

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR

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

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3 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL for TWO 3-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL</p> <p>TWO 3-year terms <i>Vote for no more than TWO</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>ASHLEY ATTISHA 1570 Cass Lk. Rd. Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p>I have always been dedicated to serving others. I feel that becoming a member of City Council would be an extension to this and have a greater impact on the community. I am an attorney and grant writer. I have experience working in the private sector, non-profit sector and government.</p>	<p>Issue #1 Providing support to our local businesses during this economic recession and encouraging new business to establish roots in Keego Harbor. I will support and oversee proposals of a walkable village center along Cass Lake Road with residential, commercial and community land uses. Additionally, I will seek out new businesses to open doors in Keego Harbor.</p> <p>Issue #2 Improving and expanding outdoor community spaces in Keego Harbor. I will write grants to secure funding for connected outdoor spaces, like our parks and beaches. I will set up regular "clean ups" to keep outdoor environments sustainable and the needs of people, vegetation and wildlife in balance.</p> <p>Issue #3 Bringing fresh perspective to City Council. I will have an "open door" policy and will welcome input, ideas, and criticism of Keego Harbor to work with community members toward equitable solutions. If elected, I will be the youngest member of City Council.</p>

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<p>DAVID EMERLING 1896 Cass Lk. Front Rd. Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p>I am an engineer. My wife Susan and I have lived in Keego for 10 years. We love the walkable, very friendly community where everyone says hi. I was appointed to the Keego Zoning Board of Appeals in 2017 and the Tax Increment Finance Authority in 2018. It is now a perfect time to raise my level of involvement by running for City Council. My goal is to keep the city moving in a positive direction. I have been volunteering in Keego since 2010 because it feels good to give back to the city in which we live and to the people whom we care about. Besides serving on boards and attending city meetings, other volunteer experiences include: Garden Club (adopting a garden in Webb Park, helping renovate Fran Leaf playground, participating in clean-up days and plant exchanges), assisting at the Easter Egg Hunts, Holiday Parties and Memorial Day Parade, handing candy to Roosevelt School kids on Halloween and volunteering in their STEAM room and weekly water testing of Cass and Dollar Lakes.</p>	<p>The biggest issue we are all facing is keeping our residents and businesses safe during this pandemic. I will help ensure we are current on the latest federal and state guidelines at our city level. Guided by input from our residents and businesses, the updated master plan and retail/residential market studies, I want to help make Keego the best possible place to live and work. The goal is to make Keego an appealing, walkable destination city with positive growth for the future. Supporting our city's Parks and Rec is key to achieving this goal. I want to review our ordinances and codes to make sure they are consistent with helping our residents and businesses thrive.</p> <p>Keego is fortunate to have our own outstanding police force keeping us safe. Several years ago, a millage passed to make sure we can maintain our police force at a very high-quality level. Making sure our officers are supported to receive the latest training, community relations skills and equipment is a high priority.</p>

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<p>ROBERT KALMAN 2830 Stennett Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p>Robert Kalman and his wife Jennifer are Keego Harbor homeowners. He owns a successful consulting business.</p> <p>A lifelong Oakland county resident, Robert Kalman: earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University, graduated from the University of Michigan, interned at the EX-IM Bank in Washington, DC, and graduated from the FBI Citizen's Academy. He also graduated from the OAKWAY Fire Ops Workshop, a mutual aid program for Oakland and Wayne County fire departments, attended Oakland County's One Stop Ready Municipal Economic Development Program, as well as numerous Southeast Michigan Council of Governments municipal workshops. He's attended professional planning and zoning board training sessions.</p> <p>Kalman is the current mayor of Keego Harbor and is running for re-election to the city council so he can provide positive leadership and help complete important projects. He understands financial responsibility and emphasizes community services for all residents.</p>	<p>I use business experience to work constructively with our city council, positively structuring municipal operations. I will continue to develop sound financial strategies so we provide essential services, like our professional police and fire departments.</p> <p>I'll continuously bring costs inline and find affordable, creative solutions to our city infrastructure challenges. We have been awarded numerous helpful grants over the years that I have been on council and we'll certainly pursue more.</p> <p>2020 has been challenging for a lot of us in Keego Harbor. When re-elected I will encourage a greater sense of community and participation in safe, enhanced cultural and recreational activities.</p>

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