

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 21

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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2 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

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<p><i>Democrat</i> JANET JACKSON 26246 Summerdale Dr. Southfield, MI 48033</p>	<p>30 year Southfield resident, wife, mother of two, grandmother of one. 6 term County Commissioner. I am the current Democratic Caucus Majority Vice Chair. I have the background as a long term incumbent to best utilize my position in our Democratic majority and now under Democratic Executive leadership with Dave Coulter. Covid 19 and social justice issues are pressing driving our policies and initiatives. As a African American woman who has struggled personally with health and economic challenges as a long time Oakland County resident has equipped me to be able to address issues with a personal lens and passion. My political style is one defined as a servant leader. Navigating through the Covid crisis helping facilitate financial assistance and addressing racial equity will be my foremost concern. Leading through the great recession during my initial terms has prepared me for this time.</p>	<p>Health and the affects of the pandemic upon our community. Ensuring that our residents are offered programs to assist them through this plague. Creating and promoting health care assistance tailored to all individuals within the county paying special attention to minority health care communication and assistance.</p> <p>Social Justice and Racial Equity Initiatives Diversity and Inclusion initiatives to help transform the culture within the County. Working with our newly hired diversity and inclusion officer to help ensure our workforce and county opportunities and offerings are more representative of our increasingly diverse county. Advocacy for increased justice reform.</p> <p>Assistance for Residents Life within the county is going to be more challenging. Instituting programs to assist and support residents and businesses is paramount. Continuing my service on the OLHSA board, a community action agency to help our disadvantaged, and promoting and enhancing our CARES act funding help.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> BILL SMITH 22015 Tredwell Ave. Farmington Hills, MI 48336</p>	<p>I grew up in Detroit, graduated from Redford High School. Have lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association. I am also a member of the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority.</p> <p>We have a great county and I hope it remains that way. Since the passing of Brooks Patterson, I have seen new positions being created and more of our residents tax money diverted from keeping our county solvent and growing. What we need is a simple common sense approach to government and just as we do, most of us anyway, in our own households, you don't spend money you don't have. I worry about the legacy left by Mr. Patterson, having a balanced budget going out three years. We need to keep our Sheriff's Dept. strong and well supported keeping all of our citizens, their homes and businesses safe. I worked for the National Federation of Independent Business and know the importance of small business.</p>	<p>Maintain our service level without adding positions as "rewards" to political allies.</p> <p>Fund essential services, public safety, roads, business development, and the encouragement in the expansion of small businesses.</p> <p>Maintain a balanced budget going out three years. Curb unnecessary spending.</p>

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