

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
OAKLAND COUNTY
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

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

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2 Candidates for WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER for ONE 4-year term

<p>CANDIDATES for WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER</p> <p>ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office and 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 that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>Democrat JIM NASH 27490 W. Ten Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336</p>	<p>I have been the Oakland County Water Commissioner for over seven years, before that I was an Oakland County Commissioner from Farmington Hills for eight years. I am a veteran, husband, father of four and grandfather to three, all living in Michigan. As a County Commissioner I organized and hosted six Annual Green Building Workshops, bringing in experts to discuss the importance of sustainable development, energy conservation, alternative energy and environmental protection with Oakland County elected officials and citizens. Since becoming Water Resources Commissioner I have organized and hosted seven Regional Stormwater Summits, bringing local, state and national experts before hundreds of regional officials, to educate and develop stormwater policies to protect our water resources. I have worked hard to improve morale in the organization, develop strong connections with all our communities, lead regional and statewide environmental efforts and educate the public on water issues.</p>	<p>CLIMATE CHANGE is causing more intense storms and stormwater pollution. I am working to address Climate Change by replacing carbon use with renewable energy and designing resilient systems, using Green Infrastructure: landscaping, new technologies and flowering native plants to absorb runoff before it reaches storm drains and the environment.</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH issues such as lead in drinking water, PFAS contamination and toxic sites like the I-696 green ooze reinforce the need for state and federal funding and cooperation and I will continue to support and lead those efforts in Oakland County.</p> <p>AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, that causes more main breaks, leaks and other excessive costs, needs repair and replacement, without making water unaffordable for many ratepayers. Our communities continue to do their part and my office will do all it can to help them. We do all this through regional cooperation, because water follows no political boundaries, and with efficiency as our top priority.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> JIM STEVENS 3394 Coolidge, Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	<p>I want you to know some Large companies have damaged our Great Lakes, our Water drains which start off small, which over time end up in our Wonderful lakes. I have a plan to get our Lakes and water ways clean again.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to Educate Our Future Children to be the Gate Keepers of Clean Water. 2. From January 1 to April 18, 2018, a total of 95.4 million gallons of partially treated sewage were released into the Rouge River from retention treatment basins in Birmingham and Beverly Hills. More than another billion gallons of water were released from retention basins in Macomb County, the majority of which included wastewater discharged from the George W. Kuhn treatment basin, which collects sewage from 14 communities upstream of the Red Run Drain, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Troy and Beverly Hills... This needs to Stop..... 3. In these tough times I plan to Donate \$25,000 towards Water or Grocery Bills for Oakland County Citizens Who fell Victim of this Economy and Start a Charity which would help Families.

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