

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF**

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

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2 Candidates for SHERIFF for ONE 4-year term

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<p>Democrat VINCENT GREGORY 19578 San Jose Blvd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p>I'm running for Oakland County Sheriff because we need an experienced leader who stands for integrity, inclusivity, and accountability in law enforcement. As a U.S. Marine, Vietnam veteran, former State Rep., former State Senator, former County Commissioner, and career law enforcement officer, I've held positions of public trust for decades. It's an honor to serve our communities and i'm eager to continue my service as the next Sheriff.</p> <p>I served with the Wayne County Sheriff Department for 30 years before retiring from the position of Detective. I served for 17 years as Vice President and then President of Wayne County Sheriff's local 502 SEIU, AFL-CIO. During my tenure as President, I was the lead negotiator for the largest Deputies Union in the State.</p> <p>During my time with Local 502, I was also part of a state wide group of Deputies to lobby State Legislators to approve secondary road funding which we were successful, which provided more safety for the residents of the County.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As Public Safety Officers we should be seen all over the County. I will work immediately to spread the Sheriff's office to all of Oakland County. I will try to secure more funding for secondary roads so Deputies can Patrol more of the secondary roads. 2. The hardworking female officers put their lives on the line every day, yet not one woman has been promoted to the highest rank of Captain in the past 20 years. We must promote women so they can lead , not just serve. I will immediately promote a qualified woman to the position of Captain. 3.If the federal Lawsuit is still going on, I will immediately get involved to try to bring this issue to a close.

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<p>Republican MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD P. O. Box 1835 Birmingham, MI 48012</p>	<p>Having served as the Sheriff since 1999, I have made advancements in safety and protection for both the citizens of Oakland County and for the men and women who protect and serve. Oakland County leads the nation in its community relationships and the Sheriff's Office continues to set standards and best practices for other agencies to emulate. With over 30 years of experience in law enforcement, I continually look for ways to better our agency. We have responded to issues in our communities with innovative ideas to tackle the opioid crisis, or the more recent COVID-19 pandemic. Our opioid response set the standard for the state where, due to the legislation I sought, our agency was the first to obtain and deploy Narcan to our Deputies. We also had one of the first robust Medically Assisted Treatment programs in the state to give addicts the treatment they need even while incarcerated. Because of our team's effort and successes, I was named National Sheriff of the Year in 2016.</p>	<p>Training and Recruitment: Good policing is the result of better hiring and better training. We need to invest in recruitment to be able to attract the brightest and best to serve our community. Further, we need a state-of-the-art training center where our Deputies can train and learn from the best instructors, which keeps our residents and our employees safe.</p> <p>Alternatives for Addiction: We have implemented many programs to combat drug addiction and aid those who need treatment, such as Rides to Recovery, Medically Assisted Treatment, Narcan Deployment, and Operation Medicine Cabinet. I will continue to look at ways to work with courts and judges to make sure those who truly need treatment instead of incarceration are able to get the help they need.</p> <p>Community Engagement: We have created numerous nationally recognized community outreach and engagement programs. We will continue to innovate new programs, build new relationships, and deepen existing ones.</p>

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