

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 5**

**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**

<b>CANDIDATES for COUNTY COMMISSION</b>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p> <p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>KRISTEN NELSON</b>                      3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd.                      Waterford, MI 48328</p>	<p>I'm a life-long Oakland County resident, born and raised in the District I proudly represent. In 2018 I ran as a first-time candidate against an incumbent. Voters in District 5 responded to my message, and as a result of my election, for the first time since 1972, a democratic majority was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. I currently serve as the Majority Vice Chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs and Operation Committee, Chair of the Senior Connectedness Task Force, Chair of the Invasive Species Special Committee, and I am a member of the Public Safety and Social Justice and Healthy Communities and Environment Committees. As an energetic leader, passionate problem solver and forward thinker, I am running for re-election to further pursue my commitment in representing the diverse voices of people while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about.</p>	<p>Protecting our water. Oakland County has more inland lakes than any other county in Michigan. We must continue to invest in reducing the spread and introduction of aquatic invasive species and set policies and practices that reduce dangerous chemicals and pollutants from making their way into our waterways. Public Health and Safety. The health and safety of our communities depends on the health of the people who make up our communities. I will continue to support Oakland County's collaborative efforts in providing equitable access to affordable comprehensive primary care, dental, substance abuse and mental health treatment and services to individuals across Oakland County. Community Economic Development. Our ability to thrive as a county through changing social and economic issues depends on good policies that support affordable housing, public transportation, job opportunities and training, and small business growth.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>KLINT KESTO</b>                      4636 Rosewood Ln.                      West Bloomfield, MI                      48323</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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