

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 12

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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2 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

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<p><i>Democrat</i> KELLY DILLAHA 2553 Manchester Rd. Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p>I've lived in Oakland County for 20 years, 9 in Birmingham. My husband Scott and I wanted to be rooted in a community with caring neighbors, excellent schools, vibrant shops and safe streets. This week, our twin sons Aidan and Brady graduated from Seaholm without a commencement ceremony, but the outpouring of well-wishes from teachers and neighbors lifted us up and reminded us why we chose Oakland as our home. I'm running for County Commission because I want to play an active part in shaping Oakland's future. In a few years when my sons graduate from college, I want Oakland to be the place they choose to start their careers and raise their families. Through my professional and volunteer work, I have built strong relationships with community groups, business leaders, educators and government. I am proud of my reputation as someone who works hard to get things done on time and within budget. I'm not a career politician, I'm a business owner and parent who cares about where we are headed.</p>	<p>As County Commissioner I will bring smart, forward-thinking, compassionate leadership to Oakland County. I will fight to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep families safe and rebuild our economy by ensuring businesses have information and protective equipment to reopen safely, and the Public Health Division has resources to fight future outbreaks. • Make sure we have clean, safe drinking water by working with residents and local municipalities to explore ways to speed up lead service line replacements. Also, the Commission recently installed lead-free bottle filling stations in schools, and I'd like to expand that project by replacing existing drinking fountains that have tested for lead. • Address the unique needs of our growing senior population, projected to make up 40% of Oakland County by 2035. I cared for my when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, so know first-hand the challenges that seniors and their families face. I'll support our seniors during budget and policy discussions.

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<p>Republican CHUCK MOSS 1184 Dorchester Rd. Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p>Michigan State University, James Madison College: 1975. University of Detroit School of Law, 1979, passed Bar 1979. Married to Alice, 1979. 2 children, Elizabeth and Carolyn. Lived in Birmingham since 1981.</p> <p>WORK: Attorney. DETROIT NEWS Columnist. WXTY Radio Talk Host. WTVS 56 Co-Host Back to Back.</p> <p>POLITICAL: Birmingham City Commissioner, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor: 1997-2001. Oakland County Commissioner, 2001-2006. Chair Finance Committee. State Representative, 40th District. 2007-2012 Chair House Appropriations Committee. Board Member, Regional Transit Authority: 2013-Present.</p> <p>RELEVANT QUALITIES AND SKILLS: EXPERIENCE! I've done this job before; tackled governance and budget challenges at local, County, and State level, in good times and bad. Having worked through the Great Recession, I'm ready to deal with the post-Virus challenges. Ready to go on Day One.</p>	<p>1) Keep Oakland County finance and ethical best practices. HOW: Keep and build on Patterson-era budget-ethical procedures & safeguards.</p> <p>2) Assist post-virus economic recovery, keep Oakland jobs engine for state. HOW: No tax increases, adding to burden on families and job creators. Keep burden of government low, assist county business recruitment and retention, like One Stop Shop, Automation Alley, and Emerging Sectors.</p> <p>3) Strengthen public health and safety services, including Community Mental Health services. HOW: Prioritize health and safety in budgeting, increase priority for Community Mental Health</p>

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