 2008, becoming the first principal, as well as serving as principal of Baker Middle School. I have over 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, holding a BA in Biology & Secondary Education, a Masters of Teaching, and a PhD in Educational Administration from MSU. I have extensive training in educational policy, finance, law, and research methodology, in addition to a cognate in labor and industrial relations. I have been trained in collective bargaining by both the MEA and the MASB. Currently, no members of our school board have a background in education. I think that my experiences as a teacher and administrator, along with my training in educational administration, would enhance the knowledge of the board and provide a voice of experience to help guide the district.

QUESTION 2:

- Selecting curriculum that is appropriate for the needs of our diverse learners is a priority. The return of Honors classes and improving the instruction and supports available to Special Education students are necessary to meet each student at their current learning level and assist them in reaching their full potential.
- Fiscal stability is a priority I would address through the establishment of a board finance committee that would analyze district spending/savings to find efficiencies that could be dollars redirected into student academics as well as providing competitive wages and benefits to our teachers and support staff. I would continue to advocate in Lansing for school funding reform.
- Attracting and retaining the most talented teaching and support staff is vital to keeping TSD a destination district for both teachers and families. Fair and equitable contracts with all of our bargaining units and third-party vendors, delivered in a timely manner, would be a priority.

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QUESTION 1: I have been immersed in the Troy School District for the better part of 16 years. Many of those years have been spent volunteering in the classrooms as well as 13 years spent serving on the PTO executive board of my children's elementary school. From that experience, I learned how school budgets work and how to best support our community's needs as well as how to best support our teachers. I believe in our teachers that they are the key to the success of our students and our schools. I am also a Filipino-Canadian immigrant who is now a US citizen like so many families here in our community. Education is a top priority in my household as it is in so many others. I believe that we need to maintain our top tier status but also believe that there are always ways to improve.

Professionally I am a Registered Nurse who was educated in Canada. I continue to serve in my community hospital and treat people of many diverse backgrounds with dignity and respect.

QUESTION 2:

- The restructuring of our honors courses has caused a great deal of concern for many parents as well as students in our district, including me. I believe the Honors courses should be reinstated. My children benefitted from the Honors courses and I've seen them become the successful students that they are because of this. I want that for all of our students. I am confident that we can come up with ways to help not only our honors students but to our special education community as well.
- Supporting students with special needs is incredibly important to me. One area is the many unfulfilled positions in this department. I support using a comprehensive approach to see where we can do better for this population.
- Mental health and safety for our students and teachers is also one of my top priorities. We must have the proper mental health programs to deter bullying and harassment within our schools, partnerships with our local police department and always looking for ways to improve.

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QUESTION 1:

A: 30-yr Troy resident/29-yr Troy business owner (market research and strategy development for national roster of clients, annual sales \$1.3 MM)/ Married 36 years, raised two daughters & one foster son/St. Anastasia Catholic Community member/Troy Youth Assistance Executive Board (12 yrs)/ Oakland County Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster children/BA, MSU/ MBA, Oakland U/Michigan Association of School Boards Master Platinum Award Status (813 education credits)/ National Equity Project trained/60+ hours in training relating to childhood trauma, suicide prevention, education, and intervention. I have always had a passion for great education and helping all kids reach their full potential. I hold a special place in my heart for kids who need extra support to be successful. For 13 years on the Board of Ed, I have worked tirelessly to educate myself, protect our Troy kids, and provide them with the best possible education our funding will allow, but there is still work to be done.

QUESTION 2: If elected, I will continue my enthusiastic and informed contributions to the positive trajectory of the Troy School District: 1) Maintain our tight strategic focus, which drives our world-class curriculum, teaching, assessment, and fiscal success; 2) Continue to base district curricular decisions on University-level peer-reviewed research-based principles and rich student data, not on political whims or agendas; 3) Build on our recent success at lobbying the state legislature for increased funding of public PreK-12 education to counter 20 years of disinvestment (this year, a statewide push from public education entities actually began with a conversation I arranged and attended with the State Senate Appropriations Chair where I challenged her to override the governor; that effort netted Troy an additional \$5MM in state aid for the 2024-25 school year); 4) Continue efforts to provide ALL Troy kids with a safe, inclusive, and inspirational environment to reach their full potential.

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QUESTION 1: I am married, have 1 TSD graduate and 1 current student. I am a former educator and have taught students with special needs as well as those on an honors track. I have multiple MA degrees and a PhD in

Children's Literature from Wayne State University.

I am running for reelection to the Troy School District Board of Education to continue working toward the well-being and flourishing of ALL TSD students and employees. A school board member cannot focus on only one issue or one population. I have been trained by the Michigan Association of School Boards to think holistically about the needs of the entire district. This means I will make decisions based on what is best for the teachers, the students, the custodians, etc., and not focus on a niche population. I understand the importance of providing varied pathways to success, and I will continue to work to create systems and policies that allow teachers and administrators to develop and deliver those pathways.

QUESTION 2: I believe a top issue facing education is the lack of funding. I will continue to advocate at the state and federal level for increased funding to match inflation and counter years of disinvestment. I regularly communicate the district needs to State and Federal Congress members and will continue to have those conversations. A priority for the Troy School District is responsible construction. As we continue bond projects, I will continue to make sure that the money is spent responsibly, that sustainability is taken into consideration, and that buildings are designed with the future in mind. Finally, I believe another issue facing education is the changing world of work. Educational systems were designed for the Industrial Age; however, that is not the type of work most TSD graduates do. I believe it is imperative for the board to stay abreast of the most current educational research and to make decisions to allow students to be successful in whatever 21st Century spaces they encounter.

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QUESTION 1: My name is Stephanie Zendler. I am a passionate, and experienced public educator and advocate for all children with 25 years of experience teaching in K-8, and in building and district leadership. I had the honor of serving the Troy community from inside the Troy School District for 12 years as a building principal at Morse Elementary and as the district MTSS supervisor. I am

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a mom of many as my husband Jeff and I are a blended family of 10. Our 8 children range in age from 27 to 7. I am running for the TSD Board of Education for two key reasons: First, as an experienced public K-12 educator, my experiences in the TSD and in other districts offer a background in K-12 education policy and real life experiences in classrooms, buildings and systems that is a needed perspective on the current board of education. Second, as an advocate for ALL students and their families I can listen to and act collaboratively with all stakeholders to advance the growth of ALL students.

QUESTION 2:

1-Increased focus on academic development as well as enrichment and support opportunities for ALL students. For TSD to be "world class" it must meet the needs of ALL learners including offering honors programming and effective general and special education services.

2- Financial security/ long term planning: World class school boards plan and budget long and short term for overall financial health. They identify and align spending with priorities and identify and capture both additional funding sources and areas of waste.

3-Academic Foundations in Early Literacy. Learning to read is a civil right. TSD students and their families deserve valid and reliable assessments, effective and research based support and interventions as well as a tier one curriculum that builds a foundation from learning to read, to reading to learn. An effective school board is knowledgeable, informed in best practice, and utilizes the strategic planning and improvement process to guidepost success.

both physical & mental health is crucial to fostering an environment where all students can thrive. I care about our students' physical & mental health. I am committed to promoting programs that encourage physical activity, nutritious eating, & mental health awareness. I believe that a healthy mind & body allow students to reach their full potential academically & socially. In addition to being an active member of the board & bringing a positive curiosity to my role, I would also like our board to craft a vision to implement ideas that support our staff & also provide our students with the resources they need to flourish. I understand the unique challenges that our community faces, & I am dedicated to working with families, teachers, & local organizations to create positive change

QUESTION 2: The top issues I see surround student safety as well as students' physical and mental health. When it comes to student safety, I believe we need to continuously analyze and assess current systems to ensure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. We should also look at what other districts are implementing successfully and advocate for the safety of our staff and students. Nutrition plays a critical role in student health and academic performance. Digging into what we are offering students - whether it is food in vending machines or in the cafeteria, policies like cell phone use, mental health programs, or class offerings - then analyzing the data and understanding if we are working towards optimal goals should be a focus of our district. Ensuring the safety of students in schools is a multifaceted challenge that involves physical safety, emotional well-being, and creating a supportive environment.

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QUESTION 1: My name is Dr Rebecca Behrends. I am a retired emergency physician after having worked at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township for 18 yrs. and have been in ER practice for 30 years. I have lived in the Walled Lake school district for over two decades and have treated many children and students in my practice.

I have attended school board meetings for two years and have spoken in public

commentary. A main concern of mine is that literacy scores are in the 40 to 50% range. That means about half of the students cannot read at grade level in various grades. This is unacceptable and needs to change! There needs to be fiscal responsibility in behalf of the taxpayers. I also believe that politics and ideologies should not be promoted in schools. We need to get back to the basics of academic education and preparing students to successfully enter the work force. I have the analytical and research skills to help craft needed policies and the vision to achieve this.

QUESTION 2: Declining enrollment, teacher shortage, literacy and math scores are the top issues facing Walled Lake School District.

- Declining enrollment: Is this just a declining birthrate issue? Why are parents removing their children from public schools in favor of charter, private or religious schools? Let's get to the bottom of what is the driving factor in OUR school district.

- Teacher shortage: Improving teacher pay needs to be looked at. Maybe we need less administrative hires and more funds directed to teachers. We need better classroom discipline as this contributes to teacher burnout.

- Literacy and math scores: Recent M-step scores for reading are at a 10 year low for third graders. This decline existed before covid. Why? It seems to me that a change of vision and priorities needs to be established on the school board to get a handle on this problem. I believe teaching methods and curricula needs to be seriously evaluated as a major source of this problem.

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QUESTION 1: I was recently appointed

to serve on the Walled Lake School

Board through December 31, 2024,

and am seeking to retain my role in the

6-year term. I'm an alumnus of WLCSD

and the parent of recent graduate and a

current student. Utilizing my Masters in

Higher Education Administration from

Michigan State University, I founded

Apeira Solutions, a consulting agency

that provides technical assistance,

strategy, and capacity building services

in public education, particularly in

fundraising, governance, and

sustainability. Early in my career, I

also led a program based on "What

School Boards Can Do: Reform

Governance for Urban Schools." I supported 16 large, urban school board/superintendent teams over 18 months; many of these districts received national recognition for improving student academic outcomes. I have spent countless volunteer hours supporting our schools, holding numerous PTA positions including my current role as VP of Children's Advocacy for Michigan PTA.

QUESTION 2: While the district and community work together to chart a course for a multi-year strategic plan, as well as decide on the closure of one of our four middle schools due to declining enrollment, it is imperative that the board set a collaborative and inclusive tone for the district. Three of my top priorities are:

- Improving our educator experience so that they can do their best work in supporting ALL of our students every day

- Creating 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

- Providing steady and thoughtful leadership to stabilize our district

I commit to listening to and partnering with all stakeholders "parents, students, teachers, school staff, business community, residents without children in school, etc. — so that I can help the Board maintain socially conscious and fiscally responsible policies.

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QUESTION 1: My family has resided

in the Walled Lake School District for

over 40 years. I have been active in our

schools as a PTA parent and officer, a

Maple Elementary Young Astronauts

advisor, a NFWB baseball coach,

Math Pentathlon coach and trainer,

WLWBO Boosters parent member

and officer, Foundation for Excellence

founding member and officer, Lakes

Area Diversity Council founding

member and more. Additionally, I

am on the Board of Directors of both

the Michigan Association of School

Boards and the Oakland County School

Board Association. I was appointed

to the Walled Lake school board in

1994 and have served continuously

since that time. I am running for re-

election at this time because I believe

I can offer much-needed stability and

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WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

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QUESTION 1: Thank you for allowing

me to provide my answers. My name

is Tricia Auten. I am running for the 6

year term on the Walled Lake School

Board. As a passionate advocate for

our children, I believe that supporting

Oakland County School Boards *(continued)*

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continuity. I am committed asking the hard questions to improve our schools, support student success, and create fiscal and leadership stability for our district.

QUESTION 2:

- Budgetary constraints concern me as we move into the future. WL is a donor district which means we send more to Lansing than we receive in return for our schools. We need to have a revision in the funding mechanism used to offer a balanced opportunity for all school districts.

- We are faced with a massive teacher and administrative shortage in the state that has impacted our district as well as others. We need to help develop teachers and offer opportunities to attract them to become part of the WL community and make this a destination district.

- Partisan politics has no place on a school board. We take an oath. We need to stay focused on what is best for our community by listening to our stakeholders and respecting the expertise of our staff.

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2028

STEVE RIX

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QUESTION 1: First, thank you for the opportunity to include my information in your voter guide. My name is Steve Rix, and I am running for election to the Walled Lake School Board. I am a husband, a father, and a Veteran. My family has lived in the district for the last 16 years and, over the last decade or so, I have also been a coach and mentor to hundreds of kids through the athletic programs in and around Walled Lake. I want our district to put students first, follow through on promises, and to make sure it's managing its assets properly. The community just passed another \$250 million bond. We need to make sure there is more oversight and that the work is being done the right way. My background in Construction management, Design and Estimating make me uniquely qualified to ask the right questions, and I believe I'm someone the community needs on its side as the district moves into the future. I am running for the 2-year term

on this year's ballot and I am hoping to earn your vote this November

QUESTION 2: Among others, these three priority issues come to mind:

- I think our facilities realignment and bond work is a top priority. I understand very much the responsibility that the board has to the taxpayers to use their money wisely, and I want to help make sure the board doesn't take that responsibility lightly.
- Our budget is always a concern, especially considering the games Lansing played this year with school budgets. As board members, we need to engage with local and state leaders to make sure Walled Lake has a voice with our legislators.

- I am pleased the district is starting to recognize the importance of Career and Technical Education. More kids are taking advantage of this programming and we need to make sure we are evolving along with the business world these students will enter. It's not enough to say we offer a class, we need to truly dig in and make sure we are offering it the right way, and providing students with resources and skills they can actually use after graduation.

MICHAEL SMITH

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QUESTION 1: Our district is on the precipice of many changes, and I want to use my voice and experience to help navigate that journey. I am a proud graduate of Walled Lake — from Head Start to High School and my heart is invested in this district. I am a lifelong resident of White Lake where I currently reside with my wife and children who are students at Dublin and CHS. I have been a public servant for the past 20 years holding roles in numerous local governments that have provided me with the foundation to lead with accountability, empathy, integrity, and sensibility. I will be a champion of education, achievement, and the social-emotional well-being of our students, by empowering our students, teachers, staff, and administration through opportunities for growth and long-term success in life. I've experienced this community from many perspectives — student, parent, coach/mentor, PTA member, and prior elected school board; and I want to help preserve the strength of our district moving forward.

QUESTION 2: My top three priorities are to focus on stability, student success,

and safety as follows:

1. During our strategic planning and budgetary process, we must be forward-thinking and open-minded. We need to welcome the knowledge and experience of teachers, administrators, parents, and students and commit to collaboration, inclusion, and respect for all stakeholders.
2. We need to bring stability and respect back to the board table. Collaborative leadership is integral to putting our district on a forward path where WLCSD can provide the programs and support that will allow all our students to thrive. This means looking past rhetoric to do what is right, creating a safe and inclusive school community, and recognizing and respecting the expertise of our educators.
3. We must focus every effort on improving our recruitment and retaining efforts to ensure we continue to have top-notch educators to support all our students.

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Vote for 1

Term Ending 12/31/2028

RON LIPPITT

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QUESTION 1: My wife Denise and I moved to the Walled Lake School District 20 years ago intent on educating our three daughters in a highly ranked public school system. This was a terrific decision as our family has thrived in Walled Lake Schools, including our youngest who is currently a Junior at Walled Lake Northern. I am running for school board for many reasons, but perhaps primarily to guide our schools forward given the budgetary, logistical, and social challenges our district faces, while creating stability for the teachers and staff who work hard for our students. I am an executive for a Chicago-based workforce solutions organization with a data-driven, operational background. This allows me to look at Board issues/opportunities analytically while I design measurable outcomes to our long and short-term goals. I am a team-builder and will use this skill extensively as I believe

Board service to be a collaborative effort in service to our most important stakeholders - our students.

QUESTION 2: There are several urgent issues which impact employees delivering quality public education. Among these are:

1. A national teacher shortage: Obviously, a huge topic with several factors to be examined locally. Our teachers remain the lifeblood of our district. Recruiting, retaining, and empowering our teachers must be a requirement of my board service.
2. Our budget: Paired along with declining enrollment, the incredibly thin margins with which the district must achieve its goals will be daunting. It will require strength in goal setting, strategy, and the conviction to make the tough decisions which serve our district.
3. Divisive partisan politics: There are many ways to cut this, but here's one which I'm particularly sensitive to: Losing talented district assets because of the stress involved with navigating today's political climate. That's something we cannot allow. The greatness of our district continues to lie in our teachers, administrators, staff, and students

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QUESTION 1: I am running for the Board because I will bring accountability, integrity, and transparency to the table. I will explain how I came to vote on proposals and purchases, especially those that are more controversial, allowing the community to understand my perspective, while always having students' educational needs as a top priority. I am a hard worker and am dedicated to seeing a project through to the end. I also have the unique perspective of being the only candidate with a degree in education. I am actively involved in the district and community. I support our PTAs, supported our Parent Advisory Committee, helped organize school-wide activities and assemblies for Disability Awareness Week, and currently support Walled Lake Northern's Marching Band as a Band Rep. I am asking for your support to elect me, Lisa West, to the four-year term on the Walled Lake Schools Board

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of Education, so that I can be the voice at the table for parents, for teachers, and for our kids!

QUESTION 2: The top three priority issues in Walled Lake Schools are:

1) Literacy Scores - M-step scores show nearly half of our district is not proficient and cannot read at grade level. We need to assess all angles as to why our literacy rates have gone down over the years and then make the changes necessary, so that our students will excel in being proficient readers again.

2) School Safety - We need to prioritize that all security needs are met within each building by addressing issues head-on, utilizing the safety and security study done on each building throughout the district.

3) Declining Enrollment - Since 2012 our district has lost over 3,000 students, with more than 1,000 students leaving during Covid. We need to address the issues of why people left and resolve those issues, so we can not just retain the families that are here but attract new families to choose Walled Lake for their children's education.

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Vote for 2: 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot:

Leah A. Berdy and Brian White

WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 2: 6 Year Term

TIANA GASS

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QUESTION 1: I am running for office because I am passionate about ensuring every child receives a quality public education. I believe in the power of education to transform lives and build stronger communities. With a professional background in both engineering and psychology, I have a well rounded skill set that will allow me to address the needs of the community. The values I bring to this office include a deep commitment to equity and inclusion, ensuring that all students have access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. I value transparency and accountability, and I am dedicated to being fiscally responsible with our district's resources. I also believe in the importance of listening to our community, understanding their needs and concerns, and making informed decisions that reflect the best interests of our students, parents, and educators. Together, we can create a thriving educational environment for all.

QUESTION 2:

1. Gaps in academic & social skills
Many children have fallen behind academically and are lacking essential social skills due to the extended period of remote learning and social distancing during the pandemic. I am committed to implementing targeted programs and support systems to help students close the educational and social gaps.

2. Mental Health Crisis
Parents and children are facing significant mental health challenges in the aftermath of the lockdowns and school shootings. It is crucial to establish robust support systems within our schools and community to help students and families cope in healthy ways and ensure everyone is aware of the available resources.

3. Staff Turnover
Our district is facing a high level of staff turnover, primarily because many staff members feel undervalued and underpaid. This turnover results in larger class sizes and a lack of consistency, which negatively impacts students' learning. We need to prioritize retaining and attracting high-quality teachers.

SPYROS MELLAS

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QUESTION 1: Spyros is a 35-year resident of Waterford. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and an MS in Engineering with a concentration in Management. He has worked for GM for over 39 years and has worked in an advanced technology for 35 of those years. He is a problem solver and an inventor with U.S. and global patents. He knows the value of a great education and the need for good ethics to make sound decisions. Spyros has been an adult leader in Scouts BSA and has served on his church board as member, vice president and president. His wife and son both attended and graduated from Waterford schools. Being actively involved, he has seen a decline in the Waterford schools. Spyros is committed to changing this trend. He wants to grow the district and make Waterford the premier school district in the state. He is committed to collaborate with parents and educators to give students the educational foundation that will demand respect and admiration from anyone they meet.

QUESTION 2: 1. Discipline, respect & parental involvement are needed. Guided by clear, concise documented rules & objectives. The board must show the data used in their decisions. The school board's primary job is to provide a great education in a safe learning-friendly environment. Discipline will make this happen.

2. Replace outdated curriculum & technology. Textbooks & other materials must be kept current. Materials must be age appropriate. Civics must be taught in schools, political ideology at home. State-of-the-art technology is a must, & a long term replacement plan is needed.

3. Motivation. Although fundamentals are very important, athletics, music, arts, technical skills, extracurricular activities & awards are vital to motivate our students. Bring back shop classes & develop apprentice programs with businesses. Remember a teacher that motivated you? This is the power of motivation. Managers manage, leaders motivate. I want Waterford schools to lead the state. Let's begin!

KIM SONCRAINTE

Party: Non-Partisan

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Campaign Phone: 2488849386

QUESTION 1: I am a lifelong resident of Waterford Township and a proud

graduate of Waterford Schools, as are my husband and children. Over the years, I have been deeply involved in the school district, volunteering in various capacities to support our schools and students. As a candidate for our local school board, I am dedicated to ensuring that our district remains a place where families thrive, teachers excel, and our children receive the best education possible. Our schools are the heart of Waterford, and I believe we can strengthen them by retaining both our local families and our exceptional teachers.

Why Kim Soncrainte?

I understand the challenges and opportunities facing our district. I am passionate about retaining the talented teachers who inspire our children and the families who are the heart of Waterford. I am ready to find creative solutions to keep our schools strong. Together, We Can Make Waterford Stronger!

QUESTION 2: My Priorities:

- Retaining Great Teachers: Our educators are the backbone of our schools. I will advocate for competitive salaries, professional development opportunities, and other incentives that make Waterford a desirable place for talented teachers to stay and grow.
- Keeping Families in Waterford: To keep families in our district, we must maintain a strong school system that supports every child's success. I am committed to investing in programs that enrich student learning, foster community, and encourage family involvement.
- Academic Excellence: I will promote innovative teaching strategies and resources to help every student achieve their full potential, including expanding STEM, arts, and vocational programs.
- Transparency and Communication: I believe in open dialogue and will ensure that parents, students, and educators have a voice in decision-making. My goal is to create a culture of trust and collaboration within our community.
- Fiscal Responsibility: I will focus on respons

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote for 3: 6 Year Term

JULIE BEATY

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Oakland County School Boards *(continued)*

QUESTION 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for. (Character limit: 1,000)

QUESTION 2: What are the top three (3) priority issues facing your school district, and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board? (Character limit: 1,000)

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QUESTION 1: I am running for the West Bloomfield Board of Education because I am passionate about ensuring equitable education for all children in our community. We are at a pivotal moment where the challenges of the post-pandemic era require innovative and collaborative solutions. I believe my commitment to fostering strong collaboration between teachers, staff, and the Board can contribute to creating an educational environment where all voices are heard and respected. In addition, I am focused on fiscal responsibility, ensuring that our financial decisions meet the needs of students, teachers, and staff while maintaining the district's long-term stability. By running for this position, I aim to be a voice that advocates for equitable resources, supports educators, and ensures that every child in West Bloomfield has the opportunity to succeed.

- 20 year resident
- 2 children graduated from WBSD
- 12 years on WBSD: Pres, VP, & Sec
- Co-Founder WB Family Fun Night
- MSU Professor
- Red Cross Volunteer

QUESTION 2:

• Resource Allocation: Ensuring that schools have the necessary resources is both in terms of funding and materials is crucial. Adequate resources enable teachers and staff to deliver effective instruction and support services, directly impacting student success. Unfortunately, budget constraints often lead to difficult choices that can hinder the educational experience.

• Professional Development: Continuous professional development and support for teachers and staff are vital. As educational standards and student needs evolve, so too must the skills and knowledge of our educators. However, insufficient opportunities for growth and professional learning can limit the effectiveness of teaching and support services.

• Attracting and Retaining Talent: The increasing demands placed on educators ranging from administrative tasks to adapting to new teaching methods can lead to burnout and decreased job satisfaction. Ensuring that school employees have support and enforced discipline is critical.

TERRI HOYER COMPTON

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NELSON HERSH

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QUESTION 1: I am Nelson (Nick) Hersh and have been on the school board 22 years serving as president 3 times. I served on the Governors Council on Genocide and Holocaust education, have been an assistant professor at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry-Orthodontics. A school board trustee must be fiscally responsible as one is responsible that the taxpayers money be well spent in providing the best education possible as this will retain and increase our home values. My three children are products of West Bloomfield Schools, received a wonderful education and I want to ensure that every child has the same opportunities. As an orthodontist I am entrusted with the health and safety of children. I have always put kids first and as a byproduct have run a successful business. Business skills are valuable in running the business of a school district. I am approachable and listen well. I have experience in representing the best interests of our kids, the taxpayers and I ask for your vote.

QUESTION 2: Top issues include fiscal responsibility, providing a safe environment for staff and students, and look to the future so we change what needs to be changed and retain what makes our district great. I insist each student is an individual and we need for each student to reach their potential by allowing our teachers to be the best that they are able. I have been involved with schools for years. My experience with business and education is paramount to making fiscally responsible decisions. Knowing to hire good people, allowing them to do what they do best is key, without micromanaging. Our teachers are on the front lines of educating our kids. We must give them the tools and environment to succeed. I am a good listener and being in the public enables me to know what our taxpayers want.

Making decisions with the best current information is crucial but equally important is evaluating results and being able to change accordingly. Parents want what is best for their kids and so do I.

EARNESTINA MOORE

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QUESTION 1: As an active district parent and resident, I am aware of the challenges the district faces as I am a fixture at school board meetings and study sessions. Even making public comments on topics of concern. This is a very critical time for our community as we continue to navigate closing the gap on student learning opportunities, school safety, and challenges in recruiting and retaining teachers. My passion and commitment to my community are the driving forces behind my candidacy. That same passion and commitment will motivate me to push the district beyond the status quo. As a 20+ year labor and employment attorney, I have experience representing large and small school districts, collective bargaining, union negotiations, and providing advice and counsel to school boards during board meetings. It's those skills, qualifications, and experience that will allow me to make an immediate impact. I am a magna cum laude graduate of Howard University and Washington University School of Law.

QUESTION 2:

1. Fiscal Responsibility/Transparency- Ensure community visibility and understanding of bond expenditures and budget decisions.
2. Enriched Curriculum-Support Michigan standard of education curriculum, while promoting an environment for differentiated learning in the district.
3. District Enrollment-Increase efforts to attract and retain students who reside within the district.
4. Parental Involvement-Increase involvement by creating district initiated parent forums.

KIRSTEN SONNEVILLE-DOUGLASS

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QUESTION 1: After attending nearly all board meetings over the past four years, I've witnessed the serious challenges our district faces. It's clear that we need change, and I'm stepping up to drive that change by running for the West Bloomfield School Board. I have been an active volunteer in the schools since 2008, including serving on district committees. With over 25 years of project management experience, and as a mother of a child in the district, I would bring a different perspective to the Board. As a WB graduate, I am committed to the success of the district - our schools require focused leadership to improve student achievement, enhance safety, and ensure we attract and retain students and staff.

QUESTION 2:

• Transparency: Decision-making should be accessible to everyone, and I will work to build stronger communication, trust, and respect within our schools & with the broader community. I am committed to making data-driven decisions and engaging in discussions at the board table.

• Fiscal Responsibility: This is the second year of significant operating deficits (currently \$2M+), and the board is spending down fund balance at a concerning rate. We need an updated strategic plan and a long-term facilities plan. I will work to hold the district accountable, including spending wisely & equitably.

• Academic Achievement: Ensuring that every student has a safe and productive path to graduation is my priority. I will support curriculum evaluations & ensure staff have the necessary tools/support needed to improve student achievement, including advocating for smaller class sizes. Staff turnover is concerning, so I will advocate for teacher and support staff compensation to attract & retain the best.



Proposals

OAKLAND COUNTY

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE

The Oakland County Parks System includes 17 park locations with nearly 7,200 acres of public park and recreational lands, 80 miles of trails, campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, aquatic recreation facilities, and nature education centers.

To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, shall the current millage, which has been reduced by required rollback, be replaced, and increased to .65 mills for 20 years from 2024 to 2043. The .65 mills is equal to 65 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if approved and levied, shall generate approximately \$52,191,139 in 2024. The purpose of the millage is to expand, improve, operate, maintain, and acquire parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, lakes, rivers, water areas, and trailways; to support nature education, recreational, and outdoor educational and health programming; to support partnerships for access to and awareness of recreational lands and facilities; to promote the conservation and restoration of high-quality natural and wildlife habitats; and to allow free general park admission to all county parks for residents. Revenue from this millage shall be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and shall be subject to oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and to an independent audit.

Should the proposal be adopted?

CITY: CLARKSTON

AMEND CITY CHARTER TO SPECIFY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AUTHORITY, OBLIGATIONS, AND PROCEDURES

Should the city charter be amended by adding a new chapter XVI to apply requirements to the Historic District Commission, more clearly specify the commission's authority and procedures, and provide controls for commission expenditures and enforcement actions?

CLAWSON

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

This proposed charter amendment, if adopted, would establish an application process, selection criteria, licenses, fees, and regulations for two adult use retail cannabis establishments in the City. Shall The Proposal be Adopted?

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT BOND

Shall the City of Clawson, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$64,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed twenty-one (21) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs to acquire, construct, reconstruct and improve infrastructure for the City, including road and street improvements, water main replacements and improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, and storm sewer improvements, together with all related site improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in 2025 is 3.50 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 5.26 mills (\$5.26 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

FARMINGTON HILLS

CHARTER AMENDMENT PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS MILLAGE

Shall Section 7.02e of the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to allow a renewal of the previous voter-approved additional special tax rate for purposes of the improvement, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public roads, streets and road drainage within the City by authorizing the City to levy a millage in the amount of 2.0 mills (being \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten years, starting with the July 2025 levy and resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$9,000,000 in the first year if approved and levied?

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

Shall Section 2.05 of the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to provide that the City Council members and mayor shall serve until their successor is duly sworn in following election or until they are duly re-sworn in following re-election?

FERNDALE

HEADLEE OPERATING MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL

This proposal will restore the authority of the City to levy 20.00 mills for general operating purposes by restoring millage authority that has been reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment and replacing the 5.4552 mills operating millage previously authorized by electors in 2015, which has been reduced to 4.2808 mills. If approved by electors, the restored millage would continue to be subject to annual reduction by application of the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Ferndale, County of Oakland, State of Michigan be increased by 8.5856 mills (\$8.5856 per thousand dollars of taxable value) indefinitely beginning in 2025, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to restore City Charter operating millage authorization previously approved by the electors as reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment, to provide funds for general operating purposes? It is estimated that 8.5856 mills would raise approximately \$8,181,810 when first levied in 2025.

AMEND CHARTER DEDICATING PORTION OF OPERATING MILLAGE TO POLICE FIRE RECREATION FACILITIES AND STAFF

It is proposed that Chapter IX, Section 12 of the Charter be amended to provide for the dedicated use of four-tenths (4/10) of one per cent (4 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the city for the sole purpose of funding improvement, maintenance, and operation of police, fire, and recreation facilities with any excess revenues thereafter to be used for the sole purpose of funding police, fire, and recreation operations and staffing, effective when electors approve restoring the operating millage to 20 mills.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

KEEGO HARBOR

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO KEEGO HARBOR CITY CHARTER TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR POLICE PURPOSES

Currently, the City of Keego Harbor Charter Section 11.5 allows the City to levy up to 4.0 mills per year for police purposes to 2026.

The City Council proposes to extend the authority to levy up to 4.0 mills for police purposes to 2034.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

LATHRUP VILLAGE

CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS CHARTER REFERENDUM PROPOSAL 1

Shall the City of Lathrup Village Charter be amended to repeal the prohibition of cannabis establishments within the boundaries of the City?

CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE INITIATION PROPOSAL 2

Shall the City of Lathrup Village Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 – Businesses, Article VI, which currently prohibits all cannabis establishments within the boundaries of the City of Lathrup Village, be amended to authorize and allow cannabis businesses and establish an application process, selection criteria, licenses, fees, and regulations for two retail facilities and two safety compliance facilities in the City.

Shall the Proposal be Adopted?

ORCHARD LAKE

CHANGE NAME AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES TO CITY MANAGER

Shall the City of Orchard Lake Village be authorized to change the name and responsibilities of a Director of City Services to a City Manager authorizing duties and responsibilities per ordinance?

PLEASANT RIDGE

PROPOSAL 24 - 1 LIBRARY SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge authorize a millage of up to 0.32 mills for a period of five years, for years 2025 through 2029, inclusive, in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 31, Article IX, of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to provide library services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$68,021 in 2025

WIXOM

MILLAGE FOR ONGOING AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND STREETS

Shall the City of Wixom City Charter Section 9.2 be amended to terminate the current millage of 1.15 mills for local street maintenance on June 30, 2025, and approve a millage of up to 2.5 mills (which is equal to up to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied for ten (10) years, commencing July 1 2025, and effective through and including July 1, 2034, for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing additional revenues for routine and ongoing local and major road and street maintenance in the City?

Proposals *(continued)*

TOWNSHIP: HOLLY TOWNSHIP

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within Holly Township, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .31 mill (\$.031 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for two (2) years, 2024 and 2025 inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining, and equipping the Holly Township Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law, including capital improvements? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year of levy (2024) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$147,000. By law, revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Holly Township LIBRARY.

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

MILLAGE FOR FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

Shall the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan impose a new additional millage on taxable property of up to 5.25 mills (\$5.25 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of 6 (six) years, 2024 through 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS) and advanced life support (ALS) services for the Charter Township of Oxford?

If approved, the new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage of 4.5 mills, which expired in December 2023, for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services and advanced life support services which, after the required rollback, last resulted in a levy of 4.3997 mills. It is estimated this new additional millage will raise approximately \$6,420,582.21 in its first year if approved and levied. By operation of Michigan law, this millage will disburse a portion of revenue to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority. A property with a taxable value of \$100,00 would be taxed up to 525.00 for the millage.

SAFETY PATH MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Oxford impose a millage increase of up to .50 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy it for ten (10) years, 2024 through 2033 inclusive, for purposes of financing the construction, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a network of safety paths, trails, and boardwalks and the acquisition of rights-of-way for said safety paths for purposes of providing additional recreational opportunities and safe routes to schools, parks, and neighborhoods in the Township?

If approved, the new additional Safety Path Millage will be assessed on all taxable property within the Township. Approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of approximately \$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable property in the Township. This proposal is estimated to result in the authorization to collect up to \$611,484.02 in the first year if approved and levied. By operation of Michigan law, this millage will disburse a portion of revenue to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

OXFORD TOWNSHIP SINGLE HAULER ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The Charter Township of Oxford currently has multiple companies collecting trash from residences on various days and times. To reduce road wear, improve traffic safety, and offer more economical household solid waste, recyclable, and yard waste collection, should the Township Board of Trustees adopt an ordinance granting the Township the authority to award a residential trash collection contract to service the entire Township? If approved, a five-year Contract with a single hauler is estimated at \$60.75 per quarter per household in the first year and estimated at \$71.07 per quarter per household by the fifth year of the Contract.

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Royal Oak completely prohibit marijuana establishments?

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY CENTER BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of money not to exceed Thirty-Six Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$36,410,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series for the purposes of acquiring, renovating, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a community center, to include without limitation public community facilities, parks and recreational facilities and structures, and additional Township office space, acquiring approximately 51 acres of land for such community center and related facilities, making site improvements, renovating existing facilities at the site of such community center and related facilities, and demolishing existing facilities at the site thereof as necessary or advisable, as well as all other work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental thereto? The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 21 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.8492 mills (\$0.8492 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Township); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.7587 mills (\$0.7587 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Waterford).



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY MILLAGE REPEAL AND REPLACE PROPOSAL

The proposal would:

- repeal the previous library millage authorization of 0.6586 mills approved in 2010 for tax years 2012 through 2026; - authorize the West Bloomfield Township Public Library to levy a new additional millage for library purposes permitted by law, including maintenance and operations of the Main Library and the Westacres Branch and future capital improvements;

- authorize the new additional millage to be levied at the rate of 0.7000 mills (\$0.700 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) beginning with the December 1, 2024 levy, subject to future annual rate reductions required by Section 31 of Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963;

- for a period of 10 years beginning in 2024 and continuing through 2033;

- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without voter approval.

If the new additional millage is approved, revenue will be disbursed to the West Bloomfield Township Public Library. An estimated \$3,376,817 will be collected in the first year that the millage is levied.

Should this proposal be approved?

VILLAGE: FRANKLIN

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased and the Village be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .2018 mill (\$.2018 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) in perpetuity beginning with the 2025 levy, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and equipping the Franklin Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? This millage would restore a portion of amount of the originally voted millage rate lost because of the Headlee Amendment millage reduction. The estimate of the revenue the Village will collect in the first year of levy (2025) if the millage is approved is approximately \$90,000. By law, revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Franklin Public Library.

GREY DOG CAFÉ LIQUOR LICENSE

Franklin Village Charter Chapter XVI, Section 13, as amended, requires voter approval to authorize the sale of alcoholic liquor, beer or wine for the consumption on the premises in the Village. Shall the Village of Franklin approve the application made by Gray Dog Café, LLC for a Class C on-premises liquor license at 32644 Franklin Road?



Proposals (continued)

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Almont Community Schools, Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; 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 2024 is approximately \$997,858?

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 7.8457 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the 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 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 Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed by 25.8457 mills (\$25.8457 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, 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 2026 is approximately \$10,217,813 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)?



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

County of Oakland
State of Michigan

This proposal would renew the authority of the School District, which expires with the 2025 tax levy, to levy up to 18.00 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy, restrict the levy on principal residences (owner-occupied homes) to no more than 12.5955 mills and protect against the impact of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 3.0 mills. This authorization would allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead property (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) and to continue to levy on principal residence property (owner occupied homes) only that portion of the mills necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. In 2024 the School District levied only 5.2029 mills on personal residences (owner-occupied homes).

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Farmington Public Schools District, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 21 mills, with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 12.5955 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for ten (10) years, the years 2026 to 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the School District? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$49,196,277 during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX PROPOSAL

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Madison District Public Schools to levy a building and site sinking fund millage, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the cost of infrastructure improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities and for all other purposes authorized under Michigan law. Pursuant to State Law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund millage proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

Shall the Madison District Public Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy 3.0 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, from December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2034, to create a building and site sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings or any other purpose authorized under Michigan law? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the Madison District Public Schools of approximately \$1,005,508 Dollars during the 2024 calendar year, if approved and levied.

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

County of Oakland
State of Michigan

This proposal would renew the authority of the School District, which expires with the 2025 tax levy, to levy up to 18.00 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy, restrict the levy on principal residences (owner-occupied homes) to no more than 5.7049 mills and protect against the impact of Headlee rollbacks of up to 4.0 mills. This authorization would allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead property (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) and to continue to levy on principal residence property (owner-occupied homes) only that portion of the mills necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. The School District only levied 2.7936 mills on personal residences (owner-occupied homes) in 2024. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Troy School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 22 mills, with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 5.7049 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for twenty (20) years, the years 2026 to 2045, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the School District? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$42.5 million during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.



Proposals (continued)

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

County of Oakland
State of Michigan

This proposal would replace, restore and extend the authority of the School District, which expires with the 2025 tax levy, to levy up to 18.00 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy, restrict the levy on principal residences (owner-occupied homes) to no more than 3.6297 mills and protect against the impact of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 3.0 mills. This authorization would allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead property (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) and to continue to levy on principal residence property (owner occupied homes) only that portion of the mills necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. The School District only levied 0.3086 mills on personal residences (owner occupied homes) in 2024.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 21 mills, with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 3.6297 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for fourteen (14) years, the years 2024 to 2037, inclusive? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$3,232,239 during the 2024 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.



WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

OPERATING MILLAGE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Counties of Macomb and Oakland
State of Michigan

This proposal would replace, restore and extend the authority of the School District, which expires with the 2027 tax levy, to levy up to 18.00 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy, restrict the levy on principal residences (owner-occupied homes) to no more than 6.0 mills and protect against the impact of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 2.0 mills. This authorization would allow the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead property (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) and to continue to levy on principal residence property (owner occupied homes) only that portion of the mills necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State. The School District only levied 3.2798 mills on personal residences (owner occupied homes) in 2024.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Warren Consolidated Schools District, Counties of Macomb and Oakland, Michigan, be increased in the amount of 20 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 6.0 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for ten (10) years, the years 2024 to 2033, inclusive? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$857,642 during the 2024 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT: WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

RENEWAL OF REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

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

As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2027 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 1.9812 mills (\$1.98 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2028 to 2033, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 1.9812 mills would raise approximately \$108 million when first levied in 2028.

The revenue from this enhancement millage will be distributed on an equal per pupil basis to the following listed constituent school districts and the public school academies within the boundaries of Wayne RESA which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code:

- Allen Park Public Schools
- Crestwood School District
- School District of the City of Dearborn
- Dearborn Heights School District No. 7
- Detroit Public Schools Community District
- Ecorse Public School District
- Flat Rock Community Schools
- Garden City Public Schools
- Gibraltar School District
- Grosse Ile Township Schools
- Grosse Pointe Public School System
- School District of the City of Hamtramck
- School District of the City of Harper Wood
- Huron School District
- School District of the City of Lincoln Park
- Livonia Public Schools School District
- Melvindale - Northern Allen Park School District
- Northville Public Schools
- Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- Redford Union Schools, District No. 1
- School District of the City of River Rouge
- Riverview Community School District
- Romulus Community Schools
- Southgate Community School District
- South Redford School District
- Taylor School District
- Trenton Public Schools
- Van Buren Public Schools
- Wayne-Westland Community School District
- Westwood Community School District
- Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
- School District of the City of Wyandotte

DISTRICT LIBRARY: FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the Farmington Community Library, County of Oakland, be authorized to levy annually a renewal of the previously authorized millage, which expires in 2024, in an amount not to exceed .9264 mill (\$0.9264 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Farmington Community Library district for a period of twenty (20) years, 2025 to 2044, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect in the first year of levy (2025) if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library is approximately \$4,750,000. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the City of Farmington Downtown Development Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the City of Farmington Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority.



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- Executive _____
- Prosecuting Attorney _____
- Sheriff _____
- Clerk/Register of Deeds _____
- Treasurer _____
- Water Resources Commissioner _____
- County Commissioner for your district _____
- Circuit Court _____
- Probate Court _____
- District Court _____
- OCC (vote for 2) _____
- Township/City/Village Offices _____
- School Board _____
- Library Board _____

★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★

- Oakland County Proposal _____
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