

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 2

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> JIM WILLIAMS 3147 Lakeview Blvd. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>My career as a caseworker involved preparing case plans, crisis management, and court case work. My career as an artist has taught me how to manage a business and create original concepts under the pressure of a challenging market. A painting is completed by time consuming work. My teaching, volunteerism, state transporting of delinquents and other youth work has further shown me how to successfully help youth and marginalized people. This is summarized best in my biography posted at www.electjimwilliams.com.</p>	<p>In my mind the Climate Crisis is the most unnoticed existential issue that all levels of government and business need to work on immediately. I am open to ways of making Oakland County services carbon neutral by 2030 and find revenue from carbon usage.</p> <p>While the Pandemic continues, Covid 19 testing and tracing should be improved and made available for all Oakland County citizens. CARE funding should be used in this. Also, CORE services might be useful to pursue. Testing is the only way to restore some confidence in doing business and movement until a vaccine and/or cure is available. This can also improve the health system, especially mental health.</p> <p>Besides the Climate Crisis the preservation of healthy water sources and delivery is vital. Improved monitoring is essential. I would support HB5290-2 and HB4212 and the Healthy Lakes Initiative to protect sources and ground water.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> BOB HOFFMAN 2521 Rose Center Rd. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>I was born in Pontiac & grew up in Waterford. Attended St. Benedict's, OLL and graduated from Waterford Twp High School. I attended OCC and OU. I started Hoffman Nursery & Landscaping when I was 19, started American Recycling at 23 years old, and Hoffman Farms in 1993. I have been a licensed builder since 1982, was Waterford Twp Supervisor from 1984-88, & OC Commissioner from 2010-present. Being an OC Commissioner allows you to be in position to actually help the citizens of Oakland County. We are the conduit between the residents, the county & other levels of government, including the Road Commission of OC. I have 50 years of gaining experience and building relationships. I am a small business owner who has also been a union member and I have negotiated contracts for management.</p>	<p>The three issues facing the county are: 1. The economic crisis created by the pandemic. It will be a challenge to maintain services, balance the county budget and protect our AAA bond rating. 2. While we all have a duty to pay our property taxes, the government has a legal duty to properly assess our property. I have been raising the alarm for the last few years to the fact that many properties in OC are over assessed. Taxpayers are paying taxes on equity that does not exist. 3. All communities in OC are not the same. What works in the south end of the county is not necessarily what would work in the north end. A prime example is mass transit. I believe in local control & the citizens of OC, do not need the state or even the county government micromanaging our lives. I will continue to represent the citizens of my district first.</p>

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