

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND**

**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 TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term**

<b>CANDIDATES for SUPERVISOR</b>  <b>ONE 4-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<i>Democrat</i> <b>RALPH JESSEE, JR.</b> 517 Whims Ln. Rochester, MI 48306	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>DOMINIC ABBATE</b> 3690 Bridport Ln. Oakland, MI 48363	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

## OAKLAND TOWNSHIP (Continued)

### 1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>ROBIN BUXAR</b>                      1540 W. Gunn Rd.                      Rochester, MI 48306</p>	<p>I am a 46yr resident of Oakland Township and have had the unique opportunity of growing up in Oakland Township. This allows me understanding of desires within each segment of the Township. I work full-time for an Automotive Supplier as an Account Manager/Advanced Manufacturing Engineer from which I bring a skill set of collaboratively solving complex issues inside of large diverse groups while maintaining documentation; following specifications/standards; within financial and timing constraints.</p> <p>I am a sitting member of the Oakland Township Board of Trustees (7yrs), Elections Commission and the Paint Creek Trailways Commission (alternate). Formerly, I was on the Board of the Michigan Township Association (Vice President) – Oakland County Chapter, an Election Watcher and a Precinct Delegate.</p> <p>I am a strong advocate for maintaining the Rural Character of Oakland Township in keeping with the desires of our residents.</p>	<p>Infrastructure and Development: Continued attention to make sure infrastructure meets the needs of residents and development is managed in a manner to preserve our ‘rural character’ and is consistent with the desire of our residents as well as our master plan.</p> <p>Fiscal Responsibility: We are AAA rated and we have zero unfunded liabilities. We need to keep it that way. The recent pandemic requires careful attention to budgeting to make sure revenue decreases do not lead to reduced services or operating deficit.</p> <p>Water: Currently the board is facing issues with mandated water storage, pressure concerns and potential water treatment in both our southwest and southeast districts. We are pursuing building storage facilities and a location in the southwest district that would be in the best interest of the district’s users and of all our residents.</p>

### 1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

**JOHN GIANNANGELI** 5846 Murfield Dr., Oakland, MI 48306

## OAKLAND TOWNSHIP (Continued)

### 4 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

<b>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</b>  <b>FOUR 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JACK E. ELDER</b>                      384 Olivewood Ct.                      Oakland, MI 48306</p>	<p>Lifelong resident of Oakland County                      Graduate of Oakland University                      My wife and I built a home in Oakland Township in 1985, in order to be closer to relatives, friends and our Church community                      Worked at General Motors an auto designer for 16 years                      Owner of a design, tooling and manufacturing company serving the automotive, packaging and other industries                      Teach industrial design at The College for Creative Studies in Detroit                      Supporter of Mackinac Center, Cato Institute, the Nature Conservancy, and charitable organizations                      Past Republican precinct delegate                      Past homeowners association president</p>	<p>Efficiency of managing the township resources</p> <p>Privatization of township services where appropriate</p> <p>Lower taxes where possible</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>DAVE MABRY</b>                      3423 Hidaway                      Oakland, MI 48306</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>LANA MANGIAPANE</b> 2310 Dutton Rochester, MI 48306</p>	<p>My name is Lana Mangiapane. I am a devoted public servant in a position of public trust with over thirty years of service. As an elected official, I work tirelessly for the interests of my community.</p> <p><b>LEADER WITH DEEP ROOTS IN OUR COMMUNITY</b> Trustee Oakland Township &amp; MTA – 4 Years Commissioner Oakland Twp. Parks &amp; Rec – 4 Years Elected Republican Precinct Delegate – 25 Years 8th District &amp; Oakland County Republican Party Boards Oakland County Resident – 40 Years Married to Gabe with 6 Children &amp; 23 Grandchildren Member of Faith Church Licensed Realtor &amp; Builder – 40 Years Designated/ Certified: GRI, CRB, AB, Notary Public Education: MTS, Rhema Int’l, Wayne State University, DCI Illinois</p> <p><b>LEADER WHO SHARES OUR CONSERVATIVE VALUES</b> Limited Government Low Taxes &amp; Cut Government Spending Policies for Private Sector Jobs &amp; Economic Growth Stop Crime &amp; drugs to Protect Families Transparency at every Level of Government Fix Roads Pro-Life (conception to natural death) Advocate for American Veterans &amp; Senior Citizens Pro-2nd Amendment &amp; Private Property Rights</p> <p><b>ENDORSED BY</b> Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors Responsible Citizens for Public Safety</p>	<p><b>WATER.</b> Protect &amp; Improve Water Quality. Select sites for water storage, water storage types, filtrations &amp; re-evaluate projected costs of project and user rates of improved &amp; necessary system. The goal for Oakland Township is clean, safe, affordable, &amp; accessible water.</p> <p><b>PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.</b> Includes owner’s rights in the use of their land &amp; buildings. Private property is a constitutional right, &amp; an essential feature of the American Capitalist system. Local government shouldn’t enact ordinances that aren’t related to health or safety that result in fees, fines, &amp; restrictions of private property. 1st, fees &amp; fines are underhanded means of taxation not approved by voters. 2nd, government should serve the people not control them.</p> <p><b>ROADS.</b> Fix &amp; Maintain the roads. The cost of road repairs is less when roads are maintained &amp; not deteriorated. Deteriorating roads with potholes &amp; cracks cause severe damage to vehicles &amp; accidents. Oakland Twp roads are part of the Oakland County Road Commission except those in private road agreements. The main source of our road funding comes from state fuel taxes &amp; vehicle registration fees. Save roads, report needed repairs 877-858-4804</p>

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<i>Republican</i> <b>ANDY ZALE</b> 3338 Proctor Ln. Oakland, MI 48363	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

## OAKLAND TOWNSHIP (Continued)

### 8 Candidates for TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSIONER for SEVEN 4-year terms

<b>CANDIDATES for PARK COMMISSIONER</b>  <b>SEVEN 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than SEVEN</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>LISA FITZPATRICK SOKOL</b>                      1914 Lochinvar Blvd.                      Oakland, MI 48363</p>	<p>High School Teacher 12 years and Principal and Director of Community Education 19 years Lake Orion Schools; Senior Services Director, Parks and Recreation Director and Community Programs Director at Charter Township of Orion for 15 years; Events, Community Outreach, and Membership Manager at 20 Front Street, a live music venue in Downtown Lake Orion.</p> <p>I have over 35 years of experience running enrichment programs, parks programs and management, state and federal grant experience, administrative, budget and personnel experience, and have overseen events and programs for children, teens, adults and seniors. I have managed facilities, renovation and new build projects, safety paths, trails and parks and grounds.</p> <p>I have served on many non profit boards and organizations including local chambers, Women’s Clubs, Historical Societies, Veteran Memorials, Friends of Library and Senior Centers, DDA and Village committees and chaired interagency councils, recreational boards, and served on state professional organizations.</p> <p>I can bring to the Parks Commission a breadth of skills including management, creativity, organization and experience with unions and employee groups.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I support safety paths and trails in our community. I am serve on the Oakland Township Safety Paths and Trails Board. I want to see connectivity between our parks, schools, public buildings, local businesses, and community residences for our families and residents to safely walk, run, ride or do horseback riding on our trails and paths for exercise, pleasure, wellness and for hobbies such as birdwatching and personal enjoyment. I also serve on the Friends of Paint Creek Trail and support events like National Trails Day. I have also served on the Paint Creek Trail board.</li> <li>2. I want to work with our Parks and Recreation Staff to continue to offer our families and residents outstanding recreational programs/ classes and unique events like our Music in the Meadows, Winter Carnival, stewardship programs, archery, tai chi, yoga, and wildlife programs, along with historic and nature programs and kayaking at Cranberry Lake Farm.</li> <li>3. I support park improvements and conservation/ stewardship activities, programs and efforts in our parks and recreation facilities. Parks enhance our lives, our health and appreciation of natural habitats. I think collaboration enhances our resources.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>EMILY BARKHAM</b>                      717 Letts Rd.                      Oakland, MI 48363</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>BRIAN BLUST</b>                      3450 Sussex Dr.                      Oakland, MI 48306</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<i>Republican</i> <b>CRAIG BLUST</b> 2222 W. Buell Rd. Oakland, MI 48363	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>JIM QUESENBERY</b> 1972 Pine Valley Ct. Oakland, MI 48363	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>CATHY A. ROONEY</b> 1080 Oak Hill Rd. Rochester, MI 48306	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>DANIEL L. SIMON</b> 800 E. Snell Rd. Rochester, MI 48306	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>MARYANN WHITMAN</b> 2271 N. Rochester Rd. Oakland, MI 48363	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

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