

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

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

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

**CHRIS BARNETT** P. O. Box 888, Orion, MI 48361

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

**PENNY S. SHULTS** 1770 Kinmount Dr., Orion, MI 48359

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

**DONNI STEELE** P. O. Box 826, Lake Orion, MI 48361

## ORION TOWNSHIP (Continued)

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

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<b>Democrat</b> <b>CHEYENNE DWYER</b> 3676 Grafton St. Lake Orion, MI 48359	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<b>Democrat</b> <b>EILEEN NOLTON</b> 1201 W. Clarkston Rd. Orion, MI 48362	As an educator, community volunteer, and activist, my life’s work has been about serving others. I have actively been involved in many initiatives and outreach activities throughout the community: Elks Club, helping serve breakfast to homeless veterans. I have organized food collection drives for the Orion Center. I organized a donation drive to help provide economic relief for UAW striking members in October 2019. Helped organize a “Community Conversation on Race” which featured a frank discussion about how our community can do better in the areas of policing, education, and in ensuring we champion diversity. As our community grows and prospers, I believe we need representation that reflects our evolving economic, social, racial, and gender diversity. All of our residents should feel welcomed, valued, and fully represented. Our local government can only benefit from leadership that welcomes diversity of thought and ideology. I will bring that fresh perspective and a new voice to the Orion Township Board of Trustees.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Now more than ever, we need bold leadership - - one that encourages a team of trustees from more than a single political party with the same political point of view. The importance of listening to all residents and addressing their concerns is absolutely essential. I promise to be accessible and accountable to all residents. I will champion inclusivity, transparency, and innovative ideas.</li>   <li>2. It’s essential that we take a more thoughtful, measured approach to development. Our area boasts some of the most beautiful green space in the county, and strategic plans must balance development with the preservation of natural spaces, parks, and the protection of our environment. As a trustee, I’ll prioritize stewardship with sensibly increasing revenue and fiscal responsibility.</li>   <li>3. Safety and security are always essential to the well being of any community. It's critical that our community stands firmly on the side of justice FOR ALL. As a trustee, I will always be a strong advocate for advancing diversity, equality, justice and opportunity for EVERYONE in Orion Township.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>BRIAN BIRNEY</b> 733 Bristol Ln. Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>Brian Birney is a proud husband and father of four. He grew up in Beverly Hills, Michigan and now lives with his family in Lake Orion, Michigan. He attended Brother Rice High School and Ferris State University.</p> <p>He is proud to be a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he served during Operation Enduring Freedom in Djibouti, Africa - winning Marine of the Quarter while deployed. He spent 8 years with 1/24 Marines, Alpha Company (Grand Rapids).</p> <p>Brian owns and operates two businesses, The Birney Directive, a full service marketing agency, and Lake Orion's American Summer, a yearly celebration in the Lake Orion area. During his career, we worked as the Marketing Director for the Detroit Media Partnership, Race Director for the Detroit Free Press Marathon and Marketing &amp; Communications Director for Crittenton Hospital Medical Center as well as President of OACC.</p> <p>Because of all the hard work and determination over recent years, Brian was selected to L. Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 class for Oakland County and awarded the 2016 Economic Impact Award and 2018 Business Person of the Year for the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce as well as 2019 Patriot of the Year.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety and security is and will always be my number one priority. We must continue to build and enhance the Fire Department and our relationship with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Village of Lake Orion.</li> <li>2. The balance of urban and rural living. We all enjoy new restaurants, stores and attractions, but not at the expense of why Lake Orion is such an appealing place to live. We need to work with and embrace new businesses, but find the balance of where they develop and how it impacts our community.</li> <li>3. Innovation. We have an extremely unique community that should be taking advantage of it's unique resources, while benefiting the citizens and businesses. We should encourage new events and gatherings like Lake Orion's American Summer, which I'm the Founder of. We need to continue to embrace our culture and make Lake Orion better than it's ever been before.</li> </ol>

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<p><b><i>Republican</i></b> <b>JULIA DALRYMPLE</b> 1435 Beach Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48360</p>	<p>I am running for Township Office for a simple reason - I live, work and play with my family in this one of a kind community and I want all residents to love it as their community.</p> <p>Orion Township Trustee since 2018.</p> <p>Lake Orion High School 17 year Marketing Educator. Lake Orion Teacher of Year in 2015. Michigan Marketing Teacher of the Year in 2014.</p> <p>Highly involved in the Forgotten Harvest weekly Mobile Pop-up Pantry in Orion Township since March.</p> <p>Works hand in hand with the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce for their yearly Shop Local EXPO.</p> <p>DECA Advisor, an association of high school marketing and entrepreneurship students at LOHS that compete on the District, State and International Level in diverse marketing areas and gain top leadership skills.</p> <p>Lake Orion Work Based Learning Coordinator - connecting students with local professionals to gain work experience and skills outside of the classroom.</p>	<p>I believe the top issues facing Orion Township are to continue to plan and prepare to provide the best services for our residents. One example is providing Advanced Life Support with our amazing LO Fire Department. I also want to continue to provide and improve amenities to our community that keep our property values high like park improvements and more safety path connections. I treasure all our open spaces and natural beauty in Orion as an outdoor enthusiast. I also believe safety is a top priority for all our residents and providing these things are priority issues.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>MICHAEL FLOOD, JR.</b> 3920 Rohr Rd. Orion, MI 48359</p>	<p>Life-long Orion community involved resident. Starting as a youth, member Cub Scouts Pack 59 and Boy Scouts Troop 59. Served 10-yrs. volunteer firefighter Orion Township Fire Department-Station #3, nine-term elected president Gingellville Community Center and numerous township voluntary citizen’s advisory committees. Occupation: Retired 40 yrs. GM Truck-Pontiac, Skilled Trades Journeyman Engineer-Powerhouse. Education: LO Dragon graduate, OCC Auburn Hills Technology Campus and Oakland University. Communication is the most important skill for a public servant. Constituents want to be heard and share their thoughts/concerns, whether it be pro or con, with their respective local grassroots elected/appointed officials. We may not always totally agree on a subject matter, however, it is incumbent that their respective viewpoint be taken seriously and be considered during the public Board deliberation and consensus decision making process. Throughout my own personal life and career experience, I have tried my absolute best to adhere to my late mother’s family value teachings, “please listen before you speak”. I’m seeking re-election "To Serve".</p>	<p>The top issues facing our diversified Lake Orion/Orion township community include public safety, preserving our public open spaces, natural resources and managing the budget. Especially during this horrific COVID-19 pandemic we find ourselves experiencing. It is crucial that our township first responders, police and fire, have the necessary funding and resources to continue to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all Orion residents as well, the general public. Continue being proactive preserving and maintaining our township parks, trails and safety pathways. Good stewards protecting our natural resources, air, lakes, streams and land through education and proper collection and disposal of household solid waste and recyclable products as well, household hazardous waste materials. Fiscal conservative financial spending and planning of all township public funds. Serving as a trustee, I stand by my public record of doing my homework before each public Board meeting to fully engage in public deliberation and Board consensus decision making. Meeting challenges head on and not kicking the can down the road. Proactive vs reactive.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>KIMBERLY URBANOWSKI</b> 2965 Lessiter Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48360</p>	<p>I have lived in the Orion area for over 20 years, happily married to my husband Lee whom I met while we were both in Navy A-School in Tennessee. We have five beautiful children in our blended family, three of them are proud Lake Orion Dragons. I was a personal chef in the early 2000s and continue to share my love of food by creating original recipes and sharing them online.</p> <p>My passion for Orion Township grew while serving as the Executive Director of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce. Some of the community projects I chose to participate in, that I am most proud of, include; KABOOM! playground build at Camp Agawam, volunteering at LO Palooza to fundraise for the Miracle Field at Friendship Park and the Editorial Board for Orion Living Magazine.</p> <p>I am running for Trustee because I am enthusiastic about the future of Orion and want do my part to ensure it remains the best place to work, live and play in Oakland County.</p> <p>Orion Township Planning Commission Member</p> <p>Treasurer of Student Accounts, Lake Orion Band Boosters</p> <p>Executive Director, Orion Area Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Treasurer, Oakland Chamber Network</p> <p>Small Business Owner in Orion, Urban Gourmet</p> <p>United States Navy Veteran</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Balanced and smart land use between housing, business and recreation. The Master Plan will be updated in the near future, a process I am looking forward to participating in as a member of the Planning Commission. Public involvement in the creation of the Master Plan is crucial and I will actively engage the community in that process.</li> <li>2. Safeguarding the Township's fiduciary health. As Executive Director of the OACC, I developed the annual budget and ensured expenditures did not exceed the budget framework. Over 3 years of conservative spending and creative revenue generating resulted in a 59% increase in the Chamber's operating reserve fund, making it possible for the Chamber to continue "taking care of business" during lean economic times. I will apply the same acumen to making decisions with respect to the Township's finances.</li> <li>3. Collaboration with community members. Listening to residents and business owners is essential. Addressing their needs, goals and challenges is equally important. Serving the community with integrity begins with meaningful conversations and works towards collaborative problem solving. I am highly accessible and enjoy making genuine connections.</li> </ol>