

# League of Women Voters Oakland Area

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# VOTER GUIDE

FOR RESIDENTS OF **OAKLAND COUNTY**

## 2020 GENERAL Election

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Information about election contests is also available online at the League of Women Voters Oakland Area website: [my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area](http://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area)

On the **PARTISAN SECTION** of the ballot, you may vote for all candidates of any one party OR you may vote for candidates from different parties in different races.

In any case, be sure to **ALSO VOTE** the **NONPARTISAN** and **PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot.

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# About This Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the stated word limitations. When a candidate exceeded the word limit, the answer is ended with an ellipsis (...). Spelling and grammar were not corrected. When a candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words "DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION" appear by the candidate's name.

Publication of statements and opinions of candidates is solely in the interest of public service and is, in no way, to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters takes no responsibility for any of the views or facts stated by the candidates.



# ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

### Who Can Apply?

As of 2018, all Michigan voters are eligible to vote with an absentee ballot.

### How Do I Vote Absentee?

Step 1: You first must submit an absentee ballot application. You can download one online, or call your Township or City Clerk to have one mailed to you. Return it by mail (make sure the envelope has proper postage and is addressed to your local clerk), or e-mail it (take a picture of the form or scan it and e-mail it to your clerk. Make sure your signature is visible), or deliver it in person to the the clerk's office.

You can find your local clerk's contact information here: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>

Step 2: You will receive an absentee ballot in the mail. When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

### What is the Application Deadline?

Application for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m., Friday, October 30.

### What is the Return Deadline?

By 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

### Did my ballot arrive?

All registered voters can track their ballot by looking up their information here: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>

Join us in making our communities FAIR, VIBRANT and STRONG.

# ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters is a national, nonpartisan organization established in 1920 to encourage citizen participation in government. It neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Join the League and be directly involved in shaping the important issues in our community.

Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 94 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates in all 50 states, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations.

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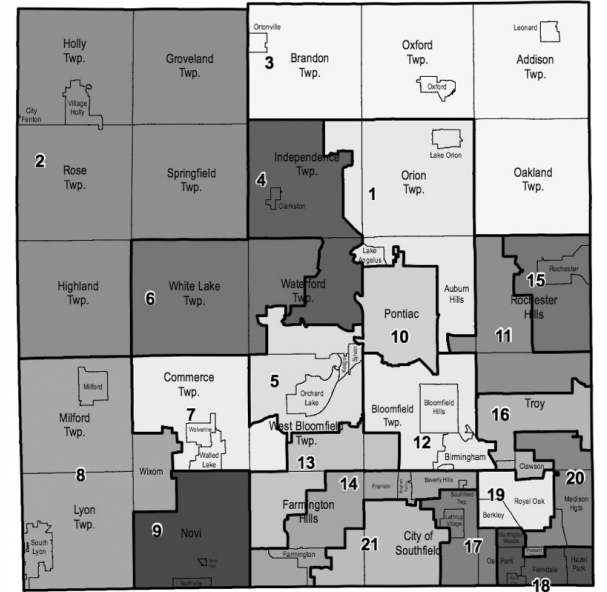
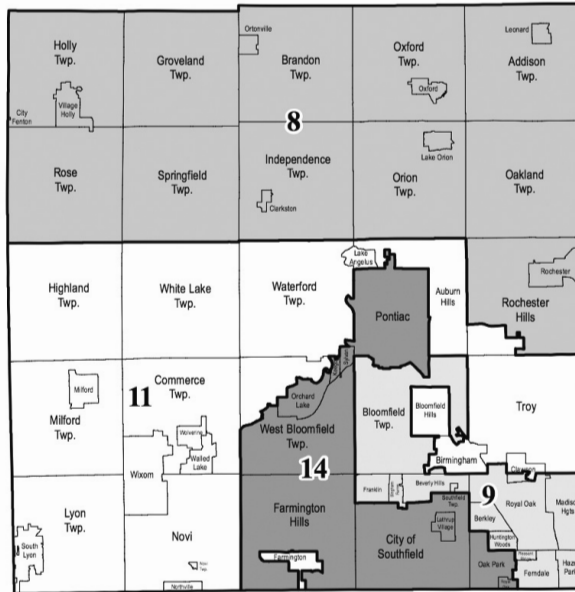
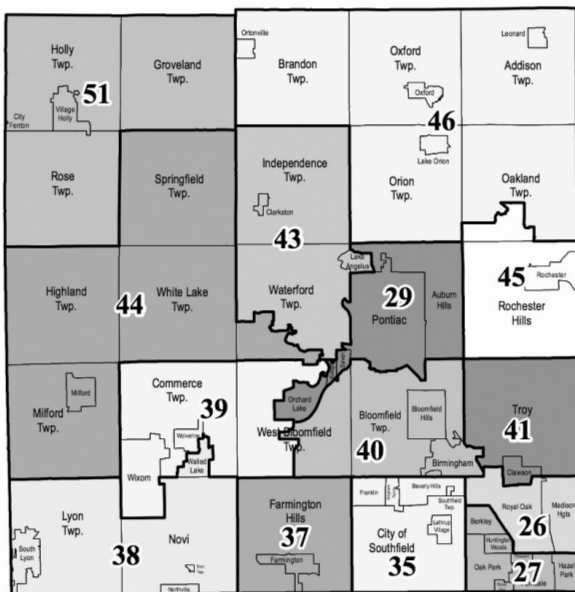
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State Representative Districts 2013-2022

U.S. Congressional Districts 2013-2022

County Commissioner Districts 2013-2022



# President/Vice President of the United States

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

**Duties:** The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress. **Base Salary:** \$400,000 per year

**ALL CANDIDATES WHO WILL APPEAR ON YOUR STATE'S BALLOT ARE LISTED BELOW BUT ONLY THOSE THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WERE INVITED TO RESPOND TO THE LEAGUE'S QUESTIONS IN THIS GUIDE.**

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes

### JOE BIDEN

PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Campaign Instagram:** <http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/>

**Campaign YouTube:** <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWNpXitY8eJ-ku6M-v25MKw>

**Q: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?**

A: It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

**Q: What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?**

A: Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

**Q: How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?**

A: America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

**Q: What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?**

A: My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

**Q: What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?**

A: This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

### DONALD J. TRUMP

PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Campaign Website:**

**Campaign Email:**

**Campaign Facebook:**

**Campaign Twitter:**

**Campaign Instagram:**

**Campaign YouTube:**

**Q: What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?**

A: - Candidate has not yet responded.

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**YOUR VOTE**  
Counts

## Other Presidential Candidates

The following candidates have qualified for the Michigan state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Michigan, but did not meet the LWVEF criteria for participation in the voter guide questionnaire:

**JO JORGENSEN**

PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

**Vice-Presidential Running Mate:** Jeremy Cohen

**Website:** [jo20.com](http://jo20.com)

**DON BLANKENSHIP**

PARTY: U.S. TAXPAYERS

**Vice-Presidential Running Mate:** William Mohr

**Website:** [www.donblankenship.com](http://www.donblankenship.com)

**HOWIE HAWKINS**

PARTY: GREEN

**Vice-Presidential Running Mate:** Angela Walker

**Website:** [howiehawkins.us](http://howiehawkins.us)

**ROCKY DE LA FUENTE**

PARTY: NATURAL LAW PARTY

**Vice-Presidential Running Mate:** Darcy Richardson

**Website:** [rocky101.com](http://rocky101.com)

# U. S. Senator

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

**Duties:** U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.  
**Qualifications:** A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

<b>CANDIDATE’S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE:</b> <i>What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?</i>	<b>ECONOMY:</b> <i>What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?</i>
<p><b>GARY PETERS</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://petersformichigan.com/">http://petersformichigan.com/</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://facebook.com/PetersForMichigan">http://facebook.com/PetersForMichigan</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/GaryPeters">twitter.com/GaryPeters</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> United States Senator  <b>Education:</b> After Alma College, I put myself through night school, earning degrees from Michigan State University, Wayne State University Law School and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy.  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Michigan native, 20+ years experience in business, served in the U.S. Navy Reserve rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, served in elected positions in local, state, and federal governments.</p>	<p>As we continue to work through the pandemic, it’s never been more critical that Michiganders have access to quality, affordable health care. I have worked to protect and strengthen the Affordable Care Act and oppose the GOP-led lawsuit to overturn it in the Supreme Court which would gut protections for pre-existing conditions for over 1.7 million Michiganders and raise health care costs. I’ve fought to ensure Medicare and Medicaid are fully funded, and worked to bring down the cost of prescription drugs by passing legislation to fight big pharmaceutical companies’ from monopolizing the lower cost, generic drug market.</p>	<p>My top priorities include rebuilding our economy and creating good-paying jobs in Michigan to strengthen our middle class. I’ve passed legislation to promote manufacturing in Michigan, support small businesses and expand opportunities in the skilled trades and am working to bring back manufacturing of critical medical supplies. Before entering public service, I worked in business for over 20 years, and understand the unique challenges that small businesses face and their critical role in our economy. That’s why I helped pass the Small Business Jobs Act which provided tens of millions of dollars to Michigan.</p>
<p><b>JOHN JAMES</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.johnjamesforsenate.com">http://www.johnjamesforsenate.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI">http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/JohnJamesMI">twitter.com/JohnJamesMI</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> U.S. Senate Candidate, former Army Captain, President-James Group International  <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems from Penn State University, Masters of Business Administration from the University of MI  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> Ranger-qualified aviation officer, served in Operation Iraqi Freedom earning a Combat Action Badge (CAB) and two Air Medals while logging over 750 flight hours, leading 2 Apache Helicopter Platoons</p>	<p>We are facing a major crisis right now with COVID, which has stressed our nation’s healthcare systems. Any healthcare plan that I support must absolutely protect individuals with pre-existing conditions, lower drug prices, and protect seniors. We must also protect Medicare/Medicaid and work to ensure their long-term sustainability. We need a patient-centered, market-based approach that works for everyone. We need to keep the parts of the Affordable Care Act that work and replace the parts that don’t, including those that increase prices. We must empower doctors &amp; patients, not insurance companies and the federal gov.</p>	<p>Michigan is home to the most innovative manufacturers, agricultural producers in the world. I support trade policies that bring back and protect US jobs. As a member of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan’s Workforce Development Council, I’ve worked to help make the American Dream possible for Michiganders. Politicians talk about bringing manufacturing back, but we need leaders to actually support policies that bring those jobs back. I also support opportunity zones to help revive areas hurt most by COVID. Americans aren’t looking for free stuff, just a fair shot. I look forward to bringing my experience to the U.S. Senate.</p>
<p><b>VALERIE L. WILLIS</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://willisforcongress.com">http://willisforcongress.com</a>  <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Licensed Insurance Agent-11years; Wealth Advisor, IRA, Pensions, Annuities, Medical Care, More  <b>Education:</b> AA-Associate Degree in Fine Arts BA-Bachelor Degree Liberal Arts/Minor English MAc-Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Community Leadership BS-(unf) Business/English Lang &amp; Lt  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> 11 years licensed insurance agent: wealth advisor: medicare, medical coverage, health saving accounts; medicaid; social security pensions; annuities and ira rollovers: farmer 19 years navy wife 16 yrs</p>	<p>The government has a limited role in health care! This is the states right to create laws on medical coverage for all. Let the experts take care of this-the insurance carriers are the experts, for over 245 years! Obama tried to break the carriers and invade their income streams. We can cover all the people of this country by state, with pre-existing conditions and disabilities, we the people need to control our own policies. I have solved this problem and i urge my voters to come and meet me and listen to my solution, it is the only one that makes any sense. I am the expert in this area.</p>	<p>A true free market in michigan-less regulation of businesses; nothing that stops trade inside of michigan, the USA and worldwide; government needs to stop interfering in business trade; the michigan economy has been decimated by Gov. Whitmer’s unconstitutional executive orders; our business economy has been decimated, yet no where in our mich constitution or us constitution says the govt can shut down our economy yet we allowed them to at great financial losses; we have the right to due process to sue the state of michigan for our losses this is common in the insurance world to make up our losses.</p>
<p><b>MARCIA SQUIER</b> PARTY: GREEN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/395494/marcia-t-squier">http://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/395494/marcia-t-squier</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/MarciaSquier4Senate/">http://www.facebook.com/MarciaSquier4Senate/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/triple_marcia">twitter.com/triple_marcia</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Valet Supervisor for a local, Michigan-based company  <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Science Degree Wayne State University Class of 1997 Psychology Major  <b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> 2 terms on local park association (IGPA) Board of Directors-Chairman &amp; 2nd Vice President 1 term as secretary for local middle school parent-teacher committee</p>	<p>We all deserve to have universal basic healthcare, especially with an ongoing global pandemic. We also need more healthcare providers, which is why my #HIRE jobs program focuses on Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We would also need more educators in order to accomplish this goal. And we could absolutely afford this if we just simply ended the endless wars and enacted a GI Bill for All type legislation. People could do voluntary community service instead of military servitude. Working towards peace instead of more costly wars, death and destruction.</p>	<p>I believe that if we are our best, healthiest, most educated selves, not only would our economy be improved, but also the quality of life overall, in addition to a significant reduction in crimes of desperation. If we invest into ourselves, our healthcare and education, by expanding already existing legislation to include everyone, regardless of age or military status, we could ensure lifelong basic healthcare and higher education beyond high school. Skilled trades and STEM fields are very crucial in today’s day and age, and we’re only hurting ourselves if we fail to achieve this goal.</p>
<p><b>DOUG DERN</b> PARTY: NATURAL LAW</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>

# U. S. Senator

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**Qualifications:** A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

**ELECTIONS:**

*What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?*

Voting is at the core of our democracy and every American has the right to make their voices heard at the ballot box. I support policies to curb the influence of money in elections and make it easier to vote. I’m a proud cosponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect and expand voting rights. And as the President attempts to disenfranchise Americans from voting, I’m working to modernize our voter registration system, reduce long wait times to vote, prohibit deceptive practices that could discourage voting, and make sure that the people of the state of Michigan are able to vote absentee.

I served in the U.S. Army to defend and protect the rights and freedoms of this country. I support and encourage every American’s right to vote. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. In Michigan, it is law of the land for every registered voter to be able to vote absentee with no reason.

I, Valerie Willis, support in person voting! Get rid of the machine voting where only a few companies own all the machines. Go back to paper ballots, with pens to vote with, with men and women counting by hand, locally in every voting precinct and township! Which will result in a real true count! Each county individually accountable! To the voters... Show up and vote for every election, and vote in your township and county! This is how we the people remain free by exercising our right to vote! Assemble your counties michigan general jural assembly...Power resides in the republic

I advocate for hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, as opposed to our current system of machine-counted with government oversight. Our central tabulators are extremely vulnerable to electioneering. I do not support the use of privately owned machinery, owned by companies that donate to campaigns and/or parties. I support taxpayer-funded recounts as opposed to taxpayer-funded major party primaries (especially ones that use superdelegates- the single largest form of voter disenfranchisement in existence today). I support taxpayer-funded general elections with Ranked Choice Voting (and/or Approval Voting).

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**SOCIAL INJUSTICE:**

*Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?*

From police violence to the impact of COVID-19 on minority communities, it’s clear Black and Brown Americans face institutional racism. We must address inequities in our society including fixing economic, health and educational disparities in addition to reforming our criminal justice system. That’s why I’m leading legislation to improve community policing, support commonsense policing reforms, and fought to increase access to capital for minority-owned businesses amid the pandemic. I will continue fighting so every Michigander can achieve our nation’s promise of justice, prosperity and equality for all.

As a black man, as a father of three boys, I was heartbroken to see the video of George Floyd. And the others that have come before him. My father grew up in the Jim Crow South. I’m in the position to run for US Senate because somebody marched for me. My father moved to MI, started a family business and I’m looking forward to using my platform and opportunity to fight for anybody else who wants to work for an opportunity to achieve the American dream. We need to offer all in Michigan, who wish to achieve it, a path to prosperity. This path will tear down barriers, increase access, and provide economic opportunity.

I, Valerie Willis, support constitutional rights and michigan constitutional rights, as originally intended. I support these constitutional rights for all men, women and children, elderly, disabled, veterans and more, of every race and nation that lives in our country and in my state. It is time we rise to our original constitutional sovereign status, as we the people and enact our unalienable rights. All should be treated the same, and equal under law.

I do believe that there is systemic racism, economic disparity and social injustices that should be addressed by Congress. This includes breaking up corporate monopolies, increasing the minimum wage, stricter penalties for law enforcement and elected officials that abuse their positions, and ending the War on Drugs by retroactively legalizing cannabis and decriminalization of drugs in general. If we had universal healthcare and education, less people would self-medicate their problems away and seek proper treatment instead.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:**

*What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?*

We need to invest in clean energy job creation and support measures to tackle the threat of climate change, which will continue to harm the Great Lakes and threaten our way of life. I am committed to reducing carbon pollution, building a clean energy economy that supports both our economic needs and provides environmental justice. I’ve passed legislation to prevent catastrophic oil spills on the Great Lakes and curtail the use of toxic PFAS chemicals. I’ve also secured historic Great Lakes funding to clean up contaminated lakes, beaches and waterways, and prevent the spread of invasive species.

Here in Michigan, we have amazing national treasures, like the Great Lakes. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that will focus on affordable energy. I will champion policies and programs that protect environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protect them from invasive species. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in Michigan and need to guarantee it for future seasons.

Energy: we are still in the era of coal and gas, this is a reality of living now. We need to get the lowest energy rates for our patriots in michigan, while providing safe jobs to our workers in the energy industry. Gas heating is too expensive for most people and needs to be lowered. Environment: michigan is a chemicalled septic tank, there is no other way to describe our beloved state. Anyone who denies this is a liar. We are at the top in cancer in the nation and in pfas contamination in the united states. We have contaminated flouride water in water pipes in our homes

I support as part of my #HIRE jobs program, going 100% fossil fuel-free ASAP. I support strict penalties for polluters and poachers. We need to invest in renewable energy and infrastructure over the next decade if we are going to continue to evolve as a nation and civilization. Skilled trades investment for the betterment of all. Innovation will be key in the future, both near and distant.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**IMMIGRATION:**

*What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?*

As Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, securing our borders and upholding our laws is my top priority. Immigrants are essential to the fabric of our nation, strengthening our communities and economy. That’s why I support comprehensive immigration reform, common sense laws to strengthen our borders, a tough but fair path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are already working and paying taxes here, and keeping families together.

Our immigration system is broken, and I believe that both parties have failed. No one wants to see families separated. America is a nation of immigrants and we are also a nation of laws. I will work to support reform of the legal immigration system that provides security while supporting our economy. We need comprehensive immigration reform that will help our nation grow and retain talent and thrive while also protecting our national security. I am the only candidate in Michigan’s US Senate race who has ever had to secure a border. I will work with anyone to work toward meaningful reform that ensures secure borders.

I, Valerie Willis, support the willis plan for immigration and will take this plan with me when i win my race, and will fight for the right to finally get to true immigration reform. 1) Close all borders of the usa until we have immigration reform and until we (house, senate and president) agree 2) close the mich border until further notice until we the people of mich have true immig. Reform. No new immigrants in until true reform has been achieved by our house, senate and governor 3) whomever is in the usa, or michigan now, stays, and must immediately proceed to gain their citizenship.

I support giving a welcoming path to citizenship for all people without violent pasts. People with other types of criminal pasts should be eligible for citizenship after a probationary period. Our country was founded by immigrants and descendants of immigrants. It should always be the country people want to go to when they can’t stand their own. If we end the endless war, the refugee crisis would be greatly diminished, and more people would stay in their homeland if it wasn’t war-torn. Too many of us have no idea what it’s like to live in a country that sees military bombings regularly.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

# U. S. Congress

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

**HEALTH CARE:**  
*What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?*

**ECONOMY:**  
*What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ U.S. House, District 8 ★ ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

**Duties:** Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.  
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**Education:** I graduated from Cornell with a BA, and from Columbia University with a Masters in International Affairs.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Before I was elected in 2018, I spent my career in national service. I served three tours in Iraq with the CIA, and served under both Presidents Bush and Obama at the White House and the Pentagon.

All Americans deserve access to affordable health care, and I'll continue to defend funding for Medicare and Medicaid. We need to defend and advance the progress made under the ACA, and I believe that must include allowing a Medicare buy-in for anyone at any age. Health care reform must be accompanied by serious prescription drug pricing reform, which is why I worked to pass two major bills through the House that would lower the cost of prescription drugs. COVID-19 has reminded us of the inequalities in our healthcare system, and we must act to ensure all Americans have access to an affordable future vaccine.

Michigan is the birthplace of the middle class, and we must enact policies that help Michigan's middle class succeed. The COVID-19 crisis shows that bringing manufacturing back to the U.S. is a homeland security and economic imperative, and our recovery plans should reflect that. For our communities to thrive, we need to invest in preparing our workforce for the 21st century workplace. Businesses tell me they have trouble finding the local talent they need to compete, especially in fields like IT and health care. We should invest in job training programs to match talent to opportunity in our own communities.

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I meet the Constitutional requirements of age, citizenship, and residency.

I support removing government meddling from healthcare. During the first few weeks of the Covid pandemic, the CDC prohibited competition in development of tests. This is just one example of how the political control over the healthcare industry limits the options for consumers and creates costly barriers to necessary medical services. Due to regulatory capture, government agencies often slow development of and access to new medicines, devices, and technologies that may improve quality of care and reduce cost of care.

The only defensible role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. I advocate for removing unproductive regulations, reducing and eliminating taxes, and getting government out of the way of private enterprise. These regulations, including intellectual property laws and occupational licensing, actively hurt people by stifling human energy, innovation, and well-being.



# U. S. Congress

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*What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ U.S. House, District 8 ★ ★ ★ ★

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I don't take corporate PAC money, so my constituents know I work for them, not special interests. We need to curb unlimited spending in elections, end partisan gerrymandering, and upend a culture of corruption. I have led legislation to prevent foreign interference in our elections by ensuring foreign governments can't purchase domestic political ads. I supported the reforms MI voters approved in Propositions 2 & 3 and Secretary of State Benson's efforts to ensure voters can vote by mail. I am a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure minority voters are given equal access to the ballot.

Congress must address systemic racism and inequality. I was a co-sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement act, which requires states to seek federal permission before making changes to election procedure that could impact accessibility for communities of color. We must address racial disparities evident in police abuses and in the disparate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. I support survivors of sexual assault and harassment, and introduced legislation to stop Secretary DeVos from making it harder for survivors to successfully come forward with Title IX claims. I also am a supporter of the Equality Act.

The development of clean energy technologies like wind and solar not only helps our environment, it also means economic potential. Michigan has always been a leader in manufacturing, and I will fight to make sure we're in a position to welcome the next generation of high-skilled, well-paying jobs to our state. I believe access to clean water is a homeland security issue, because it is about the safety of our communities. I championed six provisions to protect against the "forever chemical" PFAS that were signed into law by the President. In Congress, I am a member of the bipartisan Great Lakes Taskforce.

Our immigration system is broken and not working for anyone. I'm committed to working on a bipartisan basis for reform that is keyed to the needs of our economy, including strengthening border security, reforming our temporary worker programs, and providing a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I wrote bipartisan legislation that passed the House to ensure humane treatment in immigration detention centers. I co-sponsored the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would establish a program for agriculture workers in the US to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment & contribution to the US economy.

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The Libertarian Party presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and should be included in the presidential and vice presidential debates. Ranked choice voting sounds like a good idea. Based on the 10th amendment, I advocate for the passage of the Daylight Act, which would end federally mandated clock changing by allow the laws passed by state legislatures to implement permanent daylight savings time.

The most explicit example of systemic racism is the social security system. The taxes are confiscated from workers and benefits are paid to older people. The system disproportionately hurts low income workers by reducing their discretionary income. Based on the demographics of these groups, the outcome reflects systemic racism. Abolishing payroll taxes would be an effective way to reduce systemic racism and wealth inequality. Ending the drug war, ending qualified immunity, and demilitarizing the police would help to reduce the social injustice imposed by law enforcement.

I support policies that would remove the government barriers to replacing coal-burning and oil-burning power plants with safe, non-polluting, high-tech nuclear power plants. Generation IV nuclear power is an effective way to reduce carbon emissions. I also support deregulating the use of off-grid solar power.

I advocate for expanded immigration and welcoming peaceful people to immigrate to the United States. A truly free market requires the free movement of people, not just products and ideas.



# U. S. Congress

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## HEALTH CARE:

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## ECONOMY:

*What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ U.S. House, District 9 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Chief Workforce Officer for the State of MI, staff attorney to President Clinton's labor law reform commission, consultant for the USDOL, and assistant director of organizing at the AFL-CIO.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the federal role in health care has never been clearer. We've seen in real-time what happens when leadership is abdicated: we were late in preparing, the response was chaotic, and pitting state against state in the race for medical supplies contributed to the deaths of over 180,000 Americans. Many who perished were from poor, minority communities. This disproportionate toll combined with the uncoordinated public health response has underscored my commitment to universal health care as embodied in the Medicare for All bill, ensuring access to quality, affordable health care.

The U.S. economy was beset by the worst inequality of income and wealth in a century before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the crisis is making it worse and laying bare all manner of injustice. In Congress I have worked hard to raise the national minimum wage to \$15 with no sub-minimums for tipped workers; protect workers' pensions; restore the freedom to form unions and bargain collectively; provide universal childcare and pre-school and excellent public school education for every child; and make college free or affordable for all.

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The Federal govt needs to reduce start up regulations to allow more insurance companies to open up and create more competition. More competition equals lower prices. Insurance companies must also provide individually tailored plans. For example a 25 year old male does not need urology coverage so take that out of the plan and it will lower premiums. Big Pharma is way out of control we must wrangle them in and lower drug prices. The whole pharmaceutical industry regulations need a huge overhaul. It is unjust to charge what they charge.

Lower taxes and cut burdensome regulations that kill economic growth. Ending the Federal Reserve and return to a gold backed currency issued by the Treasury. Article 1 section 8 of the constitution says only congress will have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof.

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I don't believe the federal government does have a role in health care. I do agree with most people that we need to completely change the way we view healthcare in this country. But the government is not the solution because government hasn't been the solution yet. Many people think we need universal government healthcare because the system we have now isn't working. But the system we have now is The ACA aka Obamacare. People believed we needed Obama because the system we had wasn't working. That system was managed care created by Medicare and Medicaid. It was before this when health was most affordable.

The full repeal of the 16th amendment in order to abolish the IRS, corporate tax, payroll tax, estate tax, and income tax. Make the United States where the entire world will want to do business and where the workers keep 100% of what they earn. The 16th amendment did not come about until 1913. We didn't need the IRS when we were building ourselves into a gilded age and we don't need it to do it again.

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The Covid-19 pandemic has brought to light many of the social and health disparities we have seen in our communities across this country. This is the richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans in poor health. Medical insurance is a dream to many and a financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your pocket. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

During these unprecedented times, the working class has seen that federal policies to stimulate the economy come before the health of millions of Americans. Over the years, the tax breaks given to big corporations and the gutting of social programs have left the working class with no answers in the midst of a crisis. A healthy economy will exist when the needs of working-class areas are met instead of being used as political leverage. This is not going to happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.



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The COVID-19 crisis is not just a public health and economic crisis, but a threat to our democracy. I'm glad that voters in MI set in place important safeguards like approving Prop 3 in 2018. This amendment makes it easier to vote by mail. In Congress, I have been proud to support election reform in H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which puts a stop to voter roll purging; shines a light on dark money by including my amendment requiring greater transparency for corporate contributions; and raises the bar on financial disclosures to root out potential conflicts and strengthen the enforcement of ethics laws.

Yes, of course! I support many policing and criminal justice reforms, increasing transparency of police records, and ending the militarization of police. I have been a lifelong advocate for working people, and will continue to fight the weakening of our labor unions who protect health and wages most especially for people of color. I cosponsored H.R. 8 to strengthen our firearm background check system, as our Black community who suffers disproportionate effects of gun violence. As Vice Chair of the Ed and Labor committee, I am committed to an equitable system of education across our classrooms and public universities.

Climate change is our #1 existential threat. It's our duty to ensure the planet that our next generations will inherit not only survives, but thrives. I'm a cosponsor of the Green New Deal, and I support efforts to move us in the direction of a 100% renewable energy future. I introduced the Electric Vehicle (EV) Freedom Act to promote EV adoption by creating a real EV charging infrastructure on our highway system. I have sought every opportunity to fight contamination in our communities from 'forever chemicals' like PFAS, force clean-up of toxic waste in Madison Heights, and to hold corporate polluters accountable.

We see the benefits of immigration in the diversity of our communities, and reflected in the productivity of our labor force. When it comes to consumer demands, especially agricultural and seasonal industries, New Americans contribute to an outsized level. I have personally traveled to our nation's border to inspect detention centers, and I am outraged that the way we are treating immigrants does not reflect our values as a nation. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal immigration system to provide a pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, and protects our borders.

No on the mail in ballots. We absolutely need election reform. We must take the big money out of elections. Politicians become beholden to the special interests before they even take their oath of office. We should use local high school gymnasiums to host meet and greets, town halls, and debates. The taxpayers already pay for the schools let's use them. We also must make the media due their civic duty and provide space for written articles and time for radio ads and tv ads. Fair and equal coverage of the candidates. The whole getting elected process is a multi billion dollar industry that breeds corruption.

Children in lower class neighborhoods are not getting a fair education. We must have school vouchers that allow parents to send their children to schools of choice, charter or private schools and or homeschooling. Where you live should not determine the type of education you receive.

We absolutely have to protect our air and water quality. I am fully against polluting, I am an outdoorsman that loves to fish and hunt. I want our water to be clean and chemical free. We also live in a world that uses fossil fuels. We have to drill for oil and use it. We must do so responsibly. I am fully against any green new deal policy's not only are they asinine but also destructive to our way of life. I am for transitioning to renewable energy but it must come along at a natural pace based upon technological advances.

i support stopping chain migration, and visa lotteries. We must have a MERIT BASED immigration policy. We must stop the inflow of people coming in here illegally. Illegal immigration drives down wages, takes resources from struggling American citizens and some of them commit crimes. We have to know who we are letting in our country and have the ability to prevent criminals from coming into our country. It would be nice to not need a wall, and we would not need one if there were no sanctuary cities and states that refuse to enforce immigration laws. Sadly that is not the case so we need a wall.

I support the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting for federal elections, mail in ballots for whoever wants one, direct election of electors to the electoral college, and an end to federal campaign funding which serves only serves the two big parties that have been failing us for the last 100 years.

Systemic racism does exist in that we have a system made up of people and people are flawed. When racist people have some control over the system, the system can become racist. The solution is to limit the power of the government to the most basic needs. The fewer intrusions the government has into our lives, the fewer opportunities there are for bad actors to use those intrusions to create injustice with their own prejudice

Create more energy by opening up nuclear energy. Limit pollution by scaling back the military, the biggest polluter on Earth. Protect water, air, and land by return public lands to the private sector. Many public lands that our leased for mining, oil production, or forestry are mistreated because the companies leasing them have no skin in the game once they are done. Force the companies to take care of the land by the financial incentive of holding it's value. Neighboring land is polluted while government looks the other as they temporarily benefit from the lease. Enforce property rights of those being polluted.

Freedom of Movement is a human right. Free and open borders ensure this right. Our nation's motto is E pluribus unum, From Many, One. Continue the tradition that made this country what it is. Open the borders to bring in the many to form the one.

Each election cycle there are vast amounts of money put into the campaigns of two political parties soliciting for votes. Legislation will not change how elections have been run. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy will find a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the laws says. We have had systems in place to handle the mail-in process before being attacked and stripped. The election process does not address the concerns of the working class. The only way to combat this type of legislation is for workers to create their own political party that will advance workers' issues

Systemic racism, economic disparity and other social injustices that the working-class faces every day will not be changed by Congress. The disparities and injustices we see in our communities have a direct connection to the economic status of that area. The wealth of this country, that is produced by workers, is given to banks and corporations instead of funding the projects needed to combat systemic racism and economic disparities among other items. Social programs such as Medicare, SSI, and public assistance are being attacked each year. The money is there to provide solutions to the problems of the working class.

Science has revealed different ways to produce sustainable energy without destroying the planet, but decisions are being made based on profit, not humanity. Energy-producing methods such as fracking, are obviously destroying the planet, but more sites are popping up all over the country. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. Protecting our water, air and land means not exploiting them for individual gains. The changes that are needed to protect the laboring population are not going to come just through legislation, but rather a fight from the working class.

The United States was founded on the backs of immigrants and slaves. The economic success seen in this country can be attributed to the labor of immigrant workers who have come here seeking a better life or to escape oppression in their home country. Immigrant workers, like many citizens born in the U.S. simply want to work, contribute to their communities and provide a safe environment for their families. They earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and revenue. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, threatened to speak up for themselves. I support full, immediate citizenship!

# U. S. Congress

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**Education:** After graduating from Seaholm High School, I earned a master's degree in social policy and philosophy and a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from American University.

**Qualifications and Experience:** Before being elected to Congress, I served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue Task Force. After serving in the Obama Administration, I worked in a manufacturing research lab.

The cost of health care, and prescription drugs in particular, is something I constantly hear about from constituents. In Congress, I have fought to expand access to affordable and high-quality healthcare. I helped pass legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, protect patients with pre-existing conditions, crack down on junk insurance plans, and lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies. I also support proposals to lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to help expand coverage to more Americans, and have fought against cuts to Medicaid.

In Congress, I have worked with Republicans and Democrats to deliver for Michigan's economy by passing the USMCA and the American Manufacturing Leadership Act, legislation I authored to promote innovation and close the skills gap. I am laser-focused on rebuilding our economy as we fight this pandemic and economic crisis. In Michigan's 11th District, that starts with strengthening our manufacturing economy, creating good-paying jobs by repairing our crumbling infrastructure, and investing in skills training programs to ensure that every Michigander has a path to a good career, whether college is right for them or not.

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**Qualifications and Experience:** J.D. RN

I as a professional nurse for almost 8 years and saw the health care system first hand. Health care belongs to the person, not the government. Our health care system appears to be rising to the challenge of this pandemic. I worry that tearing apart our current system would jeopardize that ability. Obamacare has added to the waste in the system, creating larger medical bureaucracies, while failing to control costs. We need to tackle costs and reduce the big bureaucracies. "Medicare for all" will remove choice without addressing costs. It will gut benefits and drive doctors and nurses to leave the profession.

Spending, tax policy, and regulations are now the playthings of politicians and the lobbyists who finance them. This has created a system that hurts the middle class, exacerbates inequality, eliminates jobs, and fundamentally rigs the economy in favor of the powerful and well-connected. We need an economic policy that focuses on jobs. That means we need a simpler tax policy that stops giving politicians the power to reward big businesses and industries. Finally America's regulatory structure needs to stop punishing small businesses, which serve as the backbone of our economy and provide the best pathway to wealth.

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**Qualifications and Experience:** I don't & won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life. I'm not a busybody. I don't want spend your money or manage your life.

The mandatory closures & stay-at-home orders have bad consequences such as: (1) an increase in deaths from strokes & heart attacks because people are afraid to go to hospitals; (2) an increase in deaths of despair from suicide, opioid overdose & alcoholism; (3) an increase in domestic violence; (4) a decrease in life expectancy & quality of life because people don't go to physicians, dentists & therapists for diagnosis & treatment of health problems. Because Democrats & Republicans ignore unintended consequences, their attempt to fight covid-19 ruined public health, education & our economy.

Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies & other privileges to big business. Oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate voluminous & incomprehensible laws. For example, doctors fear being prosecuted for violating this week's interpretation of this week's healthcare laws.

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In Congress, I have worked to protect our democracy and secure our elections. I proudly voted for legislation to strengthen voting rights, strengthen the security and integrity of federal elections, and reduce the role of big money in politics. I believe the Citizens United decision should be overturned so we can return power to the American people where it belongs. I support policies that make it easier for eligible American citizens to vote, many of which are already in place in Michigan, including vote-by-mail, expanded absentee voting, and same-day registration.

Systemic racism has existed in our country for centuries, beginning with our original sin of slavery. Today, our nation is facing an inflection point on the issue of police brutality, and new data shows that COVID-19 disproportionately harms people of color. We have a responsibility to right these wrongs, and strive to create a more perfect union with liberty and justice for all. I voted for the Justice in Policing Act, a bill to improve police accountability and end racial profiling. On the Education & Labor Committee, I have worked to address disparities in our schools, hospitals, workplaces, and environment.

Addressing the threat of climate change is the challenge of our generation, and we need to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and reduce carbon emissions in coordination with the rest of the world. As a Member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I have also been a champion of clean energy, sustainable manufacturing, electric vehicle development, and protecting our Great Lakes and other natural resources. I have also introduced a bipartisan bill to develop new technologies to improve our plastics recycling capability, and passed legislation to address the threat of PFAS contamination.

Congress must continue working to fix our broken immigration system by securing our borders and formalizing a path to citizenship for those living, working, and paying taxes in the U.S., and even serving in our military. I oppose proposals that seek to reduce legal immigration, which would lock talented individuals out of our economy. I have supported bipartisan proposals to make it easier for high-skilled immigrants to come here through the employment-based green card system. We also need to ensure consistent, humane practices at our borders that do not separate families.

I will defend the right of everyone to vote, as well as their right to free speech. I oppose taxpayer funding of elections. Taxpayers should not pay politicians to run negative ads. In Michigan, every citizen has the right to vote by mail, but this right must be exercised lawfully. I worry about the Secretary of State engaging in unconstitutional efforts to impact our elections.

There are clearly injustices, and a host of problems and disparities across the country. We need safe communities, good jobs, broad-based quality education, and everyone must be treated equally. Slogans like "defund the police" are reckless and wrong, and they won't solve anything. We need to hold police accountable and ensure they are properly trained. When laws are broken, we need a justice system that punishes people according to their actions, not the color of their skin. Congress is at its best when it defend principals like equal access to justice and liberty.

The decreased demand for U.S. energy and decreases in pollution are moving in the right direction. We are finally shedding our dependence on foreign oil and no longer shipping billions of dollars to the middle east. We must continue to build on that independence and develop new, cleaner ways to produce energy. This is important for our economy. The industrial legacy of dumping toxic chemicals into our air and water is something that we must still work to reverse. Sadly too much tax money that could have been spent on cleaning our world has been spent on lawyers and red-tape.

U.S Immigration policy is completely broken. The politicians play games and exploit the vulnerable. The American people have a clear view: secure the border, treat people decently, send criminals home, and evaluate legal immigrants in a fair and open process. Liberal politicians are part of the broken process. They want 11 million illegal aliens to cut to the front of the line and become citizens. At the same time, they want to shield from punishment illegal aliens who attempt to buy guns. That is nonsensical, and right now we need an immigration policy that makes sense and works for the American people.

(1) I support current law that everyone chooses whether to vote in person. So that voters need not rely on the US Postal Service, every city should have a secure drop box where voters can deposit ballots. (2) Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions from individuals (but not political action committees or other organizations) should likewise be secret.

Government shouldn't discriminate for or against any demographic group. Democrats & Republicans play identity politics & want to use taxpayer money to help groups they like. I don't. I support everyone's right to spend their own time & money helping whomever they want to help.

(1) Protect the environment from pollution & invasive species. (2) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay to rebuild or repair buildings that are repeatedly damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. I oppose this subsidy. (3) Most Republicans deny climate change. Most Democrats think that you are too stupid to adapt to climate change & that they are geniuses who can prevent climate change. I don't. Primitive humans spread through our planet because they adapted to climates that differed greatly over the past 100,000 years.

Immigration policy should focus on people who threaten our safety or who want to sponge off our welfare system. Stop wasting taxpayer money trying to keep out honest people who want to contribute to our society.

# U. S. Congress

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## HEALTH CARE:

*What do you see as the federal government's role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?*

## ECONOMY:

*What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ U.S. House, District 14 ★ ★ ★ ★

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### BRENDA LAWRENCE PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Website:** <http://brendalawrence.com>  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Congresswoman for Michigan's 14th Congressional District  
**Education:** She is an alumna of Pershing High School and, after attending the University of Michigan, she earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Her prior political career is equally extensive, including her election as Mayor of the City of Southfield in November of 2001, when she became the first African American and the first woman to serve.

Brenda believes that if you live in America you have the right to quality healthcare. She has been one of the strongest advocates in Congress for expanding health care coverage, lowering the sky-high costs of prescription drugs, and making medical research a national priority. When you go to the doctor you shouldn't be worried about how you are going to pay for it. When you have been prescribed life-saving drugs, you shouldn't have to ration doses just to afford them. That's why Brenda is fighting for Medicare for All and an expanded ACA.

Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked hard to preserve the dignity of work and expand economic opportunities in her district. She's also committed to ensuring that emerging companies and entrepreneurs in the region have the opportunities and resources needed to explore innovative business ideas and position themselves for future success. As a true friend of organized labor, Brenda fights for workers every day. She supports the rights of unions and recognizes the importance of collective bargaining, which is why she cosponsored the PRO Act to protect the basic right for workers to join a union.

### ROBERT VANCE PATRICK PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Website:** <http://vancepatrick4congress.com>  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Self employed General Contractor for over 20 years. Licensed Michigan residential builder.  
**Education:** 2 associates degrees from Oakland community college. Bachelors of Science degree from Grand Valley State University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** R. Vance Patrick is a candidate for US Congress in Michigan's 14th District. Vance has lived, worked, and volunteered throughout the district. He led volunteers to reopen the nations oldest Aquarium.

The COVID 19 crisis exposed shortcomings on the federal level regarding the control and containment of infectious disease. A thorough review of U.S. policies related to travel to and from foreign countries, vaccinations and other areas is call for. Once that house is in order we can address its impact on other programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

The three years prior to the COVID 19 crisis saw an historic revival and expansion of the American economy. This was widely experienced across all sectors, including minority groups that too often are left behind. Most of this was due to the removal of regulations that impede the economy. The crisis put much of that on hold, and the fastest way to help all sectors of the economy rebound is to return to the process of deregulation as quickly as possible.

### LISA LANE GIOIA PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

Government lacks the competence to address any aspect of healthcare; decisions should be made between patients and physicians, and restrictions and agencies eliminated in order to achieve efficacy, innovation, and rapid response. When emergencies arise, they should be handled at a more local level as individual communities can best implement strategies that are suited to their respective needs. Waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid must be eradicated as we evolve into government-free systems which provide quality, humanity, and efficiency that are infinitely superior to politicized, centralized healthcare.

Why is government allowed to run up charges arbitrarily and infinitely, resulting in crippling debt for future generations and destabilizing our economy? Eliminating government bureaus, agencies and programs that are wasteful, redundant and inefficient, and returning that money to the taxpayers (to whom it rightfully belongs) is, together with ending regulations, the way to economic prosperity. Most, if not all, services the government purports to provide could be handled with much better results by the free market and private enterprises.



# U. S. Congress

**ELECTIONS:**

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**SOCIAL INJUSTICE:**

*Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?*

**ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:**

*What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?*

**IMMIGRATION:**

*What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?*

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Brenda was a huge advocate for Proposal 3 and was very excited to see it pass. Voting in Michigan is easier in 2020 with the added benefits of straight-ticket voting; automatic voter registration; same-day voter registration; and no-excuse absentee voting during the 40 days before an election. We need to make these policies a nationwide trend and add universal mail-in ballots as the next important proposal.

Everyone deserves the same rights and protections under the law regardless of who they are or who they love. Discrimination in housing, employment, and other facets of American life is immoral, hurts our nation's fragile economy, and must be stopped. Brenda is an advocate of Black Lives Matter and is fighting to combat social injustices everywhere. Brenda is also a supporter of the Equality Act, which passed the House and prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas.

Throughout her time in Congress, Brenda has worked tirelessly to protect the environment and fight the damaging effects of climate change even in the face of reckless rollbacks of environmental protections by the Trump administration. She has opposed the Trump administration's dangerous rollback of water pollution standards, has introduced legislation to help protect endangered wildlife, and continues the fight to have man-made PFAS chemicals declared as a hazardous substance.

The United States is a land of opportunity. Our history has been written by generations of immigrants who have come to our borders looking for the promise of a better life. They have shaped our culture, our economy, and our national story, helping to make us the greatest of nations. Brenda has been a strong advocate for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress and has stood in strong opposition to Donald Trump's cruel and inhumane immigration policies.

The Jill Stein 2016 vote recount exposed disturbing areas of the electoral process that are open to corruption. It seems that broadening the mail-in voting process only increases the opportunity for corruption. Cleaning up the voting system, not loosening the checks against corruption, should be a bipartisan issue.

Any systemic racism exists outside the individual protections of the Constitution. Congress's role in addressing institutionalized racism and disparity should be driven by the members' Oath of Office to protect and uphold the Constitution.

Being personally invested in the reopening and operation of public aquarium in the middle of the Great Lakes water system, I am keenly aware of the importance of protecting our natural resources. It seems unrealistic to expect the United States to wean itself off of the use of fossil fuels for its energy needs, however. We must continually encourage private sector initiatives for more efficient and cleaner energy use.

I support enforcing existing laws related to immigration.

Election rules, including those relating to mail-in voting, should be the purview of the bureaus of election of the respective states. No public funds whatsoever should be funneled to any parties or persons. Incumbents should not be allowed to use public resources for their campaigns. Permitting more voices into debates and instituting voting reforms such as ranked choice voting will broaden the range of opinions, thereby reducing the toxic polarization we see today. Republicans and Democrats both oppose such reforms and block meaningful change any time such presents a threat to their monopoly on power.

So many lives could be vastly improved by true legal reform including an end to qualified immunity and police militarization, and especially the war on drugs which disproportionately affects persons of color. For many years, these failed policies have been recognized as being inequitably harmful, but no substantive changes to our systems have been made by either the left or right. While politicians moralize on the need for reform, their inaction leads directly to stigmatization, tragedy and horrors unfairly borne by minorities. It is time to end the hypocritical, hollow pandering, and institute real reform.

Energy companies using various sources should compete freely without government subsidies or favoritism so that the best companies would survive, rather than those handpicked to receive unfair preference. Individual communities negotiating with private enterprises allows regions to select companies that best meet local needs, and could enable the selection of those whom are insurable, so that, in the event of a disaster, restitution could be made. As the system now stands, government negligence, incompetence and disregard are often causes of environmental crises, but we citizens and taxpayers pay the price.

The problem lies not in persons wishing to immigrate to America, but, as usual, with the government's handling of the immigration system. Persons should be allowed free entry into our country, but no-one should be entitled to publicly-financed handouts. Reform the system to allow anyone in with the provisos that they are not a security threat, and that they will not be privy to taxpayer-sponsored benefits. Free up regulations to allow companies, communities, organizations to sponsor individuals and/or families while assuming full responsibility for those persons until citizenship is granted.

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# U. S. Congress

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### PHILIP KOLODY PARTY: WC

**Website:** <http://workingclassfight.com>  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired from Michigan Civil Rights Dept. investigated complaints of employment bias & police conduct  
**Education:** Graduate from Mumford HS, WSU, then U of M, majoring in history. Took part in Viet Nam war protests and Civil Rights protests. Was in France during May 1968, where I saw potential of working class.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I was born into a working class family, My parents both worked in auto shops. I was active in union, worked on health and safety. I know the only friend the working class has is the working class.

I know what government should do, and that is to protect the health and safety of all people, regardless of race or class or gender. That is the goal of the Working Class Party. But that is not what the two parties have been doing. Political activists in the Democratic Party have taken Medicare and Medicaid as a model for providing health care to the whole population. I do not see these parties able to accomplish that because of the influence of the capitalist class on both of them and the bias this creates in both parties.

The economy needs a radical reconstruction for the benefit of all working people. Reforms proposed by both parties would only continue the present system, under the control and influence of the 5 per cent. Minor policy changes would only continue the illusion that the economy could finally work and benefit the working class. The Working Class Party aims for the empowerment of the working class, its control over the economy and health system, which is the only way improvements can be gained.

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### CLYDE K. SHABAZZ PARTY: GREEN

# WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

## TO WRITE-IN THE NAME OF A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT AND HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT:

If you want to write in the name of someone who is not on the ballot, you may do so in the space provided. Write-in votes will be counted only if that person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate as required by law.

If there is a race in which a candidate whose name is printed on the official ballot for the election dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately before the election, no declaration of intent is necessary. In such a case, the board of election inspectors will count all write-in votes for the write-in candidates for the office sought by the deceased or disqualified candidate.

## TO DECLARE YOURSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE:

You must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official for the office you seek on or before 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately before the election (for the November 4 general election, that would be Friday, October 24).

# U. S. Congress

**ELECTIONS:**

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Yes, I support mailing ballots to all voters, without limitation. And registration and availability for everyone. Voter suppression and domination of the elections by money cannot be reformed, piece by piece. The policy of the Working Class Party aims for true universal voting rights, without limitations by class or gender or race. The opportunity for workers to run for office is limited by the efforts of both parties to control not only who votes but runs, in order to maintain their current monopoly of political power. That power is the target of the Working Class Party.

The history of the U.S. is the history of a system of racial bias, racial repression and a racist structure of the legal system, of the economy and of politics. The structure needs to be overturned by mass movements of the oppressed against that system. Working Class Party hopes this movement that broke out in June will be the beginning of a new period of mobilization. However chaotic it appears, this movement is forcing people of different political persuasions to recognize these problems exist and have to be reckoned with. Something significant has changed.

The greatest problem facing everyone in this country and all of humanity is climate change. The deterioration of the climate is based on the current capitalist system of exploitation of resources and of workers for the benefit of those who control the system. To deal with this problem cannot be carried out with half measures currently proposed by both parties. It can be accomplished only by a radical reconstruction of this economy that today benefits mainly the 5 per cent and corporations and other financial powers. Only the Working Class Party has the vision for such a complete and effective change.

U.S. immigration policy -- both long term and the use of those laws as weapons by the Trump administration -- has the aim of controlling and exploiting working class immigrants in the United States. It also serves to divide the working class so it can better be exploited. The divisions within the working class benefit the capitalist domination of society. The aim of the Working Class Party is unity of the whole working class, which would mean a fight to get rid of the current system of exploitation. The working class has no enemies in the working class. Only outside the working class.

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# YOUR VOTE

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### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.

# State Representative

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## EDUCATION:

*What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 26 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**JIM ELLISON**  
 PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**CHRIS MEISTER**  
 PARTY: REPUBLICAN

**Website:** <http://chrismeister4mirep.com>  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Marketing Director  
**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Central Michigan University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a regular guy who has lived in Royal Oak since 1995. I have been an employee and an employer. In politics, I have worked to champion individual rights and fiscal responsibility.

Federal involvement in education has been a disaster overall, and it can be easily demonstrated that since its intrusion in the 1960s, ever increasing federal funding has yielded ever-poorer results. The logical response is to eliminate the U.S. Dept. of Education altogether and return control to state and local levels. This would allow teachers to teach rather than fulfilling federal bureaucratic mandates. Improving educational outcomes is beyond the capability of any elected official, state bureaucrat or even any teacher, no matter how dedicated. Control over any student's success resides in students and parents.

Michigan was experiencing its most robust economy in generations until Gov. Whitmer responded to the real COVID 19 crisis by shutting down businesses she deemed non-essential. This was an unprecedented overreach of executive power that threw us into a Depression. Only time will tell whether it was necessary or even beneficial from a public health standpoint. The damage is done, however. The only way to undo this devastation is for the state's elected officials to stop trying to pick the winners and losers among businesses operating within our borders. Open everything and slash regulations and taxes across the board.

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 27 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**REGINA WEISS**  
 PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Teacher / City Councilmember  
**Education:** BA in History and Secondary Education from Valparaiso University (2009)  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I serve on the Oak Park City Council & as a Precinct Delegate. I'm also a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools. I'm an active member of my union, & serve as the Alternate Building Rep at my school.

We need to better fund our public schools, & we need to fund them in a way that is equitable. I support the School Finance Research Collaborative Report findings on education funding in Michigan. I believe that all public schools should be given the resources to succeed so that students are able to attend school in their local communities & thrive. I also believe that we need to push back hard against those who propose that school choice is the answer to education inequality. Additionally, we need to eliminate exploitative for-profit charter schools and hold all charter schools to the same standards as public schools.

I believe that we will need a robust economic recovery plan as we persist through & eventually end the COVID-19 crisis. I will also fight to implement a graduated income tax & a 15 dollar minimum wage. I support the Michigan Jobs First legislation to help invest back into our economy & provide quality jobs. I will fight to protect organized labor in Michigan through the repeal right to work. I will also fight to increase revenue sharing with local communities to improve services & invest back into local economic development efforts.

**ELIZABETH GOSS**  
 PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Homemaker and homeschooler  
**Education:** BA, Philosophy, Wichita State University MA, Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

I am in favor of empowering parents to make the best educational choices for their children. During this pandemic, while parents are faced with having to maintain their employment and supervise their children's education (and provide for their developmental and social needs), my years of homeschooling experience give me unique insight into the resources our state could be deploying to support working families who find themselves suddenly providing education themselves.

During this pandemic, we absolutely need to make possible the safe reopening of as many small businesses as possible. For our state to grow in the future, keeping our Michigan businesses financially viable in this difficult time will pave the way to job growth in the future.



# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

*What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?*

**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**

*What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

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<p>Voter fraud is the ultimate disenfranchisement of those legally participating in the electoral process. It should not be tolerated by any political party or government agency. Jill Stein's 2016 recount of Michigan's Presidential votes exposed serious deficiencies in the process that have, shockingly, gone unaddressed by state officials. Mail-in voting exacerbates opportunities for fraud and any official advocating it should be viewed with suspicion. Photo I.D. voting has proved effective. Citizens wanting a voice in elections can go to the polls unless they must vote absentee for health or other legitimate reason.</p>	<p>Protecting Michigan's natural resources should be a priority for everyone in government, but if we hope to reshore jobs that have been lost in the past we will need to reengage Michigan's manufacturing base. This will increase pollution to some degree and require us to find an acceptable balance between jobs and the environment. I believe this can be done. Out of respect to taxpayers, we need to eliminate all state funding in support of alternative energy sources. They are being promoted by special interest,s but if any energy source is really viable as an alternative it should find it own support in the marketplace.</p>	<p>"Justice" is a word that tolerates no modifier—it stands for equality in its application, making no distinctions between rich and poor, skin colors or other factors. When one puts a word like "social" in front of it, it immediately loses its original meaning and becomes something other than justice. There will always be victims of circumstance who may benefit from charity wisely offered. It is in the best interests of the recipients to promote charitable institutions funded by the private sector or religious groups that have better success at offering "a hand up rather than a hand out" than state-funded agencies.</p>	<p>Michigan definitely has a gun violence problem, but it is not the fault of law-abiding citizens who legally own and carry guns. We are living in a time when a vocal portion of our society openly advocates defunding police while promoting mob violence. Some of our elected officials brazenly agree while too many others are timid in defending the rule of law. Given this situation, it would be irresponsible and immoral to expect law-abiding citizens to surrender their last means of protecting their lives and property. I agree with Detroit Police Chief James Craig in his defense of the rights of responsible gun owners.</p>

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<p>I believe that the state should pay to mail a ballot application to every registered voter, regardless of if they are already on a permanent absentee list or not. I also believe that local clerks should be able to begin counting absentee ballots before election day to ensure rapid &amp; accurate results. Transparency is a crucial element in protecting our electoral process, &amp; I believe in the expansion of FOIA applicability to the governor's office &amp; the state legislature. I fully support increasing political contribution transparency &amp; limiting the role that Super PACs play in Michigan's elections.</p>	<p>I support legislation to increase enforcement efforts &amp; provide funding for contaminated site cleanup. I also support shutting down Line 5. I support implementing restrictions to protect Michigan's water from harmful elements like PFAS, toxic algae blooms, &amp; other contaminants. Climate change is a major crisis, &amp; I am committed to doing everything in my power to reduce its effects. I support appropriating funding for local governments to implement climate action plans to address this issue, encouraging the development of renewable energy sources, &amp; increasing Michigan's energy efficiency standards.</p>	<p>I support investing more into education, &amp; distributing funds in a way that is equitable. I also support increasing intervention programs to divert juveniles &amp; non-violent offenders out of the criminal justice system, as well as requiring anti-bias training &amp; de-escalation training for law enforcement. I support increased funding for affordable, mixed-income, &amp; senior housing, &amp; repealing the pension tax. I support expanding access to mental health services &amp; substance abuse treatment. I support raising the minimum wage to \$15/hr, guaranteeing paid sick time &amp; paid family leave, &amp; instituting a graduated income tax.</p>	<p>Michigan has a gun violence problem, &amp; I believe strongly in instituting common sense gun reform to combat it. The Second Amendment was written at a time when "the right of the people to keep &amp; bear arms" referred primarily to muskets. We live in a much different world now, &amp; public safety should not be sacrificed to the belief that the second amendment allows access to any &amp; all weapons without any restrictions. I fully support mandatory background checks, ending the gun show loophole, &amp; other legislation, such as red flag laws, to keep deadly firearms out of the hands of dangerous &amp; vulnerable people.</p>
<p>Even before this pandemic, the need for better training and oversight in our elections has been very clear. We will need very careful supervision of voting and tabulation, whether in person or via mail in ballot. Voter trust in our election process is especially important in this time of unprecedented polarization.</p>	<p>I support a both/and approach to energy production. We can absolutely conserve our incredible natural resources and diversify our energy production while ensuring that our economy can grow and consumers can afford vital utilities.</p>	<p>A good education is the best first step out of poverty. The move to remote learning during the pandemic threatens to deepen educational inequality, disadvantaging students already in struggling schools and districts as wealthier parents hire tutors and form "microschools." We must direct our public education funds where they are most needed and empower parents who are the best judges of their family's needs.</p>	

# State Representative

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The 1963 Michigan Constitution created the State Board of Education to oversee education and to advise the legislature about funds needed, which advice has not been taken. Michigan ranks low in Education, especially Special Education. Michigan pays \$35,000 per prisoner, but barely \$10,000 per student. A progressive income tax would be fair and help fund schools. Schools should not be organized for profit, but only for investing in students. There needs to be wrap-around services; and community outreach, involvement and oversight. Teachers need respect, pay and better conditions for learning for their students.

What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic? A guaranteed basic income would be a "stimulus" for the economy--as Will Rogers put it in 1930, that money "trickles up" the next day. Michigan lacks skilled tradespersons to work on its infrastructure and health care workers to provide needed services--we must invest in training programs. I would implement the original Green New Deal, proposed by the Green Party, not the watered-down version. It provides for more jobs in renewable energy fields. I would give challenge grants

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 29 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Incumbent - State Representative Board of Education - Pontiac School District

Michigan schools are underfunded. We should take the recommendations of the School Finance Research Collaborative. School funding should be equitable. Using harsh measures such as dissolving school districts should be used as a last resort. Finally, support and resources should be provided for teachers and staff.

Economic disparities in impoverished communities across our state were exposed and increased during the pandemic. The assault on working families has all but crippled our economy. I support policies that protect working families by providing them with the educational and economic resources they need to sustain and improve their living conditions.

**S. DAVE SULLIVAN**  
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# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

*What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?*

**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**

*What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 27 ★ ★ ★ ★

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States have control of the election process. I support the ballot measures that were passed. There must be an audit process--I've seen how elections should be done and was a challenger at one which was not. I support the National Popular Vote or to divide Electoral Votes by percentage, not "winner take all." I'd implement Ranked Choice Voting ([www.rankmivote.org](http://www.rankmivote.org)), which assures that the winner will be so by a majority of votes. Green Party candidates pledge to take no corporate or PAC contributions—a good policy for all. Voting "at home" also gives one time to study the ballot and research--such as VOTE411.

I would implement the original Green New Deal of the Green Party ([www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)), not the watered-down version being touted. I would forbid fracking, favor renewable energy--which also removes oil and gas pipelines from the equation. I would hire more bridge and dam inspectors and put teeth into that law. I would make polluters pay. The Regional Transit Authority must be allowed to adopt a three-county plan to begin transit improvements for access to jobs and education. I would give challenge grants for creating solutions to use recyclables, especially plastic.

In addition to all of the above answers (all of these issues are connected): states may provide a single-payer health care plan; Michigan should--prevention is far cheaper and better. A guaranteed minimum income could pay (reasonable) rent and water bills with lower "welfare" administration costs homelessness and reduced court caseloads caused by inadequate income more so than by "deadbeats." That money stimulates the economy. There must be community benefits clauses in every tax adjustment agreement for business.

Yes, every time a gun is part of a suicide, a domestic violence death, a child getting access to one. We must pass the Red Flag Law that my current (and term-limited) legislator, Robert Wittenberg, proposed. We need education about gun safety. We need stronger background checks and to enforce laws against gun trafficking and fraudulent purchasing. Personally, I see no reason for assault weapons, but some voters want me to be sure that does not lead to prohibitions on all guns. My promise to voters is: "I will listen to you, learn from you and legislate for you."

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 29 ★ ★ ★ ★

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I definitively support voting by mail. I also support no-excuse absentee voting.

I support policies that protect our environment. Renewable energy is here to stay. I support energy efficiency and renewable energy as long as it doesn't harm our environment.

I relate to the impact of racial, economic, health, and education inequities in my district. Our political system is the incubator for these disparities. During my first term, I founded five district task force groups that focused on the areas of education, veterans' services, poverty and homelessness, minority maternal health, and criminal justice reform. I am the co-chair and co-founder of poverty and homelessness caucus, which is bipartisan and bi-cameral. Several of these grass-roots groups were able to thrive without being hindered by political forces.

I am a strong advocate for the prevention of senseless gun violence. During my first term, I sponsored legislation to curtail senseless gun violence. I hope to work with my colleagues to address the need to prevent gun violence in our state.

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# State Representative

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## EDUCATION:

*What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 35 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Education:** Graduate of Southfield Public Schools; Bachelor's Degree, Grand Valley State University; J. D., University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

**Qualifications and Experience:** Incumbent State Representative - HD 35 Civil litigation attorney Commissioner, Southfield Total Living Commission

Michigan families deserve a quality education for their children that allows each and every child to reach their full potential in a safe environment. I support increased per pupil and equitable funding for our schools, lowering class size, empowering educators, incentives to attract and retain certified teachers, and having equal standards across the board for public, charter and cyber schools. I also support investing in early childhood as well as college and skills-based programs. A strong educational system is a critical anchor for our communities and to building a stronger, bolder Michigan future.

Large gaps in our workforce existed even prior to the pandemic, particularly in the area of skilled trades and technological areas such as cybersecurity. Placing emphasis on educational and training/apprenticeship opportunities to fill workforce gaps will help ensure our residents can see their future here in Michigan and remain here. Providing these crucial opportunities, such as the Michigan Reconnect Program, will also ensure Michigan has a strong middle class and economy in the future. I support a living wage of at least \$15 per hour, earned-paid sick leave and a fair tax structure that works for all of us.

### DANIELA DAVIS

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### TIM YOW

PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 37 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Farmington Hills City Council Member

**Education:** B.A from Purdue University in Political Science with Minors in Communications and Theater

**Qualifications and Experience:** I've served on the Farmington Hills City Council for the past 7 years, first elected in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. I also served as the Mayor Pro-tem in 2016 and 2017.

MI is only one of 3 states to constitutionally guarantee public funding for primary & secondary education to all residents, but we do not provide adequate funds to do so. Our goal to allocate per-pupil funding equally per student fails to recognize that different students have different abilities. I support funding each student based on need, funding early childhood & preschool education, investing in teacher development & training, providing free community college & increased student aid for our colleges and universities. I would also work with our trade unions to provide increased work/study opportunities.

Provide increased access to no/low cost job training programs; expand access to Medicaid and establish a public health care program in MI; increase SNAP and unemployment benefits; guarantee equal pay for equal work; increase our minimum wage so everyone working 40 hours/week is lifted out of poverty; increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income workers; provide increased access to housing assistance.

### MITCH SWOBODA

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# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

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**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**

*What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 35 ★ ★ ★ ★

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I support the right to vote by mail, and mailing ballot applications and ballots to all eligible voters. Exercising the right to vote is a bedrock of our Democracy. Being able to cast a ballot should be as convenient as possible, with as few barriers as possible, to allow the greatest number of voters as possible to participate in our Democratic process, while protecting the integrity of the electoral process. Particularly during a time of a global pandemic and the resulting loss of over 100,000 lives in the U.S. no one should be required to decide between protecting their health and exercising their right to vote.	I have supported numerous environmental protection bills including HB 4386 to put stronger regulatory rules in place in Michigan than the federal regulations, as well as HB 5456 to strengthen polluter pay requirements. I support expanding renewable energy such as solar, wind turbines and incentives for electric vehicles.	All people deserve to be treated fairly, equally and with respect regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or identity or national origin. I have had two criminal justice reform bills passed and signed into law during my first term in office. I have sponsored, co-sponsored and supported a number of bills to address the inequities impacting Michiganders. I am proud to serve on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force and the Poverty and Homelessness Caucus in the State legislature to develop policy strategies for addressing these important issues.	Michigan's gun-related death rate is increasing. According to a 2019 report by the Violence Policy Center, "Gun Violence in the Great Lakes States", Michigan has a higher than national average for homicides with firearms. I support responsible gun ownership and sensible gun laws to strengthen public safety. I support Red Flag laws and taking steps to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. I am proud to be a part of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus to work to find solutions that focus on common sense gun legislation to protect the health and safety of Michiganders.
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Voting: I supported Proposition 3 of 2018 which protects the right to vote a secret ballot, ensures military overseas voters obtain ballots, provides residents with option to vote straight party, automatically registers citizens to vote at SOS Office, allows a citizen to register to vote anytime with proof of residency, provides any reason absentee ballot for all registered voters, & ensures accuracy & integrity of elections by auditing results. I support mailing absentee ballot requests to all eligible voters. Campaign Funding: Require disclosure of all Super PAC contributions & prohibit corporate contributions.	Environment: Expand Public Trust Doctrine to include ground water; Reduce agricultural nutrient runoff which leads to toxic algae blooms; Incentivize capture & use of flare gases from landfills; Regulate hydraulic fracturing operations; Strengthen polluter pay laws; Ban sale & use of PFAS. Energy: Require public utilities to revert to Net Metering; Require public utilities to allow electric car & storage batteries to sell power back to the grid using dynamic pricing; Internalize full cost of fossil fuel production (health & climate effects, acid rain, etc.) to stimulate rapid adoption of renewable sources.	Education: Universal access to early childhood and pre-k education; Fund pupils based on student needs; Remove cost barriers to higher education & job training programs. Health: Expand Medicaid; Provide public health care option; Reduce drug costs. Labor: Pass equal pay for equal work law; Increase minimum wage; Repeal Right to Work. Security: Increase SNAP benefits; Expand Meal on Wheels; Increase availability of subsidized housing Environment: Repair aging water & sewer infrastructure; Guarantee access to clean drinking water; Require polluters to pay for toxic mitigation; Strengthen industrial waste disposal laws.	I am proud to have been named a Gun Sense Candidate with Distinction by Moms Demand Action. I support eliminating the sale of assault weapons, requiring responsible gun ownership education for all gun owners, instituting "red flag" laws, outlawing large gun magazines, removing guns from convicted domestic violence offenders, and requiring background checks for all gun purchases.
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# State Representative

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*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

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**Education:** B.A. in Social Relations and Psychology from James Madison University, MSU; JD from Wayne State University Law School.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I serve on City Council committees & a local government legislative policy committee, extensive legal & policy experience, substantial time spent on constituent services & community interactions

Protecting our kids is protecting our future. Investment in our schools is good business sense, as there is a direct correlation to property values. We must fix the conflicts between Prop A & Headlee so property taxes that fund our schools keep up with the economy. It is clear that technology access is critical to education. Broadband expansion is a necessity. The tax shift from businesses to individuals has resulted in spending less on schools now than we did decades ago, this must be reversed. Early childhood education is vital. We must strive to implement the School Finance Research Collaborative recommendations.

Create "green and blue" jobs - focused on emerging economies like renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and water conservation. Use the resources Michigan already has in place. The grants and the money generated from revenue sharing and a graduated income tax structure to kickstart small businesses with these two items. I have found that the ones that want these "green and blue" jobs are either young people starting out, or people starting a second career. We need to keep our talent here and retrain people whose jobs have been outsourced or lost to an evolving economy.

### CHASE TURNER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Leader in the field of healthcare, patient advocacy, & public health for over a decade. Experience as a nurse, mom, and organizer taught me how to negotiate with multiple parties and get things done.

Public funds should be used to fund public schools. Michigan's public schools are being starved to prop up for-profit charter schools that are not held to the same standards and are not subject to any real oversight. This must stop. In this current time of uncertainty in both public health and the economy, lawmakers who oppose funding public schools will use this situation as an excuse to further cut away at public education. But we need a strong public education system now more than ever. I will fight every effort to defund and devalue our public schools like Michigan's future depends on it. Because it does.

The pandemic has magnified existing economic challenges for Michigan residents and requires intense and speedy policy solutions, with input from the people most affected, including employees and business owners. We also can't talk about the economy without addressing family care (both child and elder). Families need support. When people are forced to leave the workforce to care for a family member, it harms our economy. Protecting workers' rights is also a crucial issue. We need to foster a culture that welcomes #UnionsForAll. We must address these issues if we ever want our economy to truly work for everyone.

### RYAN BERMAN PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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# State Representative

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**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

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Campaign funding must be made transparent with "dark money" eliminated. Changes to Michigan's election laws are a step in the right direction, but they do not go far enough. I will work to institute a vote by mail (VBM) system. States that have implemented VBM have the highest turnout rates in the country. Studies show that implementing VBM increases voter turnout between 4 and 10% with the highest gains being among young and low-propensity voters. VBM also creates a paper trail that protects against hacking and enables recounts. Our vote is our voice. And we must do everything we can to make sure all voices are heard

Encouraging green & blue jobs will help save & sustain the environment. Our Great Lakes are invaluable & must be protected. We must increase & extend our energy efficiency standards & encourage homegrown energy sources (e.g. solar, wind, green roofs.) Increase testing, site remediation and drinking water treatment in order to protect Michiganders from PFAS contamination. Innovations such as using plastics in asphalt keeps waste out of landfills while improving our roads. We can support agri-businesses while reducing their phosphorous runoff and waste. We must be bold in our targets to reduce our carbon footprint.

Members of the LGBTQ community are more likely to live in poverty. With my direction, Novi added LGBTQ protections for city employees. I firmly believe we must amend the Elliott-Larson Act to provide those protections as well. Minimum wage should be a living wage, and it must be raised accordingly. The current flat tax system requires those with lower incomes to pay a higher percentage in taxes - a graduated income tax would address that. An expansion of the EITC would reward work & free up cash for child care & car repairs. Develop a statewide housing plan & invest in the state's housing trust fund.

This is a multifaceted problem requiring many solutions, including improved mental health services. Every year, Michigan grieves the loss of over 1,000 firearm victims, most of which are suicides. There were over 100 school shootings in 2019. We lose more people to guns than auto accidents. I have shared violence reducing recommendations from the Sandy Hook Promise with our schools. As a member of Moms Demand Action & as someone who has been specifically threatened, I believe we need Red Flag laws, universal background checks, domestic violence trainings for sellers & more. We can both preserve the 2nd and save lives.

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Michigan voters spoke loud and clear in 2018 when we passed Proposal 3. I will protect the changes we enacted such as same-day voter registration and no-reason absentee voting, especially as voting rights are under attack across the country. I applaud Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's decision to mail an absentee ballot application to each registered voter in Michigan. As for campaign funding, Michigan's campaign finance laws are heavily tilted in favor of wealthy donors who have an undue influence on our elections. Bottom line: we need more transparency and more accountability in our campaign finance rules.

Finding clean, renewable energy is essential to our long-term survival as a planet. Michigan can lead the world in green energy production and create thousands of union jobs. It would be an investment in both our environment and our economic future. Crucial to protecting our water, air, and land is updating and fixing Michigan's infrastructure. We've seen what happens when we fail in this area, Midland and Flint being harrowing examples. Infrastructure is also a critical factor in a healthy economy. It is vital for employment, healthcare, education, and commerce.

The COVID-19 epidemic exposed inequities that we cannot ignore. We've seen what it means to live in a society that does not grant access to healthcare for everyone, that does not guarantee employee sick days, that has done too little to address racism, that does not provide an equal education to all children, that lets children and seniors live in poverty. We must stop treating poverty like a personal failing and view it as the societal failing it is. Personal responsibility is, of course, important, but too often it is used as a way to absolve the larger society for failing to take care of our most vulnerable.

Yes, Michigan has a gun violence problem. When we've faced other epidemics we've studied the problem, worked to address causes, and then used proven strategies to combat the problem. Take auto accidents, for example. We've passed laws setting speed limits and requiring seat belts to reduce preventable deaths. We need the same approach to gun death prevention. We need to stop the bleeding, literally. I am proud to be a Moms Demand Action Gun Sense candidate and I will always stand with those supporting common sense gun protections in order to save lives.

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# State Representative

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## EDUCATION:

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## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 40 ★ ★ ★ ★

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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**Education:** M.A., The George Washington University, Global Communication (2017) B.A. The George Washington University, International Affairs, Security Policy (2014) High School: Birmingham Seaholm HS (2010)  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Prior to becoming State Representative, I served at the United States Department of State in the offices of English Language Programs and eDiplomacy, working on American diplomacy.

We need to completely overhaul how we conceptualize and implement funding for public education in Michigan. I support adopting the recommendations set forth by the School Finance Research Collaborative and Michigan State University, including high-quality preschool, \$9,590 base funding for all K-12 students in district and brick-and-mortar charter schools, and additional funding above base funding for students with special needs. We also must earmark additional revenue streams specifically for K-12 education, including restoration of voter-approved local district enhancement millages, so communities have local control

I firmly believe in a worker's freedom to collectively bargain for better wages and safe workplaces, which is why I support the repeal of so-called "right to work" legislation. In the early stages of rebuilding post-COVID-19, it will be critical to shore up our local and small businesses, to ensure that they are able to make payroll and rent. I am committed to continuing to work with my federal counterparts, as well as MEDC & my colleagues on the Commerce & Tourism committee to make sure these resources, such as grants and loans, are expanded and accessible to all business owners who wish to use them.

### KENDRA CLEARY PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 41 ★ ★ ★ ★

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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### PADMA KUPPA PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Current State Rep. for HD 41, serving her first term  
**Education:** Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Mom. Engineer w/ auto /IT experience.TSD PTA volunteer. Troy Historical Society & Michigan Roundtable Board. State Rep, on Energy and Local Gov.Committees; APA Caucus, Equal Pay Task Force co-chair.

I attended public schools, and so did my children. A good quality public education is the backbone of a strong economy where children of all backgrounds have equal opportunity to succeed. For years, I have fought to stop education funding cuts which have put Michigan in the lowest in the nation, hurting our students and teachers. I oppose diverting funding from public schools to charter schools that aren't accountable. Improve school funding formula per FundMISchools.org. Cost of public colleges and universities should be affordable; ensure students graduate without debilitating debt. Improve quality/access to CTE.

Invest in public Education: preschool, K-12, and higher education; Michigan workers must be competitive in the global job market through world class education and skills training, to attract good paying jobs to our states. The pandemic has shown importance of health care. Introduced HB 5628 to restore paid sick leave, and HB 5432 to protect healthcare for those with preexisting conditions. On Prescription Drug Task Force, working to reduce costs, so that people don't have to choose between groceries or medicine. On Downtown Business Coalition, to create policy based on small biz input, to improve economic recovery.

### ANDREW J. SOSNOSKI PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Construction Accounting & Financial Reporting Manager for Local Water/Wastewater Authority  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Major Accounting  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Understanding financial plans, budgets and projections is my expertise and I will drive waste reduction initiatives and achieve results.

While my children go to public schools, I support parents who decide private schools are the right choice for their children. While school plays a critical role I believe that education starts at home. Embracing new technology will be fundamental to improving educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students. During the past few months I have been fortunate to a job that has allowed me to continue working from home and have seen first hand technology fails and wins. If you always do what you're always done, you always get what you've always got. We need to take risks and discover what works best.

We will overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and move forward with life sooner than later and when we do we need to promote a business climate that attracts jobs for both skilled trades and other professional careers. I've seen first hand the shortages we are currently facing in skilled labor trades that are only going to be exacerbated by the aging workforce. We need to let kids know that college isn't the only career path. They should be proud to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty in one of the many skilled trades. Governments don't create jobs but they can create environments to destroy them.



# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

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**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**

*What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 40 ★ ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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Voting is our most solemn duty as citizens. I support mailing pre-franked ballots to all eligible voters in times of crisis, as well as creating an online absentee ballot application & permanent absentee voter list, & by allowing 16½ & 17-year-olds to pre-register when getting a driver's license. Further, it is imperative that we support clerks with better financial resources to run elections & protect our elections from hackers by requiring clerks to keep qualified voter files detached from the Internet. I also support more foreign language options on ballots & applications, & expanding disability access to the vote.

Climate change is an existential threat & we must do our part to protect our air and water. We must continue state investments in alternative energy, as well as give tax incentives to those who choose clean energy for their homes. The state must continue to install electric vehicle charging stations for electric cars along our highways & in our cities. Finally, I have been & will continue to be a fierce advocate for clean water. I cosponsored HB 4122 to codify the right to clean water, & have been outspoken on the need for state aid, and successfully secured \$120m in the FY2020 budget to replace lead service leads.

Our nation is reckoning with major societal challenges and legislation to improve these issue areas must be created with these inequities, including racial injustice and socioeconomic status, in mind. I firmly believe in universal healthcare; in the richest country on the planet, no one should go without care. I am proud to have cosponsored legislation to lower the cost of prescriptions, including a bill to cap the cost of insulin at \$100. Our seniors, many of whom live on fixed incomes, deserve to have the Snyder senior pension tax lifted, which is why I've cosponsored several versions of that legislation.

Yes, there is a gun violence problem in Michigan. Michigan struggles with gun violence through suicides and domestic violence. I strongly support HBs 4497-4498, which is a bipartisan effort to close the so-called boyfriend loophole, which would make it illegal for a person guilty of committing domestic violence against someone in a dating relationship to possess a firearm. Additionally, I introduced "Safe Storage" legislation, which would require firearms to be stored safely when children are present in a home. Laws like this have lowered the suicide rate by nearly 10% in states where it is implemented.

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 41 ★ ★ ★ ★

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Work to expand voter participation and improve absentee ballot process including mailing every registered voter absentee ballots; implement voting rules that improve access and representation. Require improved campaign finance transparency so that the public knows the source of all monies spent on elections, and remove dark money from elections. Providing safe, accessible polling locations with safety procedures that protect voters & poll workers to keep them healthy during the pandemic and beyond. Protecting in-person voter registration and ensuring they can vote safely.

Support science-based policy to promote energy efficiency and clean energy. Protect the Great Lakes -Nestle is bottling our water for almost nothing. Incentivize renewable energy production and efficient energy usage across the state, ensure competitive costs with other states. Introduced HB 4807, to enable more EV charging stations across the state. Invest in water infrastructure so all residents have access to affordable clean drinking water. Hold polluters accountable for harming our air and water. Mitigate the threat that Line 5's age/ condition/location presents, considering economic security and energy needs.

Work for policies that give everyone across our state access to education, skill training, and good paying jobs, so that all Michiganders can earn higher wages to support their families and also increase state's revenue base. Implement policy that supports small biz and entrepreneurs and economic recovery; expand access to healthcare and restore earned paid sick time to provide security to families, children, and seniors. Reduce gender disparity starting with equal pay. Champion long term care infrastructure so seniors can age with dignity, and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Over 100K people are shot and injured each year due to gun violence, and over 36K die - over 60% are suicides. Limit gun access for people who are dangerous to themselves or others. Institute common sense gun control measures such as background checks, Red Flag laws; disarm domestic abusers, hold the gun industry accountable. With millions of Americans staying at home due to the pandemic, gun safety advocates have raised concerns about increased risk from gun violence. Other states have several bipartisan measures to protect Second Amendment rights while ensuring public safety. I would champion for such efforts in MI

I do not support the concept of voting by mail, with the exception of those travelling for business and those physically unable to leave their home on account of physical disability, but even still I have reservations with those exceptions. Would you mail \$100 bill? If you would you have more money than sense and seeing my vote as invaluable I would not trust the government or any entity to manage the mailing and collection of ballots to all.

I am a conservationist. Growing up hunting in the Huron National Forest I learned to respect our resources. As my children begin hunting they are learning about stewardship and my hope is they will pass that down to their children. Energy efficiency and renewable energy is great when it is made by choice and not by force.

I believe our Freedom comes from our Creator and we are all Children of God and created equal. I'm a Christian, a husband and a father. I'm faithful to my wife and my family. I focus on those things and try to do them well, but of course, we all fall short of perfection in our lives. Everyday I give thanks to God for the many blessings I have done nothing to deserve. No child should ever go hungry or without medical care and we need to care for the elderly in our communities. It starts with loving your neighbor as yourself and can only get better from there.

I do not believe Michigan has a gun violence problem. I am a proud firearm owner and believe that firearm ownership is among the most important theft deterrents. I would promote CCW training sponsored by local sheriff departments for any adult who can lawfully own a weapon and education for children at all ages for firearm safety awareness.

# State Representative

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## EDUCATION:

*What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 43 ★ ★ ★ ★

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### NICOLE BREADON PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** For the last 2 years, I have worked for a faith based, social justice non-profit organization.  
**Education:** I have earned my Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Oakland Community College, Magna Cum Laude. I have a Certificate of Baking and Pastry Arts, also from Oakland Community College  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I meet all of the qualifications to run for Michigan's State House. I bring the experience of being a mom of special needs children and advocate for social and economic justice.

There's a shortage of teachers in Michigan due to declining salaries and the threatening of teachers' benefits packages including pensions and health insurance. There are 5000 fewer certified teachers than 14 years ago and enrollment to teacher education programs have declined by 70%. I support offering incentives to attract and retain teachers in struggling schools. I support investing in early childhood programs. I support more affordable post-secondary education including free community college and low-cost skill trades training.

Businesses look for key factors before laying down roots in a state. A hearty mass transit system, nationally ranked schools and maintained infrastructure are things businesses consider and Michigan has been passed up by corporations like Amazon because our state lacks those key factors. In regards to helping Michigan residents improve their economic positions, raising the minimum wage and better access to affordable secondary education is a good start. Reducing healthcare costs, auto insurance rates and housing costs will also help. Supporting businesses by helping provide PPE during this pandemic is essential.

### ANDREA K. SCHROEDER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 44 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Occupation / Current Position:** I currently serve on the Huron Valley School Board  
**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Wayne State University; Teaching Certificate k-12 Art Education, University of Michigan Flint; Masters Degree Educational Leadership, Wayne State University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** My experience working for Huron Valley Schools as a teacher, leader, innovator and school board member has prepared me to bring people together to find solutions that work for Michiganders.

Public education in Michigan has been systematically underfunded for decades. COVID-19 has amplified the inequities in Michigan's education system. Equal access to resources, especially technology and bandwidth is a must. We're still fighting for the resources our students, educators, and communities deserve. Our state is dead last in increased funding for our schools over the past twenty years. When adjusted for inflation, the state's total education revenue in 2015 was 82% of what it was in 1995. It's time to repeal Prop A, enacted in 1994. Michigan's students are Michigan's future.

I support fair wages. Families should be able to keep up with costs and put food on the table. Working families need affordable child care. This pandemic is making it hard for parents to both work and educate and care for their children during the current school shutdown. Going into the fall, this hardship may continue. Affordable health care and child care leave for Michigan's families is a must in these times of unemployment and underemployment brought on by COVID-19. I support increasing minimum wage, restoring living wages through policies like One Fair Wage.

### MATT MADDOCK PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Qualifications and Experience:** Lifelong Michigan citizen, business owner and employer, Husband, Father

Education is going through a radical trans. due to this disaster, the proposals for students returning in the fall have been unsatisfactory to many. I have heard an est. 20-25% of students may not return to traditional classrooms. We are going to have to figure out the best way to get the best outcomes for students. The legislature is united right now in making sure that schools can operate at the same levels as last year, but if a fourth of students are learning remotely and online, it will require major changes. I hear from many teachers, and I learn something new each time they reach out. We should listen to them.

We need to listen to business owners and help them keep our current employers afloat in the first place. The federal and state authorities have been working to that end. But we will have many employers who will likely not come back online, so we need to listen to entrepreneurs and those looking to start new businesses and find out what they need. Our economic and work environment is going to be permanently changed from this disaster, and so it's going to require a lot of changes to make sure we have a pro-growth mindset, that respects employees and workers, so that people can get good jobs that pay well.

# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 43 ★ ★ ★ ★

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I am so grateful Michigan voters heartily supported Prop 3 on the 2018 ballot. Now we can all vote from home for no reason. This comes just in time for the upcoming primary and general elections of 2020. We don't know how safe it will be to go to the polls this summer and fall because of COVID19 and I'm thrilled a safe option is available. Every voice matters and every voter should have access to the ballot box, pandemic or not. Campaign funding in Michigan needs to be reformed. Right now we have a state version of Citizen's United which allows corporations and individuals with deep pockets to influence elections.

I support an eight bill package that lawmakers unveiled in February of this year that would stiffen civil and criminal penalties for companies and their leaders who contaminate the air, water, or land with harmful pollutants. I would introduce bills that would repeal some of the harmful environment legislation that became law during the last lame duck session. I support expanding renewable energy through energy freedom. Energy freedom would expand micro grids, community solar, remove the cap on net metering, and improve rates that customers receive for power sent back to the grid through rooftop solar.

This is a tough task to propose solutions to address poverty in 625 characters or less. Raising the minimum wage, reducing housing costs, increasing public school funding, expanding affordable healthcare, increasing access to affordable secondary education, guaranteed access to clean, safe water, affordable childcare, expanding public transportation, criminal justice reform, and safe access to the ballot box are ways that I would address the inequities of those who live in poverty.

In Michigan, 11 people per 100,000 residents died from fire-arm related injuries in 2017 which is slightly below the national rate of 12 per 100,000 residents. There are a lot of responsible gun owners but gun violence still claims 1163 lives on average every year. Supporting the Second Amendment and implementing sensible, life-saving laws are not mutually exclusive. Half of domestic partner homicides and suicides involve guns and 60% of teens are worried about school shootings. Safe storage and extreme protection laws would save lives without infringing the rights of responsible gun owners.

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Every Michigander deserves the right to vote in a way that they feel will keep them safe, healthy and secure, Election procedures must be fully funded and inclusive in a variety of ways that meet their needs. The passage of Proposition 3 has removed many barriers to voting and has opened up vote by mail for any reason, This is proven to be a non partisan, safe and secure way to vote. I support mailing ballots to all eligible voters.

For future generations, we must protect our water and land. We need safe and clean drinking water for our kids. We must protect our Great Lakes and the environment from polluters. The quality of our water is what farmers rely on for the food we eat. I support improving Michigan's weakened Polluter Pay Law. Under current law, polluters can simply restrict access to a polluted site or aquifer instead of cleaning up or treating the contamination they have caused. This allows polluters to directly profit from the contamination of our land and water. Polluters must clean up their mess.

With our country in turmoil after the murder of George Floyd, I am hopeful that the racism that has plagued our country for centuries is finally going to be taken seriously and addressed through dialogue, education and policy changes. The Michigan Senate passed SB 945 which improves police training through education and bias training. It takes more money to educate our children in poverty, without this, we do a disservice to Michigan's kids. I support protecting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Michiganders must get the health care and treatment they need.

I believe that our country has a gun violence problem. As a former teacher and school board member are on the front lines of finding solutions to end gun violence in schools. Hardening our schools and teaching self defense against gun violence with active shooting drills is not the answer. Keep guns out of churches and schools. I support a gun sense approach, we can protect our communities from gun violence while protecting the Second Amendment. I support a proactive approach to keeping American's safe by improving funding mental health organizations working with Michigan's families.

I support voter integrity and well-run elections. I have heard from many people who are receiving ballots right now at their address for people who haven't lived there in a decade. Clearly there's a lot of work to be done, and we need to work together to find ways to clean up our voter rolls, and ensure that everyone eligible can and does vote, but at the same time we have safety mechanisms in place to avoid the election fraud that sometimes occurs, and is currently being prosecuted nearby. It is difficult to balance maximum participation, with high integrity, but I am confident we can do it.

I am in favor of energy efficiency and in support of alternative energy sources. I look at the question of efficiency in a way that looks at extra cost as waste. In a way, a dollar represents efficiency. We have many very efficient power sources in Michigan, and many that are being shut down really for no good reason. Many of these are very 'green' energy sources as well. There are many small hydro plants up north that were very productive, completely clean, and very efficient. We often have economic pollution pushing us in the wrong policy direction and I'd like to fix that.

There's a tremendous inequality in law when it comes to state government and state policies as they affect children, the poor, and our seniors. Many of those problems are caused by programs that were poorly thought out and executed. This is a very broad question requiring a response that would be very long and complex. As but one illustrative example: we have laws that predominantly ensnare minorities and pull them into needless paperwork and compliance. These laws may have been well intentioned, but their effect is to often create civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance. They need to go, and much work remains

Most incidents of gun violence often involve a failure to enforce the current laws. With training and encouragement we can prevent gun violence, and we can work to reduce crime. Most guns are owned by people who are often burdened with paperwork, compliance, and criminal sanctions, for lawful possession. We should focus policy and laws on reducing the crime that guns are involved with and being used in.

# State Representative

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## EDUCATION:

*What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 45 ★ ★ ★ ★

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Owner of Anness Design, LLC; print publications, brand and identity programs.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Design, University of Cincinnati  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I currently serve as a Trustee for Rochester Community Schools BOE, bringing collaboration and problem solving with this experience. Advocate for public ed 17+ years through PTA. Small business owner

Public ed. is a cornerstone of our democratic society-an investment in our children and our state's future. Public tax dollars should remain dedicated to public schools and be preserved. The economic recovery from Covid19 will define our state's future and protecting public ed. is one of my main priorities. Invest in early literacy programs, beginning at birth. Invest in early preschool for ALL kids. Use recs from MSU's D. Arsen and the SFRC to inform policy including a weighted funding model to accommodate the added cost to educated at-risk, special needs and English Language Learners. INVEST IN KIDS and public ed!

I would support policies to increase the availability of skilled and technical training that provide certification to a viable career path in the skilled trades. I would also support an Infrastructure Works program to provide skilled jobs post pandemic, addressing both unemployment and the pressing infrastructure issues we have here in Michigan. I would also consider additional investments in the bi-partisan Michigan Works! programs for increased outreach for employers and training for future employees.

### MARK TISDEL PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Medical-Liability Insurance Sales / Agency Partner  
**Education:** Drake University, BA, Journalism  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Eight years Rochester Hills City Council, At Large; one year VP, four years President. 30-year resident; 20 years small business owner, 27 years church volunteer, 26 years charitable fundraising.

Fully and properly funding K-12 education will always be a priority. We need to ensure that the money being invested into education is making it to the classroom. Teachers need to be able to spend more time teaching and less time filling out reports. We need to increase the availability of hands-on career and technical training to make sure all students are job- or higher education-ready.

Michigan had come a long way from the high unemployment days of the Lost Decade when Michigan was losing population because our children were leaving our state to find better opportunities elsewhere. But that changed when we implemented reforms to make Michigan more competitive for job providers, by reducing taxes, repealing unnecessary regulations and promoting Michigan as a state to locate to not move out of. Today, we are faced with economic challenges similar to those faced during the Great Recession. We have worked our way up before and can do it again with business-smart strategies and priorities.



# YOUR VOTE

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# Counts

## VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.

# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

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*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 45 ★ ★ ★ ★

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I support accessible and secure voting. Complete disclosure of political campaign expenditures by for and non-profit corporations and all PACS, including those making independent expenditures is another must. Transparency promotes public trust. We deserve to know who is getting money from where and from whom, so we can form an educated, informed constituency that make decisions based on which entities might be influenced in their positions by monetary gain. I also support mailing ballots to all eligible voters and early counting of ballots as requested by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

I support the repeal of the "No Stricter Than Federal" bill (passed in 2017/18 lame duck session) to ensure MI is the best steward of our water, air, and land, protecting it when the EPA won't. Clean drinking water is a human right. Water is a public trust. I would protect the Great Lakes Compact. Address the dated water infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water for residents and updating storm water drainage systems to protect our citizens and communities should be a priority. I support increasing and extending MI energy efficiency standards for business growth opportunities in energy efficiency and sustainability

The answers lie in how we begin to treat those in our society that have been born into educational, economic, and generational poverty. "Pulling yourself up by your bootstraps" doesn't work if you don't have the resources to do so. Invest in a public/private partnership of interventions that begin at the prenatal phase of parenting. Pay people a living wage. Fix the disproportional police violence on communities of color and implement systemic change; invest in community safety and public health initiatives-food nutrition and mental health programs, as well as affordable housing for low-income families and seniors.

As a parent, school board trustee, and citizen in the greater Rochester area I recognize we live in one of the safest areas in our state, but gun violence can happen anywhere. We must ask: what do we want our collective society to become? What do we want our public spaces to look like? I'd support common sense gun legislation that will disarm domestic abusers, maintain permit requirements, and close gun sale loopholes, all while upholding our Second Amendment rights. No community is immune from gun deaths and we are all impacted (directly and/or indirectly) by suicide, accidental shootings, and domestic abuse.

I have been actively promoting the ability to "Vote At Home" for all District 45 voters via their local clerk's office for absentee ballot applications on my website. Safety concerns, workday pressures, and child care should not interfere with your right to vote. Lastly, it is imperative to improve transparency with campaign finance rules so anyone can easily see who is giving to candidates and how much. I support policies that will accomplish this goal and make accountability a priority. Transparency is always a good thing.

Michigan is surrounded by fresh water and it is our responsibility to ensure that we take care of these treasures for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. The Great Lakes are the lifeblood of Michigan's economy providing the water that feeds our crops, the streams we fish in and hike around and our peninsulas surrounded by sparkling fresh water are a major driver of the state's tourism and outdoor recreation economies.

Americans should be proud that each generation has found themselves living in a better, brighter future for everyone than the generation that came before. Today, we vividly see the need for more progress. There will always be evil to defeat. Violence cannot be met with violence and all rights must be protected as we work through our differences and prejudices. With children and seniors living in poverty, both sides of the aisle need to come together to find better solutions for addressing this problem. This is a huge challenge and it should be a priority to assist those struggling to escape poverty.

While many in Southeast Michigan, and across the state, will disagree on gun restrictions, we can all agree that the government should keep firearms out of the hands of those who should not have them. I support working towards that goal while not infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens. Because of this, I would support implementing a red flag law in Michigan, but only if it includes strong protections for due process, stringent penalties, and cost recovery for meritless complaints. I would also advocate for more support of mental health services for those who need them.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

### TO WRITE-IN THE NAME OF A PERSON NOT ON THE BALLOT AND HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT:

If you want to write in the name of someone who is not on the ballot, you may do so in the space provided. Write-in votes will be counted only if that person has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate as required by law.

If there is a race in which a candidate whose name is printed on the official ballot for the election dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the Wednesday immediately before the election, no declaration of intent is necessary. In such a case, the board of election inspectors will count all write-in votes for the write-in candidates for the office sought by the deceased or disqualified candidate.

### TO DECLARE YOURSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE:

You must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official for the office you seek on or before 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately before the election (for the November 4 general election, that would be Friday, October 24).

# State Representative

## CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

## EDUCATION:

*What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?*

## ECONOMIC SECURITY:

*What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?*

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 46 ★ ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than One (1) - Two Year Term

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### JODY LAMACCHIA PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Family Counselor at Oakland County Friend of the Court  
**Education:** Bachelor's in Psychology from CMU Master's in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University, Chicago  
**Qualifications and Experience:** My career of the last 18 years has been working with parents involved in high conflict custody/parenting time disputes and helping them find common ground and negotiate agreements.

I believe that public funding should only be utilized to fund public schools. We need to invest in our public schools and their teachers. Teachers need mentoring, training, support and good pay. Too often they are required to fill the position of media specialist, nurse, counselor and paraprofessional which takes away from their ability to teach. We need smaller class sizes, less emphasis on standardized testing to assess school/teacher success, and equitable funding which takes into account the individualized needs of students. Teachers need a seat at the table when we are making laws that apply to them.

We need to improve education and our infrastructure in order to attract businesses to our state. We need to invest in ourselves. I believe that people should be able to have one good job that puts a roof over their heads and food on their family's table and not have to worry about healthcare and prescription drug costs wiping out everything they have worked so hard for. This pandemic has emphasized the need for people to have affordable healthcare, a secure, decent paying job and a safety net for when people and small businesses do everything right yet a catastrophic event threatens their lives and livelihoods.

### JOHN REILLY PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ Michigan House District 51 ★ ★ ★ ★

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### BRAD MAY PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Occupation / Current Position:** I am a substance abuse/general mental health clinician/masters level at Growth Works, Inc.  
**Education:** I earned both my BSW and MSW from Spring Arbor University  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I am a passionate social worker with no previous political experience

A study commissioned by the Governor shows we are under-funding public schools by \$2000 per student. We need to ensure that teachers have resources and students have access to books and technology that prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow. Even when they have this access though, too many students are priced out of higher education. I would support the Democratic plan offering 2 free years at a community college. I also support holding for-profit charter and cyber schools to same transparency as public schools. Public funds should not pay salaries for education management officials who run charter schools.

Michigan companies bidding on state contracts should have preference so these jobs go to Michiganders. Tax dollars should support Michigan jobs and not out-of-state companies and workers taking our jobs. We should encourage apprenticeship programs and support students wanting to train for jobs in the trades. Working parents need pay equity, access to childcare and the ability to earn paid leave time so they can care for sick family or recover from an illness rather than working while sick and spreading their illness.

### MIKE MUELLER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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# State Representative

**ELECTIONS:**

*What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?*

**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:**

*What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?*

**GUNS:**

*Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

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I support making voting easy and accessible to all registered voters, including no reason absentee voting and same day registration. I support ensuring that our elections are secure and impenetrable to foreign or domestic interference. I do support mailing absentee ballot applications to all eligible voters and applaud our Secretary of State for making the decision to do so.

We must take bold steps towards protecting our beautiful natural resources in our state. Michigan is full of gorgeous natural beauty, especially our Great Lakes. We must ensure that they protected. I support aggressive polluter pay laws to hold corporate polluters responsible for cleaning up their own messes instead of leaving tax payers on the hook. I believe we need to pivot towards clean energy in order to mitigate the consequences of climate change. It is beyond time to take action.

I believe that Michigan is better when ALL Michiganders have security and stability at home. I support ensuring that folks have a safety net to help lift them out of poverty and give them job opportunities, quality schools and access to affordable healthcare. For instance, I support Mayor Duggan's insistence that corporations that set up shop in the city must employ Detroiters. No one, especially not our most vulnerable populations, should live in uncertainty and poverty.

I believe that everywhere in the United

States has a gun violence problem. I am an ardent supporter the 2nd Amendment. That simply does not mean that we should not exercise common sense when it comes to deadly weapons. Most Michiganders, including responsible gun owners and NRA members, support common sense gun laws. I support closing the gun show loophole, extreme risk orders, and closing the boyfriend loophole. In lieu of the recent protests at our state's capitol, I believe that guns should be banned from all governmental buildings.

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I support making voting more accessible through no-reason absentee voting. Online voter registration and voting by mail would also make it easier for workers not able to take time off to participate in elections. Automatic voter registration when a person obtains a driver's license and extending that to 16 and 17 year old citizens would encourage more voter participation. I support the repeal of the changes made in 2013 that doubled campaign contributions in Michigan. Voters would be better represented if district lines were drawn by an independent commission rather than by political parties.

We can't afford a spill in the Straits of Mackinac, so I support shutting down Line 5, or at the very least holding Enbridge to more stringent standards to improve Line 5 and shut it down during rough weather. State officials should protect our water from large water withdrawals like the one approved for Nestle. We need to ensure safe water for Flint families, and for communities - such as Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor and others - threatened by contaminated water from chemicals left from industrial sites. Safe water for Michiganders should be a priority rather than practically giving it away to big corporations.

We are a nation of immigrants. Michigan is home to citizens from many nations who call the United State and Michigan home, and want a good life for their family just like any Michigander. We should not pass laws that discriminate based on a person's home country, skin color or religion. Communities should be free to adopt a sanctuary city policy and welcome refugees looking for a safe community in which to live and raise their families. Immigrants helped build Michigan, and immigrants settling here now will help build a strong Michigan for future generations. We need to be a welcoming state.

Yes I do believe Michigan is susceptible to the same gun violence/mass shooting problems we are seeing throughout our Country. I will support legislation that enacts stricter standards for background checks, including mental health clearances for anyone seeking gun ownership. I will also support legislation that bans assault weapon sales to non-law enforcement personnel.

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# State Board of Education

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<b>BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<b>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?</b>	<b>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?</b>	<b>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</b>
<p><b>ELLEN LIPTON</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://ELforED.org">http://ELforED.org</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://Ellen Cogen Lipton">http://Ellen Cogen Lipton</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/replipton">twitter.com/replipton</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Attorney in private practice; President of the Michigan Promise Zone Association <b>Education:</b> BS, Chemistry and BA, Art History from Williams College JD from Harvard Law School</p>	<p>I believe my experience as a former legislator most qualifies me for this office. I served for six years in the State House, serving as the minority vice-chair of the Education Committee, as well as the minority vice-chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 Schools. As such, I have a deep understanding of the education policy as well as the funding landscape in this state. I passed legislation to require the state to undergo a comprehensive costing-out study to determine the cost of educating a child in our state. This law resulted in the determination that we are currently underfunding all our students.</p>	<p>Michigan has been consistently underfunding our K-12 schools since the early 1990's. Although Proposal A attempted to equalize funding among our hundreds of school districts, it did nothing to address the two critical components of sufficiently and equitably funding our schools. I would propose a "lock box" around the school-aid fund, and not allow it to be used to fund community colleges or public universities, which both have separate sources of funding. We also need to move toward a system that drives resources toward our most vulnerable students, our English language learners, and those with special needs.</p>	<p>We are in the midst a global pandemic, with no immediate end in sight. As such, the most pressing issue is the safe return to learning. I think the school board's role should be to assemble and analyze research from around the state and around the country in terms of what has worked and what has not worked during the pandemic. The school board can also be an important bridge between the local school districts, which are nearest to their communities, and the MDE which has access to the most relevant research regarding teaching and learning during a pandemic, best practices, and robust data analytical capabilities.</p>
<p><b>JASON STRAYHORN</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.votestrayhorn.com">http://www.votestrayhorn.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JasonStrayhornforSBE">http://www.facebook.com/JasonStrayhornforSBE</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Jason Strayhorn is a state of Michigan licensed Real Estate Broker with over 15 years of experience. <b>Education:</b> Undergraduate degree from MSU</p>	<p>As the father of three children, I know the challenges that parents, teachers, support staff, and especially students are facing. Through my job I travel throughout Michigan and I see the disparity between school districts. There are children in Michigan who live on separate sides of a street, and depending on which side they live on will depend on whether they receive a quality education. If I'm on the Board I want to ensure that every child in Michigan receives a quality education.</p>	<p>We need to look at equitable funding, and when I say that I don't want to "steal from the rich and give to the poor," I want to help give struggling schools the resources they need to educate our children. I would also use the position on the Board to as a bully pulpit to advocate for children who need additional services, such as special education and English as a second language children.</p>	<p>Being on the State Board of Education isn't about being a Democrat or Republican. It's about doing your best so every kid in Michigan has an opportunity at a great education. I want to remove any partisanship from the Board and ensure that we have one voice advocating for every kid in Michigan, no matter their race, religion, gender identity, or zip code.</p>
<p><b>TAMI CARLONE</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.tamicalrone.com/">http://www.tamicalrone.com/</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Tami4ED">http://www.facebook.com/Tami4ED</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/T2CPA">twitter.com/T2CPA</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> CPA and Process Improvement Expert <b>Education:</b> University of Michigan Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting Major</p>	<p>Having 30 years of experience as a successful Corporate CPA &amp; Process Improvement Expert, I am able to bring a professional level of fiscal responsibility, &amp; problem solving to the Board. Skills that will be helpful to the Board given the role itself, as well as the status of education in MI. Being a national, state &amp; local education advocate, activist, speaker &amp; writer, for 20 years, I have built up an exceptionally unique set of skills to bring to the Board. I know education law, policy, funding, methods, standards, the players &amp; more. I am running to give the students of MI Truth &amp; Excellence in their education.</p>	<p>Teachers must deal with way too much these days, like jumping through one governmental hoop after another, excessive paperwork &amp; data collection, meetings &amp; more. We need them connecting with students &amp; focused on teaching in their classrooms. We must make sure what teachers are learning in teacher college makes them ready to meet the demands of the job, like expertise in phonics. Excellent teachers can CHANGE LIVES. We must stop the teach to the test mentality that is killing our children's love of learning. We must get out of Common Core &amp; the related testing &amp; give our students the proven best standards &amp; tests.</p>	<p>All one must do is look at the results to know MI is in trouble regarding education. MI education spending goes up each year despite declining enrollment &amp; declining results. The Wall Street Journal summed it up perfectly 1/2018, "Few state school systems report worse achievement metrics than MI." We must focus on academic achievement and not political agendas. I am passionate about making MI a POWERHOUSE in education for ALL children. We should be the state others look to as the example. Every ed dollar must have a positive impact on classroom learning. Education policy makers must be held accountable for results.</p>
<p><b>MICHELLE FREDERICK</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.michelle4sbe.com">http://www.michelle4sbe.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/michelle4sbe">http://www.facebook.com/michelle4sbe</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> College student and Michigan Parents Involved in Education, board member <b>Education:</b> BSN Student and Associates of Arts, Oakland Community College</p>	<p>I have been an education advocate for 17 years, founding board member at Michigan Parents Involved in Education, and a leadership team member at Stop Common Core in Michigan. I am running because I have witnessed and experienced the quality of my own children's public education deteriorate over the years. This is not an isolated incident. Michigan's current reading proficiency is at 44% and math proficiency is at 38% which demonstrates this is a systemic problem throughout our great state. Michigan's parents deserve a voice that represents them on the State Board of Education, not another politician.</p>	<p>The actions and policies I would recommend to improve our education system is a thorough examination of teacher training, professional development, standards, and all standardized tests at each grade level. There must be a deficiency somewhere along the chain from development to delivery when Michigan's children are testing below the national average. Parents and children should not be subjected to a broken system with life-long consequences when problems should be identified and rectified within a reasonable amount of time.</p>	<p>An immediate but temporary pressing issue is the mass exodus from public schools due to the virtual learning platform that was not designed for all students in mind. There are students that do not have reliable access to the internet and/or the equipment needed, some students are not developmentally capable to navigate a virtual learning format due to age and/or disability, while other students are just not able to learn through this type of platform. I would like to have all public schools opened for children with virtual learning as an option for parents who are not comfortable for their child to attend in person.</p>



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<p><b>BILL HALL</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/VoteBillHall">http://www.facebook.com/VoteBillHall</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Real estate/mining law attorney/Partner, Warner Norcross + Judd, Michigan's 2d largest law firm</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Northwestern Univ. School of Law, Chicago, IL, J.D., cum laude &amp; Order of the Coif, 1981, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, A.B., magna cum laude &amp; Phi Beta Kappa, 1978, Frankton High School, 1974</p>	<p>39 years' experience advising on legal matters. Managed firm's Real Estate Group for 10 years. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. Served on many nonprofit boards. Boy Scout leader since 1994. Honors graduate, Northwestern Univ. School of Law and Wabash College. Committed to improving education through freedom of choice and fiscal responsibility. Will be an independent voice on a Board riven by partisan politics.</p>	<p>Support freedom of choice in education. Competition from schools of choice, charter and private schools and home schooling pushes traditional public schools to innovate and better educate, and saves taxpayer dollars. Don't mandate a "common core" curriculum. Give parents more freedom to choose schools and schools more freedom to choose their own policies. Support fiscal responsibility. Replace underfunded defined benefit with defined contribution retirement plans, State funding should follow the student, let poorly performing schools fail rather than bailing them out, re-deploy funds to focus on academic achievement</p>	<p>The COVID pandemic, and the State's authoritarian response, have severely damaged the educational development of a generation of students. The SBE has abdicated its role, letting the Governor and legislature lead in mandating a response that ignores the wishes of parents and local school districts and rewards special interests. The SBE should pursue policies that respect parents' freedom to choose programs they feel are best, e.g., in-person or remote schooling, delivered at home, with tutors, or at private, charter or traditional schools. One size does not fit all, as pandemic effects vary widely across the State.</p>
<p><b>RICHARD A. HEWER</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Richard-Hewer-for-Michagan-Board-of-Education-101421051707971">http://www.facebook.com/Richard-Hewer-for-Michagan-Board-of-Education-101421051707971</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Retired Professor / Professor Emeritus</p> <p><b>Education:</b> MBA - Grand Valley State University BBA - University of Michigan, Dearborn Diploma - Garden City High School</p>	<p>I just retired last week after teaching Computer Information Systems classes for Ferris State University at Big Rapids, on-line, and at various Community Colleges, Dual Enrollment High Schools and ISDs. Teaching these classes showed me students need more options and should not be locked into the school system for their residence. My background would bring a unique prospective on educational options some students have and ways those could be expanded to all students.</p>	<p>Allow ALL students in Michigan to have a choice on their type of education and have the State money go to the education choice they make. Increase Vocation Education, Industry Certification and Dual Enrollment education options and make those available to all students, not just a select few. Not require all public schools have the same programs and teaching method but allow them to specialize. Let the students choose the school with their specialty and the teaching method that fits their learning style, not just the ones that are available from their local public schools.</p>	<p>Making a quality customizable education available to everyone in Michigan. I would not require students to attend failing school systems but allow students to have an online education or do other creative education choices. Providing guidance to school systems on how to educate graduates that will fulfill the job requirements needed in Michigan. I would allow the students to pick their education options and not be required to go to a cookie cutter local class. I would have more industry certification, Vocational Education and dual enrollment options available</p>
<p><b>MARY ANNE HERING</b> PARTY: WC</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.workingclassfight.com">http://www.workingclassfight.com</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> college teacher, Henry Ford College</p> <p><b>Education:</b> formal education from Michigan State University, M.A. Psychology and through life experience at factory gates and in working class communities</p>	<p>As a long time teacher I have been a steadfast advocate for students, their families, teachers, and the support staff who make sure schools function. I have also organized in the working class for decades. I can speak for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate young people, and whose wages and benefits are reduced because the state cuts money from education. I can give voice to workers who see their children deprived of a decent education because of those cuts. I will be saying a tidal wave of money is needed to guarantee quality education for all and safe in-person schooling.</p>	<p>Stop the cuts to school funds. Stop the policy of raiding one school budget to give to another. The money is there. All these attacks could grind to a halt by ending tax cuts, subsidies and outright gifts handed over by the state, to major corporations and real estate speculators. I think the educational system can be transformed when those most affected – school employees, parents and students – organize together to demand that the money the laboring population pays, disproportionately in taxes, be used for public education. And I would stand with them and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight.</p>	<p>COVID-19 and how to open up schools to safe, in-person learning. The glaring disparity in education in our school districts. Both can be resolved by guaranteeing high, high levels of funding for all school districts. How? Banish the idea that there isn't enough money. The money is there! But we have to stop the raiding of public funds by private interests in the form of tax breaks, and subsidies and to for-profit charter schools. I would use the resources of the SBE to assist teachers, parents, students and others in their communities to organize to stop this theft to ensure full, high funding for public schools.</p>
<p><b>HALI MCEACHERN</b> PARTY: WC</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Henry Ford College, University of Michigan in Dearborn, restaurant worker for eight years</p>	<p>I am a junior at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. I am getting my bachelor's in secondary education in history. As a teacher and board member I will use teaching best practices. I work as a server in a restaurant. I know the needs of workers and their children. I am running because I know the resources are there to give every student in the state the best quality education. I went through the public schools in Allen Park. I want better for teachers and school workers. My main focus will be to facilitate the most student learning and to improve the working conditions of teachers and school workers.</p>	<p>To enhance student learning students need smaller classroom sizes. Art, music, and gym are essential. Child and adolescent development determines a person's quality of life, so students need to be learning in enriched environments. Schools can have psychologists and nurses available for students, teachers, and parents. Conflict mediation and family counseling should be offered. A healthy breakfast and lunch must be provided. The resources are there for students to have updated technology; iPads, science experiments, calculators, supplies, instruments, and anything teachers tell us that students need to learn.</p>	<p>The most pressing issue is the profit-driven corporations draining money from education. Workers produce all of the wealth in society. There is an abundance of money in our communities that should provide schools with everything they need. Each school should be the best. Our tax money is given in the millions and billions to corporate welfare. GM, Chrysler, and Ford made billions of dollars in profits in 2018, then received billions from Michigan tax payers. If billion dollar corporations paid their taxes, and if workers taxes went to workers, Michigan schools could have the highest quality of education.</p>

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<b>BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset to the Board?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<b>KAREN ADAMS</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>DOUGLAS LEVESQUE</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>TOM MAIR</b> PARTY: GREEN  Twitter: twitter.com/TraverseGreens Occupation / Current Position: Manager - Personal Artist Manager Education: K-12 Southfield Public Schools; Western Michigan Univ - Major Business Administration Minor Marketing; Grand Valley State Univ - International Business; Ferris State Univ - International Business	I am drawn to public service in Education and to Health Care as immediate needs for Michigan's K-12 students so that the students get the excellent education they deserve. COVID-19 has become the 'new school' and to prosper we need to work within the existing system of education adding higher health care standards to be safe. Not just safe learning, but safe living in our Michigan communities. I am an experienced & qualified administrator. I was elected in 2016 to a seat on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners. I understand how to work in & with government. I was a manager at a federal agency .	Currently, we in Michigan are under a State of Emergency and we have a pandemic. I believe that the Public School Districts should have the authority to decide how school will be delivered. From online to hybrid to face-to-face. When a case is discovered in a face-to-face classroom, then all the students should be in quarantine at home for 14 days. I will encourage special education students (students with disabilities) at Intermediate Schools to be in the classroom. Teaching can be done one-on-one if necessary. I believe Public Schools should be online - online is preferred for health safety reasons .	Two big issues facing public schools are the COVID-19 pandemic & school funding. We must ask (demand) our state & federal elected officials for more funding than we received in the last budget. Funding for added costs this year should be disbursed by the State Treasury from the CARES Act and more should be included in the next federal COVID-19 Stimulus Bill. I understand how to work with elected officials without political party getting in the way. On every board I have served on (20 years-on over 12 major boards) I have worked as a team member for that organization. I'm a Green and I'm independent of the two parties

# University of Michigan Board of Regents

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<b>MARK BERNSTEIN</b> PARTY: DEMOCRAT  Website: http://www.mgovernstein.com Occupation / Current Position: Regent of the University of Michigan Education: University of Michigan B.A., J.D., M.B.A.	I am a proud product of Michigan's public education system. From kindergarten to earning three degrees from the University of Michigan. My long commitment to public service, work in government, business and the law makes me uniquely qualified to serve on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. As a regent, I have fought and won for Michigan families by successfully championing the Go Blue Guarantee - a promise of free tuition for families with incomes under \$65,000 dollars.	1. Affordability. We need to continue fighting to keep the University accessible for families that struggle to pay tuition. Since I was elected, the net tuition for students from families with household incomes up to \$120,000 has gone down significantly (21% lower). The Go Blue Guarantee is our promise to provide free tuition for families with incomes under \$65,000 dollars and tuition support for families with incomes up to \$180,000 dollars. 2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The University cannot be excellent without being diverse. We know that talent is distributed widely in our society, but opportunity is not.	I'm fighting to protect the promise of public education. That means making the University of Michigan accessible for Michigan residents who struggle to pay tuition. I am dedicated to promoting broader access to life-changing education through the expansion of the Go Blue Guarantee, continued investments in student scholarships, and significant investments in diversity, equity and inclusion priorities.

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**SHAUNA RYDER DIGGS**  
PARTY: DEMOCRAT

**Occupation / Current Position:** Regent, University of Michigan  
**Education:** University of Michigan-Inteflex Program-combined 7-year undergraduate and medical school program BS Biomedical Science and MD

I ask for your vote for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. As the daughter of two university professors, I learned the importance of higher education to our collective futures. As an alumna of the undergraduate and medical schools, I am committed to improving our institution so that it best serves its students, staff, faculty and our state. As the first physician to ever serve on the board, I was able to impact our large academic hospital system to improve the healthcare of Michigan residents. I will continue to bring my knowledge and experiences to the boardroom.

The two most pressing issues facing UofM are the COVID-19 pandemic and campus culture. The safety of our campus community members is paramount. I support investment into our health and research capabilities as we investigate the best treatments, vaccines, and effective public health strategies. Our COVID-19 responses must consider the welfare of the students, including physical and mental health and the financial impact during this economic instability. I want to ensure a campus culture that nurtures and protects members from discrimination and misconduct to create an exceptional learning environment for all.

During my first regental term, we established the Go Blue Guarantee which opened access by providing free tuition to Michigan families making \$65,000 or less. We expanded financial aid to Michigan families making up to \$180,000. Our challenge in this next term is to expand a guarantee to our Flint and Dearborn campuses, providing financial security to aspiring students. We also need to expand pipeline programs, assisting middle and high school students as well as older non-traditional students prepare for and see the college experience as an achievable, affordable goal, particularly if the pandemic impacts our economy

**SARAH HUBBARD**  
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**Education:** 1990 -Bachelors of Political Science and Psychology (double major), University of Michigan 2007 - Masters of Business Administration, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

As a life-long Michigander and having earned two degrees from U of M I care deeply about the impact and outcomes of the University. I'm running to provide a perspective currently missing from the Board - that of a conservative woman who understands education and the role U of M plays in MI. I'm a small business owner, advocate, sports enthusiast and I'm not afraid to share my opinions. Voices like mine are needed in elective office to represent people from throughout MI and ensure their tax dollars are being spent wisely. I grew up on a farm and I'll bring that down-to-earth sentiment to the Board.

The impact of COVID-19 on students and athletics is the most pressing issue facing U of M today. I believe strongly we should have students on campus and be playing athletics safely. Coach Harbaugh has shown he can keep his team safe and if others would follow his lead they would be safe too. Cancellation of U of M's football season is draining \$100 M from the athletic department - and that will have an oversized impact on all other sports. Additionally, the need to ensure free speech for all voices on campus - including conservative voices.

Higher education could be more accessible to Michigan residents if the State of Michigan would invest more - specifically focused on in-state residents. Lowering tuition for in-state residents could allow far more families to afford U of M. Keeping tuition increases limited and increasing scholarships for in-state residents will go far.

**CARL MEYERS**  
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As a U of M Regent, I will propose an immediate freeze in tuition for Michigan resident undergraduate students. Michigan families are in financial crisis, trying to pay for college, especially with COVID-19. Higher education is out of reach for most without family sacrifice and crippling student debt. My 38 years of experience in finance, investment management and board governance are an asset as U of M addresses budgetary and tuition challenges. My investment experience will assist in oversight of the University's 12 billion-dollar-plus endowment. Our daughters and sons should have access to a U of M Education!

The greatest challenges facing U of M today are: #1 - To provide a safe education and campus experience in a COVID-19 environment and #2 - To maintain academic and institutional excellence with a constrained budget. As public health and science permits, the entire University should return to pre-pandemic levels as soon and safely as possible. The Board must control growth of the budget for efficiency to assure continued excellence, affordability, diversity, and inclusion. While navigating Covid-19 and budget, the Board must be more transparent. All business should be conducted publicly, with digital access.

Freezing tuition will address the greatest barrier of entry for our resident applicants. U of M is now one of the highest cost public universities in the country. Unabashed, the Board increased tuition during the pandemic. Year after year, the Board has raised tuition at a rate exceeding inflation, thus perpetuating the student debt crisis that's financially crippled too many students. The Board has failed to address this issue. Admission is also a challenge to access where nearly 50% of the freshman class is admitted from out of state. I propose a cap on the number of foreign and out-of-state students admitted.

**JAMES L. HUDLER**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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<p><b>ERIC LARSON</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Eric-Larson-237929759141/">http://www.facebook.com/Eric-Larson-237929759141/</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/EricLLarson">twitter.com/EricLLarson</a> <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Clinical Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine <b>Education:</b> BSE - University of Michigan MD - University of Iowa</p>	<p>As an alumnus of the University of Michigan and life time Michigander, I have a good feel for the place that the University of Michigan plays in our state. It is a national leader in academics, research, and athletics and is an economic asset to the state. We need to preserve these attributes and I am uniquely qualified to handle these decisions. I have been in private medical practice for over 16 years and also served in leadership positions within the hospital system and our physician group. As president of our group for four years I gained experience in strategy, business, and HR that would be useful as as Regent.</p>	<p>The most pressing issues facing the University of Michigan are dealing with COVID-19 while maintaining academic excellence and value for students. Also, we must always focus on keeping UM affordable and elite as a public university. This could be done by providing more online options and continuing the thoughtful consideration of the safety of faculty and students.</p>	<p>Clearly, COVID-19 has made it clear that the traditional ways of educating are shifting. Prior trends have simply been accelerated so that now we face the opportunity to expand the educational reach of UM in ways not before used through online learning. We can expand UM's academic reach virtually throughout the state while also offering in person options for students seeking a unique experience. This could make UM not only more accessible but also affordable as its 'customer' base could expand significantly.</p>
<p><b>RONALD E. GRAESER</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>
<p><b>CRYSTAL VAN SICKLE</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>
<p><b>MICHAEL MAWILAI</b> PARTY: GREEN</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://migreenparty.org">http://migreenparty.org</a></p>	<p>Asian Pacific Islanders are among the largest groups attending the University, but we haven't been represented among the Board of Regents. Neither has poverty. I've walked door to door in Detroit's poorest neighborhoods to save families from losing their home to tax foreclosure, and having been a four year student at U-M, I know what getting their kids to become graduates would do for their family. From Kim Wong Ark to Vincent Chin's murder, I've learned from history and see the future of what's possible, because if Princeton's Board brought down South African apartheid, some pure Michigan can change the world.</p>	<p>Covid requires an immediate, dynamic response, free from the partisan politics that have only worsened the situation. Health, jobs, the careers the students are studying for, must all be carefully balanced and without running a deficit. An economy has to be rebuilt, but it won't happen by trying to force it to happen. As much as I'd like free college to happen, it's not the situation. It's a marathon to 120 credits but U-M gives an affordable opportunity for in-state students. Sabermetric course advisement could help students get past obstacles like changing majors and dropping out to graduate into successful careers</p>	<p>I remember when just being in Ann Arbor meant you could slip into an auditorium to watch a film you could never catch anywhere else. We have the ability to share more of our classes with the general public through remote learning technology. That means incoming students can preview and review the classes and professors, and adults can continue learning... and this in no way cheapens a degree from the University of Michigan because it's all a learning curve, which means everything we do pushes learning forward, and those who stay will become champions: the leaders and the best.</p>
<p><b>KEITH BUTKOVICH</b> PARTY: NATURAL LAW</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>	<p>Did not respond in time for inclusion.</p>



# Michigan State University Board of Trustees

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### BRIAN MOSALLAM PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Education:** B.S. Engineering arts, Michigan State University.

MSU has gone through one of the largest sex abuse scandals in the history of this country. In May of 2018 I issued a plan of reform ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/134E9le3kS UwXzCeNuETGJFA1cQeoUP7VnGLD oBln7j4/edit?ts=5f566bd8&skip\\_itp2\\_check=true&pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/134E9le3kS UwXzCeNuETGJFA1cQeoUP7VnGLD oBln7j4/edit?ts=5f566bd8&skip_itp2_check=true&pli=1)) and many of my initiatives have been adopted, including an escalation policy of all Title IX reports to the Board, the creation of the Audit, Risk and Compliance (ARC) Committee and the hiring of a Chief Compliance Officer, who reports to the ARC. I know what it takes to fix MSU and that is why I have survivors and their parents supporting me.

1. Student health and wellness. We have to become the national model of how to make sure a Nassar situation never happens again. Please visit my website to read more about my plan of reform "New Day MSU". 2. Transparency and accountability. We have to hold all of those responsible for what has transpired at MSU. That is why I have called on two General Counsels to resign and fired a third one. Once our legal claims are settled, and in order to gain the public's trust, I support releasing the 6000 privileged documents.

We need to realize that Michigan is 50th in the country in investing in higher education. For the past 18 years, the Michigan legislature has balanced the state's budget on the backs of higher education. That being said, I support the policy of families living below the poverty level having the ability to go to MSU for free. I would also like to see those who graduate and stay in Michigan having their income tax used as credit against their student loans.

### REMA VASSAR PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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As a student-centered educator, I have advocated for marginalized, ignored, and harmed students throughout my career. My focus on fairness and justice will help facilitate trust in MSU leadership, promote healing, and bring stability back to students, families, faculty, and staff. As a current faculty member, I have expert knowledge of universities structures, policies, and practices to bring to bear in this COVID19 moment. As the parent of a Spartan entering her junior year, I have intimate knowledge of the unique needs of MSU families and students, and a keen imperative to improve campus life.

Frequent incidents of racism, misogyny, and sexism and racial and sexual violence threaten students' feelings of safety and belongingness. Inequity and injustice need to be addressed, head on, with boldness, urgency, and policy. Campus culture and climate need to change to facilitate inclusion that honors differences and protects every student. Additionally, MSU faces financial challenges due to COVID19 and persistent funding cuts. Creative fiduciary leadership is necessary to make up for these losses while ensuring affordability and access to all Michiganders. Everyone deserves to be a Spartan.

Strengthen Transparency and Accountability. There is still work necessary to redress the Nassar tragedy wrongs survivors and their families experienced at MSU. Better Outreach to Marginalized Communities. Intentional recruitment efforts in rural areas, low-income, and to Indigenous families will diversify MSU. Diversification in Administration, Faculty, and Staff. Students need to see themselves reflected in those charged with their care and development. Affordability. MSU is a land grant institution and any Michigander should be able to afford room and board--including middle-class families.

### PAT O'KEEFE PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Education:** Michigan State University - Bachelors in Accounting. Graduated Cum Laude Wayne State University - MBA in Finance

I am running for the MSU Board of Trustees because I believe higher education is in a significant national crisis. MSU in particular is a university that is in need of fiscally conservative leadership on its board. I have spent the last 30 years of my career as a crisis manager. My firm is recognized around the globe for our problem solving capabilities. I am familiar with dealing with troubled situations and producing better than expected outcomes when the stakes are high. I have served on advisory boards at multiple universities across the state. I understand the requirements of good governance and oversight.

The non-compliance with the Clery Act is only the latest example of the lack of oversight by the Board. The Clery Act was designed to ensure university reporting on crimes on campus. MSU failed to provide the proper level of governance and oversight. I would suggest MSU has not fixed the internal controls necessary to ensure a safe campus for students. This is a very basic requirement for parents who send their kids to MSU. Critical thinking is a basic ingredient for educational learning. An educational institution needs to expose students to a variety of opinions without fear of reprisal by school administrators.

Higher education is becoming financially unattainable for minorities and lower income students. MSU must focus on using their resources, including millions of taxpayer dollars, more efficiently and develop a larger outreach in the State of Michigan. I have specific financial plans and ideas to incentivize MSU to reach this objective. Programs like Income Sharing Agreements force universities to keep the cost of education down while developing students into productive members of society. No such program exists at MSU and it is one of many options that should be considered by the Board in order to remain competitive.

### TONYA SCHUITMAKER PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney  
**Education:** Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctor Cum Laude Michigan State University, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

I am running for MSU Trustee to ensure a healthy, strong future for Michigan State University graduates; protect students and free speech on campus; and make MSU fiscally responsible and accountable to students, families, and taxpayers. My husband, daughter, and I are MSU graduates, so we care about Michigan State. During my career in elected office, I focused on public safety, the importance of higher education, and expanding economic opportunities for everyone. Additionally, I work as an attorney helping people with business and family situations.

1) Paving the way for graduates to have a healthy future, which includes ensuring higher education is affordable and that students are learning the skills and values to prepare them for success. 2) Public safety: The campus must be safe and freedom of speech needs to be protected. In elected office, I received the "Outstanding Contributions to Public Safety" award, helped lead the charge to protect women on campus, and was named both the Michigan Sheriff's Association Legislator of the Year and Victim Services Program Legislator of the Year.

1) Holding tuition costs down is crucial so a Michigan State education is accessible. That requires being fiscally responsible, focusing resources on priorities, and practicing strong oversight and accountability. 2) Michigan State is a big campus, so students and their family need to feel comfortable with the safety and security. By empowering public safety officials, investigating and bringing criminals to justice, and defending free speech, Michigan State will be accessible and welcoming.

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**WILL TYLER WHITE**  
PARTY: LIBERTARIAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Owner of White Bros. Music in Bath.  
**Education:** Lifelong student, technically still an undergraduate at MSU.

As an MSU student, I learned that some degrees are worth more than others, but there was not much help to guide you on which degree to pursue. I ended up studying independently with the International Economic Development Council and learned that economic development affects all communities in profound ways. It is a cross-discipline field of study though, and not offered as a major. Eventually, I qualified as a Certified Economic Developer and encourage MSU to develop programs in that field. As an entrepreneur and community activist for forty years, my business and nonprofit experience is also an asset.

Student debt and better outcomes are the most pressing issues. Getting a degree that leads to a successful career is paramount. If you spend \$100,000 on a vehicle, it has a warrantee and good trade-in value. Some universities guarantee tuition rates until graduation. What kind of guarantee comes with an MSU degree? There is an implied contract. If students spend \$100,000 to earn a degree but can't earn enough to repay the cost, they could be allowed free or reduced tuition for more education or placement services. Any student debt payments could be suspended with no additional interest for certain periods.

More online opportunities and out-state satellite locations are needed. That means investment in changes, especially the availability of internet to all students. Some great outreach has been ongoing since 1915 with MSU Extension service. They help grow the economy in nearly every county, educating at the community and individual level. In 2017 their programs reached 360,000 kids and adults, and their Product Center helped launch 91 new businesses. The MSU Extension program should be supported and expanded.

**JANET M. SANGER**  
PARTY: US TAXPAYERS

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**JOHN PAUL SANGER**  
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PARTY: GREEN

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**ROBIN LEA LAURAIN**  
PARTY: GREEN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Management for adult foster care homes that care for adults experiencing mental health disorders.  
**Education:** I graduated from Nursing school in 1981 and am currently attending the Nursing Home Administrator's Program at MSU.

My experience in the education field is that I helped establish two proprietary schools in Lansing. I was a Program Director and Instructor so I understand funding sources for education. Many of my students were eligible for the WIA program which helped to get individuals receiving State aide into vocational fields so that they could be self sufficient. I found that many of my students lacked basic reading and math skills. They had very little understanding of government or history. I set up tutoring classes in reading and math skills outside of the program and recruited volunteers to help me. All my students passed!

Campus safety is a number one issue at MSU. Safety from exposure to covid, sexual predators, racism, discrimination, and failure to thrive as students. Safety is a huge umbrella. As a Trustee, I will work tirelessly to make sure that umbrella covers all our students. Students can not learn if they do not feel safe. Faculty needs to feel safe in order to effectively teach. I will be that Trustee that walks the campus and reaches out to the Spartan community. I will use that old business model...managing by walking around which I learned at MSU. I would advocate for tuition being cut 30% for on-line classes.

I believe that any student who desires to go to University should be allowed to do so. I would work to bring the New Green Deal to MSU which calls for free college tuition. Until this could be implemented, I would advocate for a tuition freeze. I would also work towards a 30% tuition reduction and free net for all students who are not attending classes on campus due to the pandemic. Under my watch MSU would create a University Corps of advanced students to work with at risk youth to prepare them for University in exchange for tuition reduction. I would be there with the students helping them prepare future Spartans

**BRIDGETTE ABRAHAM GUZMAN**  
PARTY: NATURAL LAW

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# Wayne State University Board of Governors

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### EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHÉ PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Education:** Bachelors of Sociology '79 and Masters of Education '91, Wayne State University; Fellow of Michigan State Political Leadership Program; Community Exec. Leadership Program, Harvard University

I'm a life-long Detroit and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit, a nonprofit workforce agency. I received my bachelor's degree and Master's in Education from WSU and have been involved with WSU since the '70's. I was a WSU Alumni Board member (12 yrs.) and was on several president's advisory councils from Dr. Adamany to Dr. Wilson. I'm running because I'm worried about WSU's future in this pandemic, the turmoil on the board, and recent loss of affiliation with DMC Children's Hospital. I've sat on many boards and commissions, and I bring commitment and 40+ years of administrative, education and workforce experience.

Dissention on the board negatively impacts WSU's reputation and progress. The Board's priority should be to support and guide WSU on surviving this global pandemic, developing virtual learning that works for all students, improving student retention, and ensuring a solid financial position. WSU's lost affiliation with DMC Children's hurts the medical school and services to Detroit children. Since the WSU Board could not agree on a partnership with Henry Ford Hospital, they need to pursue another hospital to maintain its leadership role within the medical community, city and state, and for our children.

Affordable tuition will improve access among low income families. Stronger partnerships with workforce and nonprofit agencies will reach underserved communities i.e., long-term unemployed, returning citizens. Entrance exams do not measure student success and should be eliminated. WSU needs to address student retention and other barriers through enhanced wrap-around social and mental health services, housing, daycare, transportation, and remedial resources. Faculty and staff need adequate tools, ongoing training and support to ensure they meet students where they are in this new virtual learning environment.

### SHIRLEY STANCATO PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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**Education:** BA, Wayne State University; MA, Wayne State University; Honorary Doctorate, University of Michigan

After being appointed by Governor Whitmer to Wayne State's Board of Governors, I am now running to retain my seat. I led a long career in civic, corporate and community leadership, both as CEO of a major civic organization and as a high-ranking corporate officer in the banking industry. For almost 20 years, I served as the president and CEO of New Detroit, where I worked across the proverbial "aisle" in the private and public sectors to create a more equitable and just community. I am passionate about improving public education in Michigan, particularly at Wayne State, where I am a proud, first-generation alumna.

I am deeply concerned about the skyrocketing costs of a college education. We must be proactive and think creatively about how to address tuition affordability at Wayne State, particularly in this age of COVID-19, where state resources are strained and higher education support is more uncertain. Similarly, we must also be hyper-vigilant about addressing the health and safety of students, faculty and staff at Wayne State, both in the short term and long term. We must ensure the value of a Wayne State education and degree continues to grow, whether students are learning in the classroom, remotely or a mix of the two.

More than ever before, students and parents are questioning the cost of a higher education. While affordability is not the only factor affecting students' accessibility to higher education, I think it is the most significant one. In addition, I support the review of the heavy value placed on the ACT and SAT as an effective measure of scholastic aptitude for college admission and success. I also believe new recruiting strategies should be developed to attract the best minds from all geographies and socio-economic backgrounds.

### DON GATES PARTY: REPUBLICAN

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Consultant and Operational Architect for InSight Global with JANUS Research Group  
**Education:** • Masters Certificate, NDU 2019 • Masters, Army War College 2015 • MBA, Wayne State University 1997 • B.S.B.A. University of Nebraska 1990 • B.G.S.D. University of Nebraska 1990

My campaign is based on leadership, professionalism, and innovation. From the boardroom to the battlefield, I have led Soldiers in combat and commanded units with hundreds of Soldiers. I have presented and sold million-dollar projects to Corporate 500 companies. As a retired Colonel in the Army Reserve, I know how to lead effective teams and treat people with dignity and respect. I am trained to solve complex problems and develop innovative solutions. I know how to work with all stakeholders, present recommendations, make compromises, and implement winning solutions. I am running to give back and serve my alma mater.

The two issues are keeping student and faculty safe from COIV-19 and providing a quality education using a hybrid teaching format. Providing safe instruction means students and faculty must follow all the protective measures outlined by the CDC during and after classes. It is very critical they follow the rules, so they don't cause a flair up. I am in favor of stiff penalties for rule breakers. WSU has adopted a hybrid teaching method which includes 100% on-line and some classes a mix of on-line and resident classes. The classes must be challenging and teach the same content, so students receive a quality education.

The two issues are high tuition and admission policies. First, tuition rates are too high. Second, admission policies are stringent for students that don't test well on standardized tests. For tuition, I will NOT vote for a tuition increase in my eight years, reduce the administrative staff and increase the faculty, and scrutinize the exorbitant salaries and vote for reductions. Under president Wilson, administrators increased 22% and faculty decreased 12%. For WSU, MI students comprise 90%. For admissions, I will allow different admission criteria for a percentage of incoming students to increase Michigan students.

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**



# Wayne State University Board of Governors

## Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - Eight Year Terms

**Duties:** The Wayne State University Board of Governors has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

<b>BIOGRAPHICAL INFO</b>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. What, specifically, makes you an asset to a University Board?</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?</i>
<b>TERRI LYNN LAND</b> PARTY: REPUBLICAN	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>JON ELGAS</b> PARTY: LIBERTARIAN	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ</b> PARTY: US TAXPAYERS	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>SUSAN ODGERS</b> PARTY: GREEN  <b>Twitter:</b> twitter.com/TraverseGreens <b>Occupation / Current Position:</b> Professor; Northwestern MI College, Columnist; Traverse City Record Eagle <b>Education:</b> BA Oakland Univ. MA Wayne State Univ. PhD all coursework/exams, Wayne State Univ.	migreenparty.org bio Gratitude to all my relations. Born in Det. WSU grad. Very connected to WSU & Metro-Det. Identify as she/her/hers. LWV member. To give back. Knows needs of students/their families. Lifelong higher ed. employee. First elected Adjunct Faculty rep. at NMC. Works w/everyone. 17 yrs. state board; MPAS, 2 years as chair. In Det., served on New Horizons & Det. Rec. Univ. Hosp. PAC Bds. Currently, VP of Traverse Area Dist. Library Board, Chair Traverse City Human Rights Commission, etc. Taxpayer voice beyond Metro area. Inspires hope. Hardworking. Speaks truth to power. Working class. Progressive.	Students: Restore hope/opportunities, mental health needs, school re-imagined via Covid, affordability, personal safety, alumni outside Det. more connected to WSU, Jubilee on debt, provide free internet & address other barriers, vets/disabled/BIPOC/LGBTQ & international students beget greater support. Leadership: Wider participation/decision-making by all, challenging enrollment & funding issues more fully addressed, teacher needs higher priority. As the 2010 Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year, I witnessed the value of civility. Without students=no WSU. Problems & answers lie w/the univ.'s most marginalized people	Ask students what they want to create, not just do for a living. Students MUST be a larger part of WSU's creative process & decision making. Students question higher ed. cost to benefit ratio-with good reason. Increased flexibility in the when, way & what they learn. Listen to students & their families...they have the answers. Increase WSU connection to the community & entire state; needs & resources. Take \$ out of politics (including at the university level), no greed, no privatization, no union busting, no forgotten employees or students. Period. Common sense governance. My WSU education prepared me well for BOG.



# YOUR VOTE Counts

11.3.20

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.



# Oakland County Executive

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ELECTION WILL APPEAR TWICE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, ONCE TO FILL A PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2020 THE OTHER FOR THE FULL 4 YEAR TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2021

Vote For No More Than One (1)

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## ★ ★ ★ FOUR YEAR TERM ★ ★ ★

<p>DEMOCRAT <b>DAVID COULTER</b> 555 Leroy St. Ferndale, MI 48220</p>	<p>As the current county executive, I am working collaboratively with the Board of Commission to achieve results. I hired the most diverse leadership team in county history, signed the first non-discrimination policy and stood with Black Lives Matter as residents throughout our county protest racial inequity. I have also stood up to President's Trump dangerous agenda and preserved family planning services at Planned Parenthood for our residents. We are transforming our county health clinics to provide primary care and mental health services. I have achieved these results while maintaining strong fiscal policies, approving a three-year balanced budget and securing the county's AAA bond rating. I am championing an Oakland Together agenda because I know that for too long residents felt excluded from county government and overlooked in county policies. Now we are bringing everyone together, celebrating our diversity, building on our strengths, and addressing our challenges.</p>	<p>We must manage the COVID-19 pandemic, recover from the recession and incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into all our efforts. In three short months over 8500 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically over 1000 have died. Our quick actions during the Stay at Home order to require health standards to screen employees, require social distancing and face coverings at open businesses helped to slow the virus. Now we are opening safely and implementing aggressive testing throughout the county to track any reemergence of the virus. In order to recover from the recession, we are providing grants to our small businesses, community non-profits and local governments hard hit by the pandemic. We are working with our schools so they can open safely in the fall by providing trained school nurses and ensuring child care providers can operate safely and provide affordable child care as parents return to work.</p>
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<p>REPUBLICAN <b>MIKE KOWALL</b> 2333 Cumberland Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>Mike is married to Eileen and owned the former Accurate Wood-working Inc. of Waterford before he was approached by L. Brooks Patterson and Representative David Galloway to run for State House. After serving in the House, Mike was asked, and encouraged, to serve as the White Lake Supervisor, and then as one of five State Senators serving Oakland County. During his term in the State Senate, Mike was chosen by his fellow members as their Senate Majority Floor Leader. As a Senate Leader, Mike made it a priority to honor our Veterans with multiple Veteran Remembrance Ceremonies throughout our State. In short, Mike knows how to balance the financial, economic and employment needs of our state and our County. And, he knows we need to take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. Balanced. Thoughtful. Nuanced. Action. Brooks knew what we know now. If we want Oakland County to be a great place to live, work and raise a family, we need MIKE KOWALL for Oakland County Executive!</p>	<p>TAX INCREASES AND TRANSIT: MIKE WILL fight ANY proposal that adds additional taxes on Oakland County Citizens for programs, or Transit Systems. Mike has fought, and won, against the current Administration's plan to raise the average homeowner's taxes by \$1,020.00 per year. AAA BOND RATING – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: Maintaining a AAA Bond rating allows us to bond for infrastructure programs and fix our roads at a lesser expense. The leaders in Oakland now are turning us away from the fiscal responsibility that has fostered the Economic Development and Quality of Life we have seen over the last 30 years. THREE YEAR BALANCED BUDGET – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: It was under the leadership of Brooks Patterson that Oakland County became the first County in the Nation to adopt a three-year rolling line item budgets. MIKE KOWALL wants to maintain this level of fiscal forecasting. MIKE KOWALL will pledge to provide a balanced budget and will work to maintain fiscal responsibility.</p>
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<p>LIBERTARIAN <b>CONNOR NEPOMUCENO</b> 6 S. Main St., Apt. 1 Clarkston, MI 48346</p>	<p>I've lived in Oakland County for three years, it is my home, and I am here because I feel that it matters. I came here to work in the auto industry. I have no background in politics, this is my first election. I am not running to make a career, but because I recognize that politics is not a game, but a competition of real ideas with real impact. My ideas are unfettered Freedom. I believe the moral limit of human action is the rights of others. I believe in personal choice for faith, relationships, and happiness. I believe this allows our community to cooperate, furthuring both our own self interests and the mutual interests of the community. I view government mandate as an imposition on our neighbors, and a yoke upon our own shoulders. If elected, it would be my mission to lighten that load and get this government out of your way and work with the county commissioners and lobby our representatives in Lansing and Washington, to protect the natural rights each of us are born with.</p>	<p>Reduce the Cost Of Living. First, abolish the property tax, saving every household thousands of dollars a year. Second, loosen the zoning and building codes to expand housing access, making our housing markets more competitive. Thirdly, deregulate our public utilities, including schools, energy, internet, and cable, to encourage greater competition and consumer choice. Reduce the Cost of Doing Business. Many of the above mentioned reforms will help our businesses as well, by lowering overheads and allowing for reinvestment by owners. This in turn leads to more time and services offered to consumers. Additionally, by streamlining business licensing, particularly the Cannabis Regulatory Commission which will allow for new Dispos, we can create many jobs for Oakland residents. Implement Constitutional Sanctuary policies. This allows us to protect our Second Amendment rights and our vulnerable immigrant population from aggressive and overbearing federal agencies. End the War on Drugs</p>
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<p>DEMOCRAT <b>DAVID COULTER</b> 555 Leroy St. Ferndale, MI 48220</p>	<p>REFER TO ABOVE</p>	<p>REFER TO ABOVE</p>
<p>REPUBLICAN <b>MIKE KOWALL</b> 2333 Cumberland Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>REFER TO ABOVE</p>	<p>REFER TO ABOVE</p>

# Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>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?</b>
<p><b>DEMOCRAT</b>  <b>KAREN MCDONALD</b>                      P. O. Box 1750                      Birmingham, MI 48009</p>	<p>Over the past twenty years, I have served Oakland County as a Circuit Court Judge (2012-2019), assistant prosecutor (1999-2004), and private practice attorney (2004-2013). I have seen firsthand that our broken criminal justice system is failing Oakland County residents—especially poor people and people of color. I stepped down from the bench in 2019 because we need a prosecutor who will actively work to implement progressive criminal justice reform that will reduce mass incarceration and create a fair system for all people. With my background as a judge, assistant prosecutor, and attorney, I am uniquely qualified to lead the Prosecutor’s Office in this pursuit with experience and understanding in all areas of the court.</p>	<p>Despite the availability of treatment programs in Oakland County, our current prosecutor refuses to participate in treatment courts. If elected, I will not only commit to participating in these life-saving treatment courts, but will also implement additional progressive criminal justice reform policies to reduce mass incarceration in all areas of the justice system. As Prosecutor, I will uphold the Supreme Court’s decision to resentencing juvenile lifers, treat children like children, and hold youth accountable without unnecessary incarceration. Finally, I will form a senior advisory board to give assistant prosecutors discretion to reduce or amend charges by eliminating the requirement of cash bail and putting an end to coercive plea bargaining. By lessening prosecution of nonviolent offenders, we will not only reduce mass incarceration, but also save county resources that can then be used to strengthen Oakland County schools and communities.</p>
<p><b>REPUBLICAN</b>  <b>LIN GOETZ</b>                      2936 Riverside Dr.                      Lake Orion, MI 48359</p>	<p>I am an attorney with 28 years of extensive experience in the practice of Criminal law, both as an Assistant Prosecutor in Oakland County, and as a Criminal Defense Attorney. I have considerable courtroom experience, which extends from initial client meetings, to research of constitutional issues through trial and appeal. I have not only handled complex litigation but have often offered my assistance to help others navigate their case through the court system, declining compensation for my time for those with a limited income. In addition to trying misdemeanors and felonies , I have substantial experience in the Juvenile Justice system, and family courts. My experience includes helping protect children from Neglect and Abuse, helping reunify families, and have fought to protect our elderly citizens who were more vulnerable to predators. I want to make Oakland County the safest county in Michigan through my lifelong commitment to the protection of others. I AM TOUGH BUT FAIR TO ALL.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Integrity Unit- Implement a review procedure whereby convictions would be re-examined when new evidence comes to light such as DNA evidence, new scientific evidence or additional witnesses become available. This will ensure that convictions are based on all available evidence and to ensure that guilty persons are punished while innocent individuals do not remain in custody.</li> <li>2. Training and re-assignment of Assistant Prosecutors to substantially improve overall services to the community. Training has been sorely lacking over the last 12 years and I intend to give the assistants every opportunity to keep abreast of all current trends in the law.</li> <li>3. Increase involvement in Treatment Courts and other jail diversion programs for non-violent offenders, and increase community outreach to ensure that citizens of Oakland County will have their voices heard and have ongoing line communication with the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.</li> </ol>

# Oakland County Sheriff

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

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<p><b>DEMOCRAT</b>  <b>VINCENT GREGORY</b>                      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. 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. 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"> <li>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.</li> </ol>
<p><b>REPUBLICAN</b>  <b>MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD</b>                      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><b>TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT:</b> 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. <b>ALTERNATIVES FOR ADDICTION:</b> 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. <b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:</b> 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>

# Oakland County Clerk / Register of Deeds

## Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

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<p><b>DEMOCRAT</b>  <b>LISA BROWN</b>                      P. O. Box 251552                      West Bloomfield, MI 48325</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County and have been honored to serve as Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds since 2013. I am an attorney, Certified Elections/Registration Administrator, former Realtor, former State Representative, ICLE contributor, member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association, and proud mom. I am running for re-election to continue providing an accessible, efficient and fiscally responsible office to the residents of Oakland County. I have saved Oakland County taxpayers millions of dollars while increasing efficiency and access. I have received national awards and attention for innovative programs I have implemented in the office. Now more than ever, it is vital to have a Clerk/Register with experience and knowledge in each area of this important office to serve in this role. I will build on my track record of success to promote access, transparency and accountability.</p>	<p>1) Continue providing accessibility to services, as I have done even during a pandemic, by opening a satellite office location, and programs I pushed for, like eliminating the fee for Veteran's cards, lowering the birth record fee for seniors and the fee reduction/waiver program for individuals facing extreme hardship. 2) Implement a new program platform in the Register of Deeds office with newer technology and insure the terms of the contract are met. I will continue to fight fraud and empower homeowners with my award winning first of its kind program, Property Records Notification (PRN) , a free alert system. 3) I want to ensure everyone has access to the ballot which is why I have held voter registration drives around the county. I will continue and expand poll worker training and voter education to help reduce the number of spoiled ballots and ensure our elections are accurate, secure and fair.</p>
<p><b>REPUBLICAN</b>  <b>TINA BARTON</b>                      7985 Clemae                      Davisburg, MI 48350</p>	<p>I am the Rochester Hills City Clerk and have served as an election administrator for over 15 years. I have an MA in Management and Leadership and a BA in Business Administration. I am certified by the IIMC as a MasterMunicipal Clerk and a Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk II by the MAMC. I serve on the Election Security Commission, appointed by SOS Benson. I also serve on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, appointed by the US Conference of Mayors. I have received a ClearieAward for Election Innovation. Under my leadership, Rochester Hills was the first city in Michigan to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit pilot. I have been honored by Leadership Oakland as a Leader of Leaders in Public Service and by the MAMC as the City Clerk of the Year. I am the President of the Oakland County Clerks Association. I am a professional, experienced, and nationally respected Clerk that is committed to serving all of the residents of Oakland County with excellence.</p>	<p>As your next County Clerk, I will promote collaboration, communication, and innovation. I have a record of collaborating with Clerks across our county, state, and nation. I am respected for my ability to reach across the aisle in order to get work done. In the last year, I have been a speaker at GOP events, for the DNC, as well as the ACLU. I pledge to increase the amount and quality of communication that is going out to the residents of Oakland County. I will effectively communicate on all social media platforms, as well as through the press. My personal passion for and intimate knowledge of this profession will lead to my continued innovative practices and processes which have been recognized locally and nationally. As your County Clerk, I will value your time and resources, as well as your rights as a voter. I will lead innovatively with transparency, a vision, and by collaborating with all residents of our county.</p>

# Oakland County Treasurer

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<p><b>DEMOCRAT</b>  <b>ROBERT WITTENBERG</b>                      13302 Borgman Ave.                      Huntington Woods, MI 48070</p>	<p>I currently serve as a third term state representative in southern Oakland County. I've also worked as a licensed life &amp; health insurance agent for 15 years helping thousands of individuals &amp; businesses navigate their insurance &amp; employee benefits. In the legislature, I served as the top-ranking Democrat on the Financial Liability Reform Committee &amp; on the House Tax Policy &amp; the Financial Services Committees. I love helping people, that is why I am in public service, &amp; I believe an effective public servant should be both fiscally responsible &amp; socially conscious. My professional &amp; legislative experiences helped me develop the skills needed to serve as Treasurer. I'm a proven, trustworthy leader whose track record of fighting for Oakland County residents' financial wellbeing is strong. My wife &amp; I grew up in Oakland County, &amp; we're raising our family here because we love this community &amp; want to ensure that Oakland County remains a place where everyone can be proud to live.</p>	<p>1) Fighting for the financial security &amp; well-being of all residents - For most people, their home is the largest investment they make. I will ensure that people are able to stay &amp; thrive in our neighborhoods. I'll be a compassionate steward of resources for all residents across the county. I will actively engage with residents facing financial challenges to help address their needs &amp; set them up with plans to prevent foreclosure. 2) Recruiting new businesses while supporting existing ones - I will lead on innovative policy solutions to boost our local businesses. I'd leverage the county's relationships in the private sector to implement public-private partnerships creating small business/homeowner relief funds that will address the impact of COVID-19. 3) Maintaining our AAA bond rating - We want our county dollars to be invested wisely &amp; we want the best rates on public bonds. Our communities &amp; schools benefit from our rating, directly contributing to our strong quality of life.</p>

# Oakland County Treasurer

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<p>REPUBLICAN <b>JOE KENT</b> 5195 Hosner Rd. Oxford, MI 48370</p>	<p>This is my 25th year as a self-employed tax accountant. I'm licensed by the US Treasury. I hold an MBA from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from the MSU College of Business. I'm the only Oakland County Treasurer candidate to sign the Americans For Tax Reform pledge not to support tax increases. I've knocked on thousands of doors supporting better tax policies for homeowners. I'm an appointed church leader. I serve on the board of directors of Crossroads For Youth which provides foster care and therapy. I'm past president (and a Paul Harris Fellow) of my local Rotary Club, which provides beds to disadvantaged children. Lastly, I'm a past district finance chair for scouting. I'm running because we need a treasurer who will be an advocate for the people of Oakland County, protect L. Brooks Patterson's legacy of financial stewardship and be a strong voice against higher property taxes. My wife, teen children and I feel blessed to call Oakland County home.</p>	<p>First is the public's access to information. In 2019 a curtain was drawn around the county's books by eliminating "fiscal notes" that disclose the impact of changes to the county's budget. I will advocate for the reinstatement of this practice and make additional financial data public. Second is the protection of property rights. Aggressive foreclosure practices recently landed Oakland County in front of the MI Supreme Court when a home was seized and sold because of \$8.41 in unpaid interest. I will conduct a thorough and impartial review of foreclosure policies. Third is securing the future. Oakland County residents will face higher taxes if the county loses its AAA bond rating. This is a risk due to rising discretionary expenditures and the previously mentioned lack of transparency. I seek to return Oakland County to the fiscal conservatism and cautious investment policies that made the L. Brooks Patterson administration the nation's standard for excellence and stability.</p>
<p>(WRITE-IN) NO PARTY AFFILIATION <b>NICHOLAS G. LUPPINO</b> 249 Baldwin Ave. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>

# Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Four Year Term

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<p>DEMOCRAT <b>JIM NASH</b> 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. 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. 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>
<p>REPUBLICAN <b>JIM STEVENS</b> 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>	<p>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.</p>

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 1 ★ ★ ★

**DEMOCRAT  
MICHELLE  
BRYANT**  
4912 W. Stonegate Cir.  
Lake Orion, MI 48359

Michelle Bryant, MBA, BSN, RN, CPHQ of Lake Orion is 54, married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is a democrat, a former military officer, healthcare executive, consultant and advocate for quality healthcare. Her work extends from for-profit and non-profit health systems to academic as well as known for her expertise with accreditation and regulatory agencies. Her experience includes clinical operations, nursing, education, process improvement, risk reduction, infection prevention and control, patient safety, research, medical staff services and utilization management. Mrs. Bryant's leadership and process improvement background will allow her to be effective in setting and executing Oakland county's priorities.

Mrs. Bryant's top priorities are access to high quality healthcare for the community and veterans as well as safe roads and water (drinking & recreational). If elected as the Oakland County Commissioner for District 1, Mrs. Bryant would: 1. Work to understand the concerns of the community, available data on the concerns, allocated funding and rationale as well as barriers to addressing each concern identified. 2. Build partnerships and collaborations with key stakeholders. 3. Establish and implement a written quality control and or improvement plan, which includes monitoring for continuous improvement as well as sustainment. 4. Will provide updates to district 1 citizens and local leadership on status of outcomes.

**REPUBLICAN  
MICHAEL J.  
GINGELL**  
583 Shady Oaks Street  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 2 ★ ★ ★

**DEMOCRAT  
JIM WILLIAMS**  
3147 Lakeview Blvd.  
Highland, MI 48356

My career as a caseworker involved preparing case plans, crisis management, and court case work. My career as an artist has taught me how to manage a business and create original concepts under the pressure of a challenging market. A painting is completed by time consuming work. My teaching, volunteerism, state transporting of delinquents and other youth work has further shown me how to successfully help youth and marginalized people. This is summarized best in my biography posted at [www.electjimwilliams.com](http://www.electjimwilliams.com).

In my mind the Climate Crisis is the most unnoticed existential issue that all levels of government and business need to work on immediately. I am open to ways of making Oakland County services carbon neutral by 2030 and find revenue from carbon usage. While the Pandemic continues, Covid 19 testing and tracing should be improved and made available for all Oakland County citizens. CARE funding should be used in this. Also, CORE services might be useful to pursue. Testing is the only way to restore some confidence in doing business and movement until a vaccine and/or cure is available. This can also improve the health system, especially mental health. Besides the Climate Crisis the preservation of healthy water sources and delivery is vital. Improved monitoring is essential. I would support HB5290-2 and HB4212 and the Healthy Lakes Initiative to protect sources and ground water.

**REPUBLICAN  
BOB HOFFMAN**  
2521 Rose Center Rd.  
Highland, MI 48356

I was born in Pontiac & grew up in Waterford. Attended St. Benedict's, OLL and graduated from Waterford Twp High School. I attended OCC and OU. I started Hoffman Nursery & Landscaping when I was 19, started American Recycling at 23 years old, and Hoffman Farms in 1993. I have been a licensed builder since 1982, was Waterford Twp Supervisor from 1984-88, & OC Commissioner from 2010-present. Being an OC Commissioner allows you to be in position to actually help the citizens of Oakland County. We are the conduit between the residents, the county & other levels of government, including the Road Commission of OC. I have 50 years of gaining experience and building relationships. I am a small business owner who has also been a union member and I have negotiated contracts for management.

The three issues facing the county are: 1. The economic crisis created by the pandemic. It will be a challenge to maintain services, balance the county budget and protect our AAA bond rating. 2. While we all have a duty to pay our property taxes, the government has a legal duty to properly assess our property. I have been raising the alarm for the last few years to the fact that many properties in OC are over assessed. Taxpayers are paying taxes on equity that does not exist. 3. All communities in OC are not the same. What works in the south end of the county is not necessarily what would work in the north end. A prime example is mass transit. I believe in local control & the citizens of OC, do not need hte sate or even the county government micromanaging our lives. I will continue to represent the citizens of my district first.

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 3 ★ ★ ★

**DEMOCRAT  
MICHELLE  
MCCLELLAN**  
8 Crawford St.  
Oxford, MI 48371

I have worked for Beaumont Health for 10 years. Nine of those years have been in a leadership role. I am married and have two teenage boys who attend Oxford public schools. I am currently on the Planning commission in the Village of Oxford. I am running for County Commissioner to bring a much needed new perspective and representation to District 46. I believe this area is slowly progressing and diversifying and a new way of looking at the area and issues will be welcomed by constituents. I stand by what I believe in but also have the ability to listen to and consider the thoughts and feelings of others. I have the ability to diplomatically disagree and make a point when needed. In my working life I have found myself in leadership roles because I don't like sitting back and watching as things are happening, if I see guidance is needed I am happy to lend my voice and thoughts (and physical labor if needed). I communicate well with people and am a trusted source to give an honest opinion.

If elected I would like to see Healthcare (which would include health and wellness programs), Water safety and Racial equality be at the forefront. Without healthy community members we can not have a strong county. As county commissioner I would look to experts in the field of health care and health and wellness, to guide us to getting healthcare for all and setting up health and wellness centers easily accessible to all residents. Water safety both home use and our waterways need to be addressed. I believe we should encourage communities to act quickly in fixing structural issues surrounding drinking water and to address invasive species in fresh waterways. I would look to local organizations to help with the clearing of invasive species. We need racial equality in our county. I would encourage the county to support minority owned business through grants and other funding. I would look into how the criminal justice system impacts minorities and help develop programs to make changes.

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## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 3 (CONTINUED) ★ ★ ★

REPUBLICAN  
**MICHAEL SPISZ**  
3661 High View Dr.  
Oxford, MI 48371

• Married – 20 years. 2 Daughters; Sophomore and Senior in High School • Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from GMI (Kettering University), and an MBA in Global Business from Davenport University • Employment: Executive Director of Engineering for a Tier-1 Automotive Supplier. 25+ years in the automotive industry. • I am running for re-election because this is something that I enjoy and I do it because I want to, not because I need to. • As a conservative I believe that the money you earn is always better in your hands than the government and that you are best served to determine how to spend or donate it • I believe in smaller government and that we as human beings can always find a solution to a problem and that it is not always up to the government to solve for us • I prefer to lead by example and drive to resolution based on logic and facts • Family comes first and always do what you believe is right

• AAA bond rating. We must maintain our AAA bond rating and maintain the legacy that L. Brooks Patterson built over the years of his great leadership. Oakland County has consistently been ranked in the top 10 for the entire Country for economic outlook and prosperity, currently we are 6th. • Budget. We have built a strong footing over the years and we need to continue to maintain that footing with a strong fund balance and a fiscally conservative budgeting process. And if possible, lower taxes and give money back to the people. • Safety. Continue to support our great Sheriff and the team of officers that keep us safe around Oakland County. Support our first responder's through great systems of support and tools to allow them to do their jobs. • Community outreach and support. With a strong budget and good fiscal policies, we can help all of our Cities, Villages and Townships. Such as our tri-party road improvement plans, which help local communities improve local infrastructure.

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 4 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**PHILLIP REID**  
6050 Shappie Rd.  
Clarkston, MI 48348

Lifelong Michigan resident and Oakland County resident for 35+ years. Married 38 years with two adult children. MBA Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Additional information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Reid4CC/>. As a buyer for Chrysler Group, managed an annual buy in excess of \$30 million of engineered components for assembly and powertrain operations. As a system administrator I supported their production purchasing system with an annual buy of \$1.4 billion, well in excess of the annual budget of Oakland County. I am personally acquainted with several current commissioners which would facilitate my transition to commissioner.

I am seeking the office of Commissioner, District 4 to serve its residents in the areas of roads, water quality, education, and economic opportunity. I will work on a bipartisan basis to seek solutions to managing the county budget and challenges

REPUBLICAN  
**KAREN JOLIAT**  
4181 Lakewood Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329

While completing my second elected term as a Waterford Township Trustee, I'm pursuing a run for Commissioner to bring fiscally conservative and transparent governance to the Board. I have a BA in Business Administration from Walsh College. I have +25-years of experience in government and the for-profit sector as a pharmaceutical representative with Bristol-Myers & account executive for Detroit Newspapers. In addition, experience in the non-profit sector as past president Oakland County Children's Village Foundation for 8-years. These careers have equipped me with fair and balanced budgeting tools. I've been successful and resourceful in maximizing services and appropriating funding on a limited fluctuating budget. I have the flexibility, creativity, and drive to be a productive board member. My experience and community involvement has earned me Commissioner Middleton's endorsement. [Joliat4Commissioner.com](http://Joliat4Commissioner.com)

Maintaining the County's AAA Bond rating is paramount. I will work toward fiscally conservative budgeting practices to preserve this rating for the benefit of the taxpayers. The roads continue to be a challenge. I plan to work with Road Commission & SEMCOG to ensure fair appropriations from the State to District 4. Serving as a Trustee, I see firsthand the lack and need for funding of infrastructure to local units of government. Economic development will be more important than ever in 2021. I will work with County's Economic Development team to support them, along with local governments, enticing companies to relocate. Having been the local representative to County's Economic Gathers, I've seen the benefits of partnerships with education institutions and MEDC. As a tech248 organizer for the Northwest region, I've observed the benefits of engaging the workforce along with Oakland County tech businesses. I will work hard to support programs such as these.

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 5 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**KRISTEN NELSON**  
3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd.  
Waterford, MI 48328

I'm a life-long Oakland County resident, born and raised in the District I proudly represent. In 2018 I ran as a first-time candidate against an incumbent. Voters in District 5 responded to my message, and as a result of my election, for the first time since 1972, a democratic majority was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. I currently serve as the Majority Vice Chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs and Operation Committee, Chair of the Senior Connectedness Task Force, Chair of the Invasive Species Special Committee, and I am a member of the Public Safety and Social Justice and Healthy Communities and Environment Committees. As an energetic leader, passionate problem solver and forward thinker, I am running for re-election to further pursue my commitment in representing the diverse voices of people while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about.

Protecting our water. Oakland County has more inland lakes than any other county in Michigan. We must continue to invest in reducing the spread and introduction of aquatic invasive species and set policies and practices that reduce dangerous chemicals and pollutants from making their way into our waterways. Public Health and Safety. The health and safety of our communities depends on the health of the people who make up our communities. I will continue to support Oakland County's collaborative efforts in providing equitable access to affordable comprehensive primary care, dental, substance abuse and mental health treatment and services to individuals across Oakland County. Community Economic Development. Our ability to thrive as a county through changing social and economic issues depends on good policies that support affordable housing, public transportation, job opportunities and training, and small business growth.

REPUBLICAN  
**KLINT KESTO**  
4636 Rosewood Ln.  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 6 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**JEFFREY LONG**  
3180 Long Ln.,  
White Lake, MI 48383

I am 56 years old. I was raised in White Lake Twp. My wife and I purchased our first home in Waterford before moving to White Lake in 1996 and building our current home. I currently serve on the Huron Valley Board of Education. I was first elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2016. During the last 9 years, we have improved relationships with staff, negotiated fair contracts, and been able to avoid privatizing. We have continued to balance our budgets and provide a AAA education. The experience of serving my community has prepared me to move to the County Commission. Having been part of negotiating contracts as a public servant and in my professional career, contract and policy language has become second nature to me. I am running for this position because I have grown tired of partisan politics and a lack of respect from both sides of the aisle. Constituents deserve to be represented by their elected officials no matter their, or their representative's party affiliation.

Protecting everyone's rights, not just the left's or the right's. I would support the policies that enforce the Rights of workers, women, and the Constitution. Community Safety and Health. I know first hand the negative effect fear has on students who don't feel safe going to school. I would support policies that protect students from physical and mental abuse, cyberbullying, school shootings, and mental distress. Schools need more resources and revenue for this to be effective. I would look for ways to give all schools additional support. Protect Michigan Workers. I would propose a strict approach to using Michigan workers in the county that would include fair wages, better benefits, stronger code, and licensing enforcement, and more stringent safety and sanitary conditions. Every worker should come to work knowing they will be going home healthy at the end of a hard day. I would also say helping Small Business would be a priority. They are vital to a thriving community.

REPUBLICAN  
**EILEEN KOWALL**  
2333 Cumberland Dr.  
White Lake, MI 48383

Husband Mike 46 years, daughters Marissa (Tom) & Stephanie, 2 grandchildren. Lifelong MI resident. Oakland County resident since 1974, White Lake since 1981; Dental Hygienist (1974-1996); Design, sales management, Accurate Woodworking, Inc.(1970-2003); State House Representative, 44th District (2009-2014); County Commissioner, 6th District (2003-2008, 2015-current). Member, Waterford & Huron Valley Chambers of Commerce, Huron Valley Optimist Club, Highland/White Lake Business Assoc., White Lake & Waterford Historical Societies, Pontiac/Waterford Elks Club, Church of the Holy Spirit. Currently serving as County Commissioner & member of Oakland County Finance Committee, Human Trafficking Taskforce, Covid-19 Impact on Seniors Taskforce, Airport Committee. I hope with the involvement in my community, along with the experience, knowledge, & leadership roles in many subject areas at the state & county levels over the years, I am better able to serve the residents of Oakland County.

- 1) Covid-19; Dealing with the repercussions of Covid-19 Adjusting & making amendments to our Oakland County 5-year plan
- 2) Race relations; Beyond discussions
- 3) Economic Recovery; Emerging Sectors

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 7 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**KAREN J. ADAMS**  
4539 Ravinewood Dr.  
Commerce, MI 48382

I am committed to public service. I know government can work for people when it is actually led by an experienced, effective person who knows the issues, understands policy and is careful with funds. My government experience, as a township planning commissioner, school board director, assistant borough manager, and my work experience in human resources, law and commercial real estate gives me insight and knowledge to craft and implement policies to benefit Oakland County. My volunteer experience in the Red Cross, the Lions Club, various civic associations, and PTO's created invaluable friendships and an understanding of the needs of the community. I am committed to listening to the concerns and responding to the residents of this district. I am a native Michigander, married for over 39 years. We have two daughters, both work in healthcare, and live near us in Oakland County too. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

I believe it is vital that we protect our lakes, streams, and groundwater from contaminants. I would seek all available state and federal funds to treat and maintain water quality so we can preserve our waterways for generations to come and ensure our drinking water is safe. Crucial to protecting our water is improving water and sewer systems. I will address the problem of aging systems. Our roads continue to need repair and replacement. Again, I will work with the county road commission finding state and federal funds for these improvements. The COVID-19 crisis has made it even more apparent that unreliable utilities, electricity, phone, and internet, and the lack of public transit pose a danger to seniors and all of us. The lack of public transit for seniors makes it difficult for them to age in place. I will work with state and federal officials for funds to bring Oakland County into the 21st Century.

REPUBLICAN  
**CHRISTINE A. LONG**  
1342 E. Commerce Rd.  
Commerce, MI 48382

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 8 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**TONI NAGY**  
49984 Helfer Blvd.  
Wixom, MI 48393

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REPUBLICAN  
**PHIL WEIPERT**  
135 N. Warren  
South Lyon, MI 48178

Married to Pam residing in South Lyon 30 years; Owner-Law Office Philip Weipert; Juris Doctor-Cooley Law School, B.A. U of M-Dearborn, Catholic Central H.S. Appointed to Pandemic Response & Economic Recovery Committee. P. Chair-SEMCOG, Chair S. Lyon ZBA; Wixom, Milford & South Lyon Historical Societies, Kensington Valley/S. Lyon, Huron Valley & Lakes Area Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 Chamber Citizen of the Year, Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, P. Grand Knight K of C Council 7586 & P. Secretary K of C Assembly 3099 Milford-monthly Flag replacement at Veterans Graves; Board Member Lyon (Twp.) Events Organization L.E.O./Kitefest, Operation Injured Soldiers, Huron and Clinton River Watershed Councils and War Dog Memorial. I am currently serving as Commissioner, and am qualified because my background in law, volunteering, public service, and leadership roles in numerous civic organizations has provided me with the skills and insight to serve District 8.

1) Pandemic, 2) Economic Recovery to Restore Jobs, 3) Roads & Infrastructure. As Commissioner, I've voted for PPE's, Testing and Stabilization Grants for our Small Businesses, Non-Profits, Veterans & our Cities, Villages and Twp's. so our citizens can get back to work, and businesses can re-open, as fast, and as safely as possible. I have worked on a 3 year-balanced budget-maintaining the County's AAA bond rating and lowering the County tax rate. My goals are to insure that tax dollars are spent wisely, costs are contained & services are restored. I have continued to vote for both the Tri-Party & the Local Road Improvement programs making Millions of dollars available to improve local roads. I support all programs that are bringing back jobs. I have experience in all aspects of County operations and I can, and do work with the County Administration to encourage job creation, stable property values, and a AAA Bond rating saving the taxpayers Millions of dollars in interest.

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 9 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**GWEN MARKHAM**  
45540 Violet Ln.  
Novi, MI 48374

I was elected to this position in 2018. Prior to that, I served 5 years on the Novi City Council. I work with leaders at all levels of government to bring effective policies and resources to Oakland County. I am an effective organizer, having served in leadership on several local boards and Commissions. I'm currently majority Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners Finance Committee, and I am Chair of the Airport and Financial Audit Committees, among others. My signature project this year was the distribution of 5000 Oak trees to communities throughout the County in commemoration of the County Bicentennial. We worked with local governments and non-profit organizations to complete this fun and important project.

For this year, we are looking at unprecedented challenges in all areas of the County. Our first priority must continue to be the health and safety of the County residents, and provide resources to those who need help. Our second priority must be assessment of the budget impact of all the needed actions taken to respond to the Covid-19 crisis, and develop plans to deal with the impact going forward. Our third priority should be to focus our efforts on restarting our local economy safely, and to develop strategies for the rehiring of those affected by the job losses during this time.

REPUBLICAN  
**DAVID STAUDT**  
23715 Nilan Dr.  
Novi, MI 48375

I have been a resident of Novi for 26 years and have served on City Council for 13 years, the last 9 as Mayor Pro-Tem. I am married Jean for 35 years and have two daughters; Rachel, a high school art teacher and Amber, an EMT. I am a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church. I volunteer in many capacities and am a member of the Novi Rotary, Novi Chamber of Commerce and BPO Elks. I have has over 30 years of executive management experience. I have served in positions as COO, CFO, Vice President & Chief Technology Officer at various companies in SE Michigan. I hold a BA degree in Business Administration from Lakeland College and a MS degree in Management from the UW-Milwaukee. I am currently the Comptroller of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Southeastern Michigan and SEMCA. I own Impact Media Professionals, a Novi small business. I am running to return the commission's focus back to fiscal responsibility, smaller government, greater transparency and personal freedom.

1) Maintaining a fiscally responsible and transparent government and our AAA Bond rating - This will be done by focusing on retaining our hard earned rainy-day fund which is being spent down every day on dubious big government programs and policies. I will again require all requests to spend money be scrutinized from a financial impact to the County perspective as has been the practice for many years. 2) Focusing County tax dollars on the residents of Oakland County - I will oppose any funding scheme for any program that allows Oakland County taxpayer dollars to be funneled out of Oakland County. We are not the regions piggy bank. 3) Reapportionment - The Democratic Majority of the County Commission has appointed progressive commissioners to propose reapportionment boundaries. Their intention will be to create commission districts that guarantee reelection of Democrats for the next decade. I will insure that all districts are fair and chosen to best represent those that live in them.





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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 10 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**ANGELA POWELL**  
1044 Williamson Cir.  
Pontiac, MI 48340

Been in politics since 2004 working all over Mich. Last couple positions held before becoming a commissioner, I worked for Tim Greimel-former State Rep.- District Constituent Service Coordinator And Oakland County Democratic Party-Political Director. In my first term as OCC I was able to get 3 resolutions sponsored. I am running to make sure resources from OC improve the lives of residents and is being utilized effective for citizens in my district and throughout OC.. I am a strong leader who stands for what is fair in any situation that comes before me.

1-more housing and affordable housing since we have a housing shortage in Mich.  
2- more resources for small Businesses especially minority and women owned.  
3-continue improving communicate to my district so they become more aware of what resources Oakland County Offer.

REPUBLICAN  
**DAVID B. FOSTER**  
791 Melrose St.  
Pontiac, MI 48340

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 11 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**TIM BURNS**  
5304 Abington Dr.  
Troy, MI 48085

Husband to Barbra for fifteen years. Dad of 11-year-old Jack & Maggie who attend Troy Public Schools. Attorney, small business owner, youth soccer coach and community volunteer. Currently on Board of Directors for Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society plus my neighborhood homeowners association. Previously served on Board of Commissioners for State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Parks Commission, and Oakland County International Airport Authority. Past president and board member of the Troy Community Coalition, named "Democrat of the Year" in 2010 by Troy Democratic Club, and honored as "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" in 2011 by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge. Also served as County Commissioner representing Troy from 2007 – 2011. Looking to re-engage in government because tired of elected officials acting more like school yard bullies than good neighbors. I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work making a positive contribution as your County Commissioner.

**TACKLE THE PANDEMIC** - Oakland County's Health Division has crucial role in combating the coronavirus pandemic through enforcing health standards, providing medical services including testing, and eventually distributing vaccinations. I will provide guidance and support so we can efficiently and effectively tackle this public health emergency. We need leaders who understand science and facts matter in making decisions. Oakland County's recovery is my top priority!  
**PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH** - Enhance County's home improvement program to stimulate local jobs while increasing property values. Collaborate with colleges and hospitals to create biotech industry jobs expanding our economic base.  
**MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY** - During the Great Recession, as a County Commissioner I worked on passing balanced budgets which helped residents through tough times and preserved essential services without raising taxes. I will use that experience to help us be fiscally responsible moving forward now

REPUBLICAN  
**THOMAS E. KUHN**  
1595 Pebble Point Dr.  
Troy, MI 48085

I have been an elected official in Oakland County for 26 years, serving 12 years at the local level and 12 years on the Oakland Community College board, 2 years as chair, as well as currently serving as your County Commissioner. I have a BA, MA and PhD in Political Science and have been an attorney for 35 years. In addition to my service as an elected official, I have been active in youth sports as a coach and board member, and as a homeowners association board member. In all those years of service, I have never seen the lack of oversight, no-bid contracts and fiscal irregularities brought upon us by the current Oakland Co. Democratic leadership. We need change. As your commissioner, I will continue to work closely with our city leaders to provide improved roads and infrastructure, and provide support for our businesses, neighborhoods and families. I am totally committed to assuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely and that contracts are properly bid. Website: votetomkuhn.com

**Restore Fiscal Responsibility:** For decades, Brooks Patterson, Sheriff Mike Bouchard and the Republican County leadership maintained strong fiscal responsibility that provided our critical county services at the best value for taxpayers. The County's AAA bond rating allowed for dramatically improved infrastructure. We need to return to the wise and rational policy that served the County's taxpayers so well for so many years. **Restore Accountability:** Currently, the County Commission does not allow adequate oversight and review prior to important votes. The Commission needs to re-establish its previous operating committees which can provide meaningful oversight of county expenditures and programs. **Restore Commitment to Oakland County Residents:** The Commission is now spending massive amounts that don't benefit our residents, including subsidizing political groups. The County needs to be re-committed to providing essential services and infrastructure for Oakland County residents.



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## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 12 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**KELLY DILLAHA**  
2553 Manchester Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

I've lived in Oakland County for 20 years, 9 in Birmingham. My husband Scott and I wanted to be rooted in a community with caring neighbors, excellent schools, vibrant shops and safe streets. This week, our twin sons Aidan and Brady graduated from Seaholm without a commencement ceremony, but the outpouring of well-wishes from teachers and neighbors lifted us up and reminded us why we chose Oakland as our home. I'm running for County Commissioner because I want to play an active part in shaping Oakland's future. In a few years when my sons graduate from college, I want Oakland to be the place they choose to start their careers and raise their families. Through my professional and volunteer work, I have built strong relationships with community groups, business leaders, educators and government. I am proud of my reputation as someone who works hard to get things done on time and within budget. I'm not a career politician, I'm a business owner and parent who cares about where we are headed.

As County Commissioner I will bring smart, forward-thinking, compassionate leadership to Oakland County. I will fight to: • Keep families safe and rebuild our economy by ensuring businesses have information and protective equipment to reopen safely, and the Public Health Division has resources to fight future outbreaks. • Make sure we have clean, safe drinking water by working with residents and local municipalities to explore ways to speed up lead service line replacements. Also, the Commission recently installed lead-free bottle filling stations in schools, and I'd like to expand that project by replacing existing drinking fountains that have tested for lead. • Address the unique needs of our growing senior population, projected to make up 40% of Oakland County by 2035. I cared for my when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, so know first-hand the challenges that seniors and their families face. I'll support our seniors during budget and policy discussions.

REPUBLICAN  
**CHUCK MOSS**  
1184 Dorchester Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

Michigan State University, James Madison College: 1975. University of Detroit School of Law, 1979, passed Bar 1979. Married to Alice, 1979. 2 children, Elizabeth and Carolyn. Lived in Birmingham since 1981. WORK: Attorney. DETROIT NEWS Columnist. WXTY Radio Talk Host. WTVS 56 Co-Host Back to Back. POLITICAL: Birmingham City Commissioner, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor: 1997-2001. Oakland County Commissioner, 2001-2006. Chair Finance Committee. State Representative, 40th District. 2007-2012 Chair House Appropriations Committee. Board Member, Regional Transit Authority: 2013-Present. RELEVANT QUALITIES AND SKILLS: EXPERIENCE! I've done this job before; tackled governance and budget challenges at local, County, and State level, in good times and bad. Having worked through the Great Recession, I'm ready to deal with the post-Virus challenges. Ready to go on Day One.

1) Keep Oakland County finance and ethical best practices. HOW: Keep and build on Patterson-era budget-ethical procedures & safeguards. 2) Assist post-virus economic recovery, keep Oakland jobs engine for state. HOW: No tax increases, adding to burden on families and job creators. Keep burden of government low, assist county business recruitment and retention, like One Stop Shop, Automation Alley, and Emerging Sectors. 3) Strengthen public health and safety services, including Community Mental Health services. HOW: Prioritize health and safety in budgeting, increase priority for Community Mental Health

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 13 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**MARCIA GERSHENSON**  
5964 Wing Lk. Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I am the incumbent County Commissioner for District 13 and the current Vice-Chair of the Commission. I am a native Michigander and a graduate of the University of Michigan. I am running for re-election because during these unprecedented times, experienced leadership matters and is critical to our recovery. I reach out regularly to local communities to offer County resources. My knowledge and expertise has been invaluable to assist residents and businesses with answers to questions and problems.

My priorities are to strengthen the Oakland County Health department by partnering with local health facilities to offer more services for families. This includes opening more locations that will better integrate our Health Department into our communities and become a valued resource and neighborhood health center. Also, I have been actively involved in the distribution of grants and loans to our local businesses and residents impacted by the corona virus. I will continue to focus on providing the necessary support and financial resources to our community to bring back jobs and businesses to help rebuild our economy. Seniors have always been a top priority for me. I will continue to advocate and distribute funding to local agencies that offer senior resources. Oakland County has a large senior population and I am committed to try and address their needs and help them live independently and safely.

REPUBLICAN  
**MAX ROHTBART**  
5613 Pembroke Crossing  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County, graduated Andover High School, and have a B.A. in History from Oakland University. I currently attend University of Detroit Mercy School of Law where I am entering my final year of studies, I also serve on the student board of governors and honor council. In addition I work as a sports official registered with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) in the sports of Football and Baseball. The reason I am running for county commission is because I am concerned about the direction of the county, the state, and our country. Americans are divided and leaders on all sides are making the situation worse. People are increasingly distrustful of institutions which are meant to protect them, which sometimes fail to do so. We as elected officials and public servants need to spend more time in the community looking at common problems, so we can solve those problems before they become even worse.

1. Infrastructure improvement, while roads have long been discussed other important pieces of infrastructure have been neglected for decades. Water quality is a major issue in Oakland County, replacement of lead pipes has been moving forward slowly, however the county dumping raw sewage in our great lakes is unacceptable and needs to end, the county needs to start with a transition plan to divide drainage and sewage systems. 2. No gerrymandering, the next county commission is responsible for drawing the districts for the 2022-2030 elections. I pledge to not vote for any gerrymandered map. 3. Maintain Oakland County's AAA bond rating, the county has maintained a AAA bond rating for the past 22 years under strong leadership. This bond rating allows the county to provide better services for less taxpayer expense. To maintain this rating the county commission must hold the executive to a high level of scrutiny to maintain strong budgeting practices which have served Oakland for decades.

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## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 14 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**WILLIAM MILLER**  
31621 Lamar Dr.  
Farmington, MI 48336

I am running for re-election to continue the work I have been able to do with my fellow commissioners in bringing equally, fair wages and transparency to the county. As a tradesperson I bring to the commission a different perspective that has not been part of the commission.

Infrastructure, Clean Water, Seniors Infrastructure: work to make sure our city townships and villages have assistance with their crumbling infrastructure. Clean Water: as your Commissioner I worked to continue the replacement of the drinking fountains in our schools and I will continue working to ensure all have safe drinking water. Seniors: it is our duty as commissioner to help and protect our better then 50.

REPUBLICAN  
**THERESA NOSEWORTHY**  
24328 Power Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 15 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**MELANIE HARTMAN**  
191 Erin Castle Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

As a medical professional, a parent, and long-time volunteer in our schools and greater community, I have the experience, integrity, and heart we need to make the right decisions for our district. My educational background and work as a pharmacist and physician as well as my involvement in the community over the years at the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, Rochester Certified Emergency Response Team, Stoney Creek High School PTSA Executive Board and Green Schools Chair, Board member of the Oakland Youth Orchestras and officer of the Oakland County Democratic Party have helped me to understand the needs of our community. I want to ensure our residents' voices are heard and our priorities are taken seriously. Most importantly, I want to help us rebuild, reinvent ourselves, and fight through uncertainty towards a stable future.

Priorities to address: • Provide increased testing for COVID-19 and reliable antibody testing to allow for contact tracing in order to prepare for a possible resurgence. • Help small businesses to achieve a new normal with continued access to grants and loans as well as training and education for those who have lost jobs. • Increasing mental healthcare access for Oakland County residents, including those experiencing anxiety and depression as a result of the current pandemic including: • Healthcare workers who are experiencing PTSD as their caseloads are lightened • Families who have had the increased responsibility of homeschooling their children while working remotely at home • Victims of domestic abuse who cannot leave their current situation. If elected, I will work with the Oakland County Administration as well as community partners to continue to broaden the services of the Oakland County Health Division as well as dedicate resources to the above priorities.

REPUBLICAN  
**ADAM KOCHENDERFER**  
1550 Traceky  
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

I am currently the County Commissioner for District 15 (Rochester, Rochester Hills). I previously served on the Rochester Hills City Council. I chose to run again due to the unprecedented challenges to both the economy and public health in Oakland County. Many families are still grappling with the impact of COVID-19. I've always tried to serve our community through facts, not fear, and avoid the partisan games that are too prevalent these days. I'm running again to continue that practice and ensure we represent all residents through this challenging time. In addition to the County Commission and City Council, I have served in a variety of roles:

- Green Space Advisory Board, Rochester Hills;
- Historic District Study Committee, Rochester Hills;
- Board of Directors, Rochester Rotary Club;
- Crittenton Hospital Charitable Giving Committee;
- Board of Directors, Oakland University Alumni Association;
- Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce;
- Rochester Area Jaycees.

1) PUBLIC HEALTH. We must treat COVID-19 with the perspective and seriousness it deserves, putting safety measures in place that protect residents while avoiding overbroad restrictions. 2) ECONOMIC RECOVERY. The economy's devastation has had health effects of its own, and we must do everything we can to revive Oakland County as Michigan's economic powerhouse. 3) QUALITY OF LIFE. Each action county government takes must be aimed at preserving residents' strong quality of life at a reasonable cost. I will continue to support measured and responsible use of tax dollars.

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 16 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**PENNY LUEBS**  
639 Hendrickson  
Clawson, MI 48017

- Oakland County Commissioner District 16, 2018 - present
- Mayor, City of Clawson, 2007-2017
- Council Member, City of Clawson, 2003-2007
- Clawson Community Coalition Chair
- Clawson Youth Assistance Chair
- Boy Scout Troop 1627 Committee Secretary
- Farmers Market Co-Organizer
- First Presbyterian Church of Troy member
- Area Agency on Aging 1B Board Member
- Easter Seals, Clinical Supervisor, 2001 - present
- Master's Degree in Social Work (LMSW) and Certified Addiction Counselor (CAADC)
- Five children, nine grandchildren
- I enjoy working with and advocating for people. As a County Commissioner, I am able to make decisions that allow each person to live a good life.

Health and Safety - Health and safety is paramount in today's society. Support for our public services of police, fire, DPW, health department and businesses is managed through good stewardship of our resources. Balanced budget - Our vision, goals, mission and priorities determine where we allocate money in the budget. Maintaining the AAA bond rating increases our opportunities and purchasing power for supplies and contracts. Environmental sustainability - Environmental sustainability increases the quality of life Recycling, native landscaping and maintaining our roads, water and sewer system contribute to ensuring that future generations will our geographical landscape.

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 16 ★ ★ ★

REPUBLICAN  
**MATT PRYOR**  
38145 Dequindre Rd.  
Troy, MI 48083

Former Mayor and Councilman, Troy, Mi. 40yr Business Owner; Landscape Design and Construction. Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan, Troy High graduate. In 1993, Troy had lost \$52 million in business along Big Beaver. As Councilman I fought for new zoning methods, environmental buffers, regulation changes and controlled spending. By the time I was Mayor we had brought in \$8 billion in new investment. We lowered taxes all 3 years I was Mayor and were ranked one of the safest cities in the U.S. My track record as an elected official in Troy speaks well for my ability to deal with the current economic crisis.

Government takes money from all of us. Therefore, spending and taxation should be determined by the consensus of a clear majority, not just a simple majority. Government should not tell us how to live, but protect our freedom to choose how we live so long as we do no harm. no single individual should be allowed to determine this. at many levels, government is currently failing at each of these priorities. There is not the additional priority of helping both individuals and our businesses recover from the economic devastation of COVID. My goal is to address these issues as your Oakland County Commissioner by reviewing all County spending and require a 60% majority for all spending and taxation. The County should have its own legislative response to situations like COVID and rigorously defend the Constitutional rights of our residents so long as those rights are exercised responsibly. All programs to boost business and jobs should be kicked into high gear. No stone left unturned.

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 17 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**YOLANDA S. CHARLES**  
17580 Westland Ave.  
Southfield, MI 48075

I'm Yolanda S. Charles, running to be the next Oakland County Commissioner, District 17. I humbly ask for your support and vote on August 4th. I am a product of Southfield Public Schools where I attended PreK-12th grade. After graduating I got my Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the Hampton University in VA. I hold a Master Degree in Education - Instructional Technology, as well. My family relocated to Southfield back in 1968 seeking better neighborhoods, education and city services. As a second-generation graduate of Southfield Public Schools, I have enthusiastically served on the Board of Education in Southfield since 2011, holding the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition to my elected experience on the school board, I have worked closely with youth and seniors throughout my career. In 2009, I was appointed to the Commission on Senior Adults (COSA) in Southfield. You have a choice, CHOOSE Yolanda S. Charles! Thank You!

1. Better Funding for Southeast Oakland County. This includes Regional Transportation, Senior Activities and Services, and more.  
2. Investment in Infrastructure. This includes Technology and our Roads.  
3. Economic Development Supports for Oakland County Small Businesses. This includes bolstering Business Incubators, housing the Satellite Business One Stop locations in our neck of the woods, and post-Pandemic help. I know how to get things done. As a member of a robust Board of Education, I am accustomed to working with partners, allies and stakeholders regardless of political affiliation. I will bring an unfettered level of productivity to this job on DAY 1. I am prepared and I am ready to lead during these already challenging times. District 17 deserves a leader with maturity and a record of performance. Together, we can get things done. Vote Yolanda Charles on August 4. Want to help? Visit [voteyolanda.org](http://voteyolanda.org) to sign up!

REPUBLICAN  
**MORDECHAI KLAINBERG**  
17692 E. Goldwin St.  
Southfield, MI 48075

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GREEN  
**DESTINY CLAYTON**  
24346 Cloverlawn St.  
Oak Park, MI 48237

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 18 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**CHARLIE CAVELL**  
640 E. Marshall St.  
Ferndale, MI 48220

I am running for office to improve regional cooperation, create racial, social and economic justice, make Oakland County a leader in innovative government, and address the needs of our aging population and infrastructure. My values are rooted in my lived experiences. My mother died at a young age and my father was incarcerated, leaving me to shuffle between the homes of relatives and in our State's foster-care system until I was adopted at 16. I later earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Social Work from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. I then founded an innovative nonprofit whose job-training model was adopted by our State and provided 3,000 of our neighbors with career-path work. I also worked internationally on community development in India and East Africa, and served locally on Mayor Duggan's Economic and Tax Policy team handling public finance during Detroit's comeback. I currently work as a Program Director at Matrix Human Services, a local nonprofit.

The top 3 issues that I would like to tackle on the County Commission are regional transit, caring for the needs of our seniors, and implementing criminal justice reform. Our lack of effective regional transit has left us behind, and if elected, I would work with our local and State-wide partners to pass an effective and equitable regional transit plan once and for all. Second, with our growing senior population, I would work with our regional partners to develop and fund a plan that will provide our seniors with the resources to gracefully age in place in Oakland County. Further, having been personally touched by the mass incarceration epidemic, and with nearly half of our County budget dedicated to the criminal justice system, I hope to work on the County Commission with our County Prosecutor and Sheriff to reduce the number of residents we throw in jail for petty offenses, establish the means for effective community police oversight, and end cash-bail for non-violent offenses.

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## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 18 ★ ★ ★

**REPUBLICAN  
MICHELANGELO  
FORTUNA III**  
23777 Easterling Ave.  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

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**GREEN  
NICK ROWLEY**  
12800 W. Nine Mile, #32  
Oak Park, MI 48237

I am a transplant from the United Kingdom. I grew up in a political environment that has deeply left wing political parties and allows for genuinely left wing policies. I believe that left wing policies are the most people centered and the most practical and the one thing we need right now, most of all are people centered and practical policies. I look at the US and I see very little in the way of genuinely left wing politicians. There is a nominally left wing party in the Democrats but it is only nominally left leaning. I want there to be more genuinely left wing politicians, I'm going to start with me. I am a member of the most viable and most left party I can identify, which would be the Green Party. Having worked on political campaigns on both sides of the Atlantic, I know that pragmatically there is a strategic vote for President but down ballot people can vote for more people centered candidates because change rises from the grass roots rather than being bestowed from above.

Water stability and usability: Initiate a survey of water systems throughout my district and the county as a whole to determine where improvements can occur, where replicable best practices are occurring and where issues need to be addressed. Policing: Initiate policies to lessen the need for police to deliver services that other professions are better suited to handle, encourage the creation of better procedures in terms of conflict resolution and deescalation in current policing. Office Holder-Constituent-Community connection: Hold regular town halls in and around my district as well as host a regular virtual town hall viewable on multiple social media platforms in which I will speak to community voices and discuss issues most concerning my constituents.

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 19 ★ ★ ★

**DEMOCRAT  
DAVID T.  
WOODWARD**  
2915 Woodland Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

- Oakland County Board Chairman • former State Representative
- Leader of campaigns that raised the state minimum wage and created the first earned sick time law • Small business owner
- Wayne State University B.S. Mathematics • Married to Stacie, a teacher, and they have two young daughters I'm a strong progressive voice for advancing equality and economic opportunity for working families and our community. A record of accomplishments: • Secured \$1 million in county support for Normandy Oaks • Created the Oakland County Microloan Program for small businesses • Launched Oakland Better with Breakfast, the largest countywide universal breakfast program in schools than any county in Michigan • Replaced old drinking fountains in schools across the county with filtered water bottle refilling stations • Delivered more local road funding than any time in county history • Supported the largest expansion of public health care in county history • Expanded parks, recreation and green space

**IMPROVE AND EXPAND HEALTH CARE** • Guarantee our county has the testing and contract tracing capacity to meet the current and futur COVID-19 needs to protect residents • Leverage our public health infrastructure, and work with partners to improve access to quality health care • Make gains in improving health disparities  
**PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER** • Help communities replace lead service lines • Expand county testing capacity of drinking water  
**ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY** • Continue to be the engine that drives the Michigan economy by developing a resilient economic development strategy that invests in workers, attracts capital investment, and creates opportunity for all • Support "Buy Local" initiatives that invests in our independent small businesses and local economies • Insist our economic strategy focus on good paying jobs and sustainability • Set and achieve goal of 80% of workforce with post high school education (degree, trades, certificate) by 2030

**REPUBLICAN  
PAM LINDELL**  
409 Englewood Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

I am not a career politician. I have no hidden agenda, owe no one favors. I have been volunteering in my community for over 27 years. I enjoy interacting and solving problems with and for my neighbors. This is not a stepping stone for a greater political career. I care about my county and would love to serve.

1. In this unprecedented time of covid 19 we need to encourage and support our local businesses, with safe and healthy interaction. 2. I am concerned that our taxes in district 19 are discouraging new residents from moving in and for many of our current folks to stay. No new taxes! 3. Runaway spending, no bid contracts must stop, no more kicking the debt down the road for another day. If you aren't here to serve all the people you represent then get out! Serving as a commissioner is a part time position, if you are a politician and need more money, get a job. Oakland county isn't here to make commissioners rich.

## ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 20 ★ ★ ★

**DEMOCRAT  
GARY R.  
MCGILLIVRAY**  
926 Tanglewood Dr.  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Married to Diane for 45 years, 2 Adult Children and one Granddaughter. Former Madison Heights City Councilman and Mayor (1983-2008). Current Oakland County Commissioner # 20 (2009 - Present ) Democratic Caucus Chair, Oakland County Parks Commission Chairman, and Chairman of Public Services Committee. The main reason I'm serving is because I enjoy being a part helping people and my district # 20 ( Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Troy and Royal Oak ). Some of projects that I have lead on include Local Road Improvement to local communities to them repair and replace roads that some local communities can not afford to do on their own. Also as Chairman of Parks Commission, I fought to get the O.C. Parks to take over the Madison Heights Nature Center when the city could no longer afford to operate the nature center. I have also been a part of many other projects that benefited Oakland County and the local communities.

1. Our main job as County Commissioners is good fiscal responsibly. We must be sure we are spending your tax dollars wisely. With over a \$900 million budget, it's important that we access the need of any of any budget request. As a member of the Finance Committee, I look at the need and and if the request is within their department budget. 2. As I stated above, I served on City Council in Madison Heights. That is why it is important for the county to help local communities. Many times cities must cut their budget because of their shortfalls. So we must try when possible to help them with things like Roads Improvement, Public Safety or in general where ever their are and when its possible for us to be able to give a helping hand. 3. I will be working on a new program that can assist residents and businesses with low interest financing on environmental projects to reduce their costs by installing Solar, Wind and Geothermal improvements.

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### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 20 ★ ★ ★

REPUBLICAN  
**DAVID J. HARRELL**  
1936 Kirkton Dr.  
Troy, MI 48083

I am a life-long resident of Oakland County having lived in Berkley, Royal Oak, Oak Park and Troy and am heavily invested in Oakland County with 2 small businesses that I operate from Troy. My wife Barbara and I have lived at our current home for the last 26 years and don't anticipate ever leaving. Although I have always been involved in the political scene in some way, I have never held political office other than precinct delegate. I was an Engineer and Program Manager for about 30 years in the automotive industry and have led many successful teams through the years which would be a valuable asset for the Commissioner position. I started a small business in 2009 when the great recession took my automotive job and I just started another small business in Troy at the end of last year. These experiences mean that I will bring problem solving, innovation, entrepreneurship and integrity to the 20th District Commissioner position.

Oakland County has been the gold standard in responsible budgeting and spending for many years due to the forward thinking of L. Brooks Patterson and the Republican led Commission. Their 3 year budget has kept the current Commission and Executive from bankrupting the County. I will return the taxpayer's voice to spending priorities. The roads are still a priority. As the bridges that hold up I-75 are being torn down and re-built, the surface streets are taking a beating. I want to re-invent the way we make our roads using new technologies, and by investigating the true cost over the life of a road surface. Since the 2018 election and the unfortunate death of L. Brooks Patterson the Commission has behaved in strange and extremely partisan ways in order to re-make Oakland County. Politicians should represent their constituents and not their political party or special interest groups. I will instill the highest moral and ethical integrity into the office of County Commissioner.

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT 21 ★ ★ ★

DEMOCRAT  
**JANET JACKSON**  
26246 Summerdale Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48033

30 year Southfield resident, wife, mother of two, grandmother of one. 6 term County Commissioner. I am the current Democratic Caucus Majority Vice Chair. I have the background as a long term incumbent to best utilize my position in our Democratic majority and now under Democratic Executive leadership with Dave Coulter. Covid 19 and social justice issues are pressing driving our policies and initiatives. As a African American woman who has struggled personally with health and economic challenges as a long time Oakland County resident has equipped me to be able to address issues with a personal lens and passion. My political style is one defined as a servant leader. Navigating through the Covid crisis helping facilitate financial assistance and addressing racial equity will be my foremost concern. Leading through the great recession during my initial terms has prepared me for this time.

Health and the affects of the pandemic upon our community. Ensuring that our residents are offered programs to assist them through this plague. Creating and promoting health care assistance tailored to all individuals within the county paying special attention to minority health care communication and assistance. Social Justice and Racial Equity Initiatives Diversity and Inclusion initiatives to help transform the culture within the County. Working with our newly hired diversity and inclusion officer to help ensure our workforce and county opportunities and offerings are more representative of our increasingly diverse county. Advocacy for increased justice reform. Assistance for Residents Life within the county is going to be more challenging. Instituting programs to assist and support residents and businesses is paramount. Continuing my service on the OLHSA board, a community action agency to help our disadvantaged, and promoting and enhancing our CARES act funding help.

REPUBLICAN  
**BILL SMITH**  
22015 Tredwell Ave.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I grew up in Detroit, graduated from Redford High School. Have lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association. I am also a member of the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority. We have a great county and I hope it remains that way. Since the passing of Brooks Patterson, I have seen new positions being created and more of our residents tax money diverted from keeping our county solvent and growing. What we need is a simple common sense approach to government and just as we do, most of us anyway, in our own households, you don't spend money you don't have. I worry about the legacy left by Mr. Patterson, having a balanced budget going out three years. We need to keep our Sheriff's Dept. strong and well supported keeping all of our citizens, their homes and businesses safe. I worked for the National Federation of Independent Business and know the importance of small business.

Maintain our service level without adding positions as "rewards" to political allies. Fund essential services, public safety, roads, business development, and the encouragement in the expansion of small businesses. Maintain a balanced budget going out three years. Curb unnecessary spending.



# Township Elections

All elect Supervisor, Treasurer, and Trustees + some elect Constable, Park Commissioners.

ALL of these Offices are 4-YEAR TERMS and on PARTISAN Ballot. Some elect NON-PARTISAN Library Board

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## ADDISON TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Rep Bruce H. Pearson  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Pauline Bennett  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Lori Fisher  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Ed Brakefield  
 ..... Rep Karen R. Geibel  
 ..... Rep Linda Gierak  
 ..... Rep Charles Sargent

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 James E. Baldiga • Jennie L. Eller  
 James Elsarelli • Mary A. Frost  
 Kara King • Charles Meininger  
 Sarah M. Spigno • Marilyn Szost

## BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Dem Dani Walsh  
 ..... Rep Dan Devine  
**CLERK** ..... Dem Martin Brook  
 ..... Rep Tom Smyly  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Brian E. Kepes  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Stephanie Fakh

..... Dem Mitsuki Murashige  
 ..... Dem Valerie Sayles Murray  
 ..... Dem Linda P. Ulrey  
 ..... Rep Neal Barnett  
 ..... Rep Timothy Robert Meyer  
 ..... Rep Michael Schostak  
 ..... Rep Don Valente

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Sandra Edwards • Grant Gerhart  
 Eli Greenbaum • Judy Lindstrom  
 Joan Luksik • Matthew Binkowski  
 (Write-in)

## BRANDON TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Rep Jayson W. Rumball  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Roselyn Blair  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Scott Broughton  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Carrie Middleton  
 ..... Rep Dana M. DePalma  
 ..... Rep Robert S. Marshall  
 ..... Rep Kathy Thurman  
 ..... Rep Steven Unruh  
 ..... Npa Heath D. Zietz

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Verna K. Cole • Cheryl Gault  
 Susan Hagen • Tiffany Ragland  
 Janet L. Rathburg • Heather Wills

## COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Dem Pamela Sue Jackson  
 ..... Rep Larry Eugene Gray, Jr.  
 ..... Lib Bruce Jaquays  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Melissa Creech  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Molly B. Phillips  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Bob Berkheiser  
 ..... Rep Vanessa Wagner  
 ..... Rep Rick Sovel  
 ..... Rep George K. Weber

## GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Robert DePalma  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Patti Back  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Theresa Bills  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 2**  
 ..... Rep Jim Christopher  
 ..... Rep Gina Muzzarelli

## HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Rick Hamill  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Tami Flowers  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Jennifer Frederick  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Judy Cooper  
 ..... Rep Brian Howe  
 ..... Rep Beth Lewis  
 ..... Rep Joseph M. Salvia

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Cindy Dombrowski • Joe Gaglio  
 Christina Hamill • Jill Matthews  
 Dawn Mecklenborg • Kathy Polidori

## HOLLY TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .. Dem Sherlynn Everly  
 ..... Rep George A. Kullis  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Karin S. Winchester  
**TREASURER** .. Rep Mark C. Freeman  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 2**  
 ..... Dem Robert Mask  
 ..... Rep Derek D. Burton  
 ..... Rep Steve Ruth

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Dem Courtney M. Coster  
 Dem Donna McBride  
 Dem Karrigan E. Roche  
 Rep Shawn Patrick Lee Grugel  
 Rep Joe Hutchins  
 Rep Kathleen Kendall Martin  
 Npa Shawna Marie Campbell (Write-in)  
 Npa Patrick Feeney (Write-in)  
 Npa Pauline Kenner (Write-in)  
 Npa Joshua Mark Murphy (Write-in)

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 April G. Brandon  
 Adam G. Freese (Write-in)  
 Margaret Jo Hejhal (Write-in)  
 Meghan Colleen Hill (Write-in)  
 Joseph Michael Mishler (Write-in)  
 Kristin Leigh Watt (Write-in)

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Patrick Kittle  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Cari J. Neubeck  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Rachel Loughrin  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Jose Aliaga  
 ..... Rep Paul A. Brown  
 ..... Rep Terri Nallamothe  
 ..... Rep Ronald A. Ritchie

## LYON TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep John Dolan  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Michele Cash  
**TREASURER** .. Rep Patricia D. Carcone  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Lise A. Blades  
 ..... Rep Kristofer Enlow  
 ..... Rep Sean O'Neil  
 ..... Rep Robert Swain

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 • Cheryl Chuck • Ed Coles  
 • Donald E. Gehrlein  
 • Sheriann Rogge

## MILFORD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Don Green  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Holly Brandt  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Cynthia Dagenhardt  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Randal Busick

..... Rep William E. Mazzara  
 ..... Rep Toni Vulaj  
 ..... Rep Dale R. Wiltse

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 • Judith A. Clemens  
 • Donna Gramlich  
 • Janet D. Keef • Megan Weeks  
 • Barbara Jean Harris (Write-in)

## NOVI TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .... Rep John Juntunen  
**CLERK** ..... Npa Janeen Crittenden  
**TREASURER** ..... Npa David Hall  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 2**  
 ..... Dem Tony Galdikas  
 ..... Rep Raymond Schovers

## OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Dem Ralph Jessee, Jr.  
 ..... Rep Dominic Abbate  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Robin Buxar  
**TREASURER** .. Rep John Giannangeli  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Jack E. Elder  
 ..... Rep Dave Mabry  
 ..... Rep Lana Mangiapane  
 ..... Rep Andy Zale

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Dem Lisa Fitzpatrick Sokol  
 Rep Emily Barkham  
 Rep Brian Blust  
 Rep Craig S. Blust  
 Rep Jim Quesenberry  
 Rep Cathy A. Rooney  
 Rep Daniel L. Simon  
 Rep Maryann Whitman  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Henry A. Carels • Marisa Kallie  
 Andrew Parker • Michael P. Tyler  
 Mercedes Wirsing

## ORION TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Chris Barnett  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Penny S. Shults  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Donni Steele  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Cheyenne Dwyer  
 ..... Dem Eileen Nolton  
 ..... Rep Brian Birney  
 ..... Rep Julia Dalrymple  
 ..... Rep Michael Flood, Jr.  
 ..... Rep Kimberly Urbanowski

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 James J. Abramczyk (Write-in)  
 Mary M. Pergeau (Write-in)  
 James Phillips (Write-in)  
 Bert M. Quinn (Write-in)  
 Mary Anne Thorndycraft (Write-in)

## OXFORD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Jack L. Curtis  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Curtis W. Wright  
**TREASURER** .. Rep Joseph G. Ferrari  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Rep Rod Charles  
 ..... Rep William Dunn  
 ..... Rep Jonathan Nold  
 ..... Rep Margaret Payne

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Rep Austin D. Brantley  
 Rep Phil Castonia  
 Rep Timothy Kalohn

Rep Theresa Myer  
 Rep Ronald J. Roop II  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 DuAnne K. Cook • Julie Fracker  
 Kathleen Hoeflein • Barbara Kriigel  
 Anthony Rizzo • Lynn Royster

## ROSE TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Rep Dianne Scheib-Snyder  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Debbie Miller  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Paul J. Gambka  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 2**  
 ..... Rep Glen Noble  
 ..... Rep Patricia Walls  
 ..... Npa William McDonald, Sr.

## ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Dem Donna J. Squalls  
 ..... Npa Cary M. Junior  
 ..... Npa Felicia Royal  
**CLERK** ..... Dem Gwendolyn Turner  
**TREASURER** ..... Dem Patricia Singley  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Wanda Allen  
 ..... Dem Karen Ballard  
 ..... Dem Jeff Cushingberry  
 ..... Dem Deja Vasquez

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Dem Lawrence Cochran, Jr.  
 Dem Faye Snider Gibson  
 Dem Dennis L. King  
 Dem Nykolas Martin  
 Dem D. Mike Ramey  
 Dem Cassandra Respress  
 Dem Latrcia Wilbourn  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Regina A. Ross

## SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Dem James M. O'Reilly  
 ..... Rep John Clark  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Sharon Tischler  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Janet Mooney  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Bonnie Cook  
 ..... Rep Dan Nelson  
 ..... Rep Jon M. Oen

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Laura Moreau  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Sean R. Miller  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Jamie L. Dubre  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Donna M. Lopez  
 ..... Rep Marc Cooper  
 ..... Rep Dave Hopper  
 ..... Rep Jason Pliska  
 ..... Rep Denny Vallad

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Dem E. Roger Bower  
 Dem Anne A. Loncar  
 Rep Diane Baker  
 Rep Dennis G. Omell  
 Rep Richard W. Parke  
 Rep Angela Spicer  
 Rep Jean A. Vallad  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Mary Lynne Bell • Kristine L. Bower  
 Ruth A. Gruber • Sandra K. Marohn  
 Kathleen Rollins • Joan M. Rusch

## WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** .....  
 ..... Dem John Paul Torres  
 ..... Rep Gary Wall  
**CLERK** ..... Dem Justin Clarke  
 ..... Rep Kim Markee  
 ..... Grm Jessica Venture  
**TREASURER** ..... Dem Eric Lindemier  
 ..... Rep Steve Thomas

**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Cynthia Atiemo  
 ..... Dem Mary Craite  
 ..... Dem Jason A. Herr  
 ..... Dem Matthew K. McClure  
 ..... Rep Anthony Bartolotta  
 ..... Rep Marie E. Hauswirth  
 ..... Rep Janet L. Matsura  
 ..... Rep Mark Monohon

## WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Dem Steven Kaplan  
 ..... Rep Donald L. Perry  
**CLERK** ..... Dem Debbie Binder  
**TREASURER** ..... Dem Teri Adelberg  
 Weingarden

..... Rep William J. Burris  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Jim Manna  
 ..... Dem Howard Rosenberg  
 ..... Dem Diane Rosenfeld Swimmer  
 ..... Dem Jonathan Warshay  
 ..... Rep Lauren Bayleran Burris  
 ..... Rep Stephen Matheny  
 ..... Rep Bill Ponkowski

**PARK COMMISSIONER**  
**Vote for not more than 7**  
 Dem Terrance T. Adams  
 Dem Mervin Aronoff  
 Dem David Barash  
 Dem Robert V. Brooks  
 Dem John A. Erich  
 Dem Vincent Kirkwood  
 Dem Sally Wenczel  
 Rep William J. Rauwerdink  
 Rep Lois Shulman  
 Npa Michele Hembree  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Karen Eickemeyer  
 Carol Foster  
 Judith A. Holtz  
 Carol A. Kravetz  
 Ken Macon  
 Thomas Meyer  
 Ann C. Rauwerdink

## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

**SUPERVISOR** ..... Rep Rik Kowall  
**CLERK** ..... Rep Anthony Noble  
**TREASURER** ..... Rep Mike Roman  
**TRUSTEE - Vote for not more than 4**  
 ..... Dem Sarah May-Seward  
 ..... Rep Michael C. Powell  
 ..... Rep Scott Ruggles  
 ..... Rep Liz Fessler Smith  
 ..... Rep Andrea Voorheis

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**  
**Vote for not more than 6**  
 Jake Dudek  
 Richard McGlew  
 Gwendolyn L. Newton  
 Beth Rubus  
 Jennifer Schulz

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**Michigan Supreme Court Justice**

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - Eight Year Term**

**Duties:** The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts. Although the election is nonpartisan, candidates (other than incumbents) are nominated by political parties.

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFO**

*Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court, and what educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this office?*

*Do you believe the current process for selecting Supreme Court Justices is the best path to fair and impartial representation – including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated? Please explain.*

*What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?*

**SUSAN L. HUBBARD**

**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Green Party.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

Did not respond in time for inclusion.

**MARY KELLY**

**Website:** <http://marykellyforjustice.com/>  
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**Occupation / Current Position:** Senior Assistant Prosecutor, St. Clair County  
**Education:** Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science Detroit College of Law, JD  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Republican Party.

I'm running for the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as a defender of the rule of law and a protector of the vulnerable in our society. During 30 years as a prosecutor I have been a steadfast champion for the rights of victims. As Senior Assistant Prosecutor I was the lead attorney for the Criminal Sexual Conduct Unit which handled all sexual and physical abuse cases against children. Not only did I vigorously prosecute crimes like drunk driving resulting in injury and death, but also set up treatment programs to stop repeat offenses. I will always be a strong voice for victims and for safe communities.

As a Prosecutor 'I'm given the responsibility to enforce the law and as a Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court my role would be to make certain we adhere to the rule of law. I will not be an advocate for any political cause, but instead abide the law. Our system gives the authority to make new law and our Constitutional system to the legislative and executive branches and to the people. I will work within the system the other branches of government and the people put in place and will not put my judgement ahead of theirs.

In 2015, I was honored to receive the James T. Corden Civility Award from my peers in the St. Clair County Bar Association. This award is given to attorneys who place a premium on integrity, honesty, ethics and fairness. In short, those who practice law with dignity and respect. The Michigan Supreme Court is the ultimate authority in our state legal system and must set the example for decorum and enforce the rules throughout the system. Some judges put themselves in the role as super legislators. It is incumbent upon our state's highest court to enforce and not make the law. That is exactly what I will do.

**BRIDGET MARY MCCORMACK**

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**Twitter:** [twitter.com/bridgetmarymc](https://twitter.com/bridgetmarymc)  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Chief Justice of Michigan Supreme Court  
**Education:** New York University Law School, New York, NY, J.D., 1991 Trinity College, Hartford, CT B.A., with Honors in Political Science and Philosophy, 1988  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Democratic Party.

I am seeking re-election to the Michigan Supreme Court to continue advocating for the principle that everyone, regardless of their ability to afford a lawyer, deserves equal access to justice and a fair opportunity to have their case heard. Since joining the court in 2013, I have worked each day to ensure that our courts are accessible, independent, efficient, and engaged with their communities. I spent my career as a lawyer working for individuals who were disenfranchised from our justice system and prior to being elected was the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the U of M law school, where I still teach today.

Every process can be improved, including the one we use to elect justices in Michigan. It is important that the court is nonpartisan and therefore, in my view, the party nomination process along with some of the independent expenditures can send the wrong message to the public. Judges and justices have to be willing to lose friends and elections when making decisions--that's what their oath requires and in my experience they are, which makes some of the cost to public confidence regrettable. However, this is the process the People of Michigan have selected and I welcome their assessment of my work at the ballot box.

The most critical challenge is access to justice. Eight of 10 people in Michigan can't afford a lawyer when they have a civil legal problem and they have to either navigate the courts without one or they simply don't even try. We announced a Justice For All Taskforce last year which aims to achieve 100 percent access to the civil justice system in Michigan. There is also an absence of innovation and technology in courts, which costs them transparency, efficiency and access. We have made great progress recently, but we need to make processes more user-friendly and efficient to improve our service to the public.

**KERRY LEE MORGAN**

**Website:** <http://www.pck-law.com/attorney/kerry-l-morgan/>  
**Facebook:** <http://www.martindale.com/attorney/kerry-lee-morgan-2161158/>  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney. Kerry Lee Morgan is Of Counsel to the law firm of Pentiuik, Couvreur, & Kobiljak, P.C.  
**Education:** Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981 Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, with honors, 1977.  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian Party.

The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over forty years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are sometimes reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular to the bench, so that Justice may be done.

The nomination and election process for Supreme Court Justices is adequate. Campaigns will always be funded in part by special interest and those who propose schemes to limit the effect of those interests, have an interest of their own in influencing the outcome of elections. The People are the best check on those interests and funding abuses through the ballot box. Government "solutions" and the snake oil of "bipartisan" support are designed to simply increase major party control of the Supreme Court and should be avoided.

The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan by elimination of compulsory membership. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar. It compels lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. The Court also tramples down the natural rights of conscience in the process. Securing natural rights is the states only compelling interest.



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**Michigan Supreme Court Justice**

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**KATHERINE MARY NEPTON**

**Website:** <http://votenepton.com>  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Lawyer at The Nepton Law Firm, PLLC  
**Education:** University of Connecticut Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Libertarian party.

As an unexpected candidate in almost every way; I am running for the ability to affect positive change across Michigan for generations. Bringing my unique world view to the Courts. My secondary goal in running is to bring awareness to the fact that in Michigan’s 183 years as a state we are only beginning to bring Indigenous people into the fold. I wonder how many Indigenous clerks there are across Michigan. I wonder how many Indigenous lawyers have the opportunity to take a job offering various opportunities instead of working blue collar jobs through school like I did. These aims are why I am running.

Although I believe money and politics should not intertwine, my only comment on Campaign Finance is that current Michigan law makes things appear as if those in power never considered that an Indigenous person would ever get as far as being on the ballot. And, justifiably, it has taken 183 years for Michigan to have their first ever Indigenous person Candidate for Supreme Court Justice. There are specific barriers to me, as a candidate, because of my race that are built into Michigan Law. Neighbors & sister tribes are restricted, for reference please see MCL 169.252, and MCL 169.254.

First, Michigan needs to reduce archaic laws. Just because the constitution overrules certain laws does not mean that Michigan should have these laws on the books. Next, Michigan has gotten too close to the “debtor’s prisons” of time long past. Our Founding Fathers set up a system so that we would never need to put people in jail for not being able to pay a bill. In Michigan numerous people are in jail for this very reason. This systemic problem influences society in many ways. The less able you are to pay a fine, the more likely that you have a criminal record because of debt owed to the state. This is unacceptable.

**BROCK SWARTZLE**

**Website:** <http://BrockForJustice.com>  
**Facebook:** <http://Brock Swartzle For Justice>  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals  
**Education:** B.S., University of Michigan; J.D., George Mason University Law School  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Republican Party.

The Rule of Law is a bedrock of our society, and we must be vigilant in protecting it. Justice, due process, equity, and fairness all flow from the Rule of Law. As a Michigan Court of Appeals Judge, I am committed to upholding these principles. Before becoming a judge, I worked in the Legislature as House General Counsel, in 3 federal courts as a law clerk, and as a lawyer in private practice (e.g., antitrust, employment, healthcare, criminal law, etc). I’ve given back to my community through my church and alumni association, as well as teaching at the MSU Law School and serving on a national judicial education board.

The people should decide who their judges are. There are many ways this can be done, and Michigan’s system strikes a reasonable balance. It is absolutely essential that judges run as nonpartisans, because our judicial canons require us to “be unswayed by partisan interests.” Canon 3(A)(1). We need more outlets to inform the public about each candidate’s judicial philosophy and experience, so that judicial elections are focused on the issues, not catchy slogans or memorable phrases. And, most importantly, candidates must be transparent—that is why I have posted my opinions to my website, BrockForJustice.com.

We have the greatest legal system in the world—if you can afford it. Simply put, justice that is too expensive is not justice. We must make access to justice cheaper for everyone, from the single mom to the corner storekeeper to the adoptive parents to the low-income juvenile to our biggest employers. So, (1) the Michigan Supreme Court needs to reform its court rules to make pretrial matters (e.g., fact discovery, motion practice) quicker and cheaper, and (2) the Court needs to work with the Legislature and other groups to provide juveniles who enter the justice system with early and effective intervention.

**ELIZABETH WELCH**

**Website:** <http://www.welchforjustice.com/>  
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**Twitter:** [twitter.com/welchforjustice](https://twitter.com/welchforjustice)  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney  
**Education:** Penn State University, BA with honors; Ohio State University, JD  
**Nomination method:** This candidate was nominated by the Democratic Party.

My experience with employment law (representing small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals); bi-partisan advocacy for public schools, voting rights, and conservation; criminal law and abuse/neglect cases; and community mediation will add value to the Court. I have served in leadership roles on my local school board, in nonprofit organizations, and on foundations working to solve deep challenges in our communities. We need justices with broad backgrounds and exposure to different viewpoints to make important decisions and ensure the Judicial Branch functions fairly and transparently to assure public trust.

Our partisan nomination process is confusing. An alternative is a non-partisan commission/appointment by Governor/retention election process. Importantly all judges should face voters in elections to ensure they stay connected to those served. Voter guides with candidate information could be sent to all voters with absentee ballots and be placed in polling places. Finally, we must have full, timely disclosure of all money spent in judicial races. Candidates already have robust campaign finance disclosure requirements, but the law should also require full disclosure of money spent by everyone else.

The lack of complete data makes it impossible to fully study and understand outcomes in our criminal justice system. The Court should work to modernize technology platforms in order to gather data in a usable format across the State so that outcomes are examined to ensure justice is delivered fairly across all demographics and programs are implemented that ensure safer communities. Additionally, we have a crisis in our court system; the vast majority of litigants lack access to counsel. We must utilize technology and new pathways to ensure everyone can access justice fairly (even if unrepresented).

**Judge of Court of Appeals - 2nd District**

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - Six Year Term**

Unopposed on the ballot: MARK J. CAVANAGH and JONATHAN TUKEL

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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - INCUMBENT SEAT**

Vote For No More Than Six (6) Candidates - Six Year Term

The 6th Circuit Court includes all of Oakland County.

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<b>MARTHA D. ANDERSON</b>	I was born in Italy and immigrated to the U. S. I became a naturalized citizen at the age of 18. I attended Wayne State University obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in English. I attended the University of Detroit Law School. I was a Referee for the Friend of the Court for 23 years. Elected to the bench in 2003. I served on the Family Division, the General Civil/Criminal Division and am currently on the Business Court. I have been active in many organizations and activities. I am the incoming president of the Michigan Judges Association, member of the American, State and Oakland County Bar Associations. I have served as Chief Judge Pro Tempore. Please see my biography on county website for all of my affiliations and activities.	During my first two years after law school, I was a research attorney for judges in the Wayne County Circuit Court. I then became a Referee at the Oakland County Friend of the Court. My duties included hearings and enforcement of domestic relations matters and providing recommendations to the Court. I ran for a seat on the Circuit Court in 2002 and was elected. I served on the Family Division for 7 years. I then transitioned to the General Civil/Criminal Division, where I served for 8 years. In 2019 I was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Business Court, where I currently sit. I continue to also do criminal cases. I have heard and tried every type of case a trial court handles.	I seek to continue to serve the citizens of Oakland County as I have for the past 18 years. I pride myself in being a hard worker, putting the interest of the litigants who appear before me first and foremost. I also have what I feel is the right judicial temperament. I respect and am civil to all who appear before me. I am willing to listen to both sides and base my decisions on the law. I strive everyday to be the best I can be and will continue to do so if I am re-elected.
<b>MARY ELLEN T. BRENNAN</b>	I graduated from James Madison College of Michigan State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy. I earned a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University School of Law in 1990 and was admitted the Bar that November. I began my law career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Oakland County. In that office, I handled District and Circuit Court matters. I spent many years working in the City of Royal Oak as an Assistant City Attorney and Staff Attorney. I was elected to the Bench as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge in 2008 and re-elected in 2014. Throughout my judicial tenure, I have served as a Family Court Judge exclusively. I am currently the Presiding Judge of the Oakland County Family Court.	When elected in 2008, I brought significant trial experience to the Bench with me. In the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, I conducted jury and bench trials at the District and Circuit level. I was also assigned to the Criminal Sexual Conduct Unit- a specialized division that offered vertical prosecution of sexual offenses against child victims. As a sitting Judge, I am on the Bench on a daily basis- including during the pandemic- conducting trials and hearings. I am responsible for thousands of cases- divorce, juvenile delinquency, custody, child support, adoption, guardianship and child abuse/neglect matters. I am in my 10th year volunteering as the Presiding Judge of our Family-focused Juvenile Drug Court. I serve on the Oakland County Child Death Review Board.	I am seeking re- election to the Circuit Court Bench so I may continue to serve as a Family Court Judge. I have declined the option of transferring out of the Family Division of the Circuit Court because I believe the work we do with parents and children is some of the most important work that gets done in the courthouse. I have been honored to receive the Distinguished Public Servant Award from the Oakland County Bar Association. I have been named a Eugene Moore Champion of Children. I regularly present for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. I will continue to do my best case-by-case and not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism. I am a wife of 25 years and a proud mother of three.
<b>LISA GORCYCA</b>	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.	Did not respond in time for inclusion.
<b>NANCI GRANT</b>	As a graduate of U-M and Wayne State Law School, I have served as a circuit judge since my election in 1996. I preside over both civil and criminal matters and am the founder and presiding judge of Michigan's only Combat Veterans Treatment Court. I served as Chief Judge of the 6th Circuit Court for 8 years; Chairperson of the Judicial Tenure Commission and President of the Michigan Judges Association. I have received many honors and awards during my judicial tenure including the State Bar of Michigan's Champion of Justice Award for my work with veterans, the Legal Excellence Award, the "Women Who Lead" Award, and I am consistently named a "Top Circuit Court Judge" by Dbusiness. In 2019, I was selected for inclusion in the Register of Preeminent Judges.	As an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, I serve the entire Oakland County area. I am a judge in the general jurisdiction, which means I preside over criminal matters as well as civil cases. In addition, I started and preside over Michigan's only Combat Veterans Treatment Court, a court designed specifically to help the veterans who served in combat or search and rescue zones but afterwards find themselves entangled with the criminal justice system. Many of these veterans are afflicted with specialized trauma and substance use and abuse disorders. The Court gives particular attention because these military combat veterans, due to their training, can be resistant to accepting the help necessary to get their lives back on track.	I always remember that those who appear before me are seeking resolution of their matters or justice in their cases. The citizens of Oakland County should expect their judges to be diligent in their work ethic, patiently listen to their matters and give sound and timely decisions. I have done that as a judge since my election. I would be honored to continue my service to the public in this capacity.

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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - INCUMBENT SEAT**

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<b>SHALINA DEBORAH KUMAR</b>	Appointed Oakland County Circuit Judge 2007, elected 2008, re-elected 2014; Sylvan Lake City Council 1997-1998; Wiener and Cox, P.C. 2004-2007; Sommers, Schwartz, P.C., 2000-2004; Sherbow and Mitchell, P.C., 1999-2000; Lopatin, Miller, 1998-1999; State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Michigan Association for Justice, Michigan Judges Association; University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, J.D. 1996 University of Michigan-Dearborn B.A. 1993	Oakland County Circuit Court Judge 2007-present, civil/criminal docket. Current Chief Judge. Civil litigation 1997-2007, primarily medical malpractice, primarily Oakland, Macomb And Wayne Counties	I am proud to have served on the Oakland County Circuit Court since 2007. I was named Chief Judge in 2018 and continue to serve in that role. Additionally, I volunteer my time to preside over the Adult Treatment Court. The qualities I find important in a judge are good judicial temperament, patience, understanding of the law, compassion and a sense of fairness. I believe I have exhibited these qualities during my 13 years on the bench.
<b>JEFFERY S. MATIS</b>	I have been an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge for 5 years and I am running for re-election to that position. I previously worked for over 20 years as an attorney and an adjunct law professor where I taught law school classes at two different law schools. I was also elected to be a City Councilperson and later an Oakland County Commissioner, where I was elected to be Vice Chairperson of the County Commission in multiple unanimous votes of all Republican and Democrat Commissioners. I graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science in Business and The University of Detroit School of Law with a Juris Doctor. I worked full time through both college and law school and paid for my own education as a Commercially licensed pilot and I ran a small family owned aviation business.	As a judge for the last 5 years I have presided over many cases, including a significant number of trials. These cases involved civil litigation, property disputes, class action lawsuits, criminal matters, divorce, custody, paternity, parental abuse and neglect, PPO's, as well as other matters. I am also one of the judges overseeing the court's Adult Treatment Court program involving persons with drug and alcohol addictions. Previously I was an attorney for over 20 years where I primarily handled civil litigation. I prevailed in many jury trials and I successfully argued cases at the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court. I taught law school classes at multiple law schools and I was a guest lecturer at the Oakland University Paralegal & Legal Assistant Program.	The voters should re-elect me because I have significant experience and traits that qualify me to continue to serve as a judge. I have served 5 years as a judge handling many significant cases. I have made many rulings where the Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court agreed with me. I believe that everyone entering my courtroom should be treated professionally and with respect. I have a very strong work ethic evidenced by my working full time through college and law school and paying for my own education. With over 25 years of experience as a judge, attorney, and a professor teaching law school classes, I believe that my broad range of experience, qualifications, temperament, and strong work ethic qualify me to continue to serve as a judge, and I would be honored to receive your vote.
<b>ADRIENNE YOUNG</b> (Write-in)	Adrienne is a school board trustee, mom of 3, and assistant defender at the State Appellate Defender Office. She has represented indigent people in courts across the state, including the Michigan Supreme Court. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan's School-to-Prison Pipeline committee, Oakland County Bar Association's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and is co-editing the first-ever State Bar of Michigan Journal on Education Law. Before joining SADO, Adrienne clerked on the Michigan Supreme Court. Adrienne is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School where she was awarded the Pro Bono Service Award of Excellence. Prior to attending law school, Adrienne earned her Master in Education while teaching special education. She is a graduate with distinction from the U of M.	Adrienne represents individuals who have been convicted of felonies and cannot afford counsel. She practices state-wide with a majority of her practice being in Wayne and Oakland county. Adrienne specializes in sentencing, working with young adults, and advocating on behalf of clients who suffer from mental illness short of legal insanity. She trains judges and practitioners on annual case law updates. Prior to her work as an appellate defender, Adrienne served as a law clerk at the Michigan Supreme Court, where she researched and wrote on family law, tax law, teacher compensation and benefits, as well as criminal law. While clerking, she participated in the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice.	Adrienne is running as a write-in candidate for Oakland County Circuit Court in the incumbent full-term section of the ballot. As an elected school board trustee, she has grown familiar with making tough choices in the best interest of children and families. Adrienne aims to bring equity, compassion, and reflection to the bench. With 42% of the children in juvenile detention being Black and only 15% of our youth, Oakland County is overdue for equity. Oakland County is overdue for compassion from judges, who see litigants in distress and often hold the keys to their liberty. Judges are overdue for reflection, naming and tackling the bias that holds our county justice system back from being something so much more. Adrienne Young humbly asks that you write her in as you vote safely.

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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - INCUMBENT SEAT**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Term Ending 01/01/25

Unopposed on the ballot: Kameshia D. Gant

**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit - OPEN SEAT**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

The 6th Circuit Court includes all of Oakland County.

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<b>CLARENCE DASS</b>	I served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office from 2012-2016. I was a member of the Special Victims Unit, which prosecuted some of the most violent crimes in our county. After leaving the Prosecutor’s Office, I founded a law firm devoted to protecting individual’s rights and liberties. I have dedicated my entire career to serving our community. In 2017, I received the Leon Hubbard Community Service Award from the Oakland County Bar Association for “promoting cultural diversity, advancing social equality, and working to enhance the quality of life for all people.” In 2019, I received the Unsung Hero Award from the State Bar of Michigan for continuing to serve my clients and community while fighting (and beating) stage 4 colon cancer.	As a prosecutor, I appeared in every court in Oakland County and worked with every law enforcement agency and probation department in the county. I prosecuted serious crimes, including domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse, and murder. As an attorney, I have represented individuals in family, criminal, and business law primarily in Oakland County, but also throughout Michigan. I have advocated for treatment courts, fought for the civil rights of individuals, and sought to ensure a level-playing field for all in our justice system. I believe this kind of well-rounded experience is vital to the position of Judge.	Having been a prosecutor, defense attorney, and manager of a law firm, I have seen our justice system from many angles. I have diverse, well-rounded experience that will create empathy for every litigant and improve our justice system. I believe I have a temperament suited to serving as Judge, an appetite for hard work, and a devotion to service in my community.
<b>LORIE SAVIN</b>	DEGREES: University of Michigan, A.B. in Political Science and Sociology (1992); Wayne State University Law School, J.D. (1995). CAREER: Oakland County Friend of the Court Referee since 2003. 25-year legal career with an emphasis on family and juvenile law at a law firm, legal aid, and a non-profit organization. Represented clients in many other different types of legal matters. President of Referees Association of Michigan. Appointed to three State Bar of Michigan committees relating to ethics and professionalism, including 10 years on the Judicial Ethics Committee. Published author and speaker on ethics, family law, and cultural competency. COMMUNITY: Resides with her husband and two daughters in West Bloomfield. Served as Doherty Elementary PTO Treasurer and Diversity Committee Chair. Temple Israel, NCJW, and 100+ Women member.	As a Family Division Referee in Oakland County, I have approximately 1,800 enforcement and evidentiary hearings related to custody, parenting time, and child support annually. I am a trained mediator and often use these skills to help parties reach an agreement. I resolve 99% of the matters without the parties needing to see their assigned judge. Additionally, I direct a team of six others and handle administrative tasks. Previously, I primarily represented adults in family and juvenile court matters in private practice and at legal aid, and children in abuse and neglect cases through a non-profit organization. I also served as a court-approved family law mediator. I have worked with clients from all different backgrounds, experiences, and income levels.	In my 17 years as a hearing officer, I have demonstrated an ability to conduct hearings impartially, patiently, and effectively in high-conflict cases. I am well respected in the legal community because I am acknowledged as fair, knowledgeable, prepared, and providing well-reasoned and thorough recommendations based upon the law. I am hard-working and committed to providing excellent service to the public. My volunteer work with legal organizations demonstrates my commitment to ensuring everyone has equal access to the courts and is treated fairly in the legal system. It also demonstrates my belief that judges need to meet the high standards expected of them when placed in a position of such responsibility. I also commit to remain accessible and accountable to the voters that elect me.

**JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT - Incumbent Position**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: DANIEL A. O'BRIEN

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 35**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: JIM PLAKAS

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**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 43**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

District 43 includes the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park & Madison Heights.

	<i>Question 1: Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.</i>	<i>Question 2: Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.</i>	<i>Question 3: Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?</i>
<b>KELLY COLLINS</b>	A 1992 graduate of Hillsdale College and 2000 graduate of Wayne State Law School, I worked full time as a judicial clerk and secretary while attending the evening program. For the past 19 years, I have served the citizens of Oakland County as an assistant prosecuting attorney. I have appeared in every courtroom in Oakland County and handled everything from civil/traffic infractions to Murder. As a 20 year resident of Ferndale, along with my husband, Keith Binkowski, a Hazel Park elementary school teacher and our children, Joe and Katie, I now seek to serve as our District's first female jurist on the bench. I am passionate about our youth and volunteer for Royal Oak Youth Football and Cheer Teams (ROYFT) and several booster clubs.	Throughout my service as an assistant prosecutor under two elected officials, I have practiced in the areas of criminal law as well as civil child protection law. I have concentrated much of my work prosecuting crimes committed against the most vulnerable in our communities, including domestic violence, human trafficking, child sexual assault and crimes committed against the elderly. My experience in the Juvenile Justice Division included civil cases involving issues of child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency matters wherein a juvenile was charged with a crime. I have extensive litigation experience within our courts and familiarity with the rules governing every type of criminal case that will come before a District Court Judge.	Having worked for 19 years as an Assistant Prosecutor, I have the experience and knowledge necessary on day one to tackle the awesome responsibilities of a District Court Judge handling a criminal matter. I possess the ability to manage the necessary balance of flexibility and firmness in dealing with parties that come before the court with a temperament befitting a judge. I am compassionate and have perspective that comes from my experience in the courts and as a mother. I am approachable and respectful with those I encounter and have the humility necessary to the position of a successful and committed Judge. I am passionate about our communities, our youth and our courts and bringing them together as we move toward the future.
<b>BRIAN CHRISTIAN HARTWELL</b>	I was born and raised in this district. I stayed here to practice law, give back to my hometown, and raise a family. I was appointed to serve as the 43rd District Court Judge in June 2020. This is my dream job and the culmination of my passions for public service and trial practice. BA, WMU, International Politics & Economics. Language Certificates, La Sorbonne. Juris Doctor, UDM School of Law. Creator of the free pro bono law clinic at the Madison Heights Senior Center. 13 years in local government as Mayor or Councilman. I have been a member of the following local organizations: Kiwanis Club, Men's Club, Michigan Municipal League, Little League Baseball Umpire. I am married to Lingyu Chen.	I have handled 1000s of court cases in every area of law in the district court: civil, criminal, traffic, and landlord tenant. I have appeared in 100 courts before 200 judges. I handled civil rights cases fighting for families and individuals who were discriminated against, probate cases representing widows from our community, and bankruptcy matters. I respect my opponents who have incredible experience in criminal law. I, however, have done it all and come to the bench with an open mind without bias or favoritism to one side. My law practice was located in the district. My clients are from the district. If my time as a lawyer has made a difference to anyone, it's the people of this community who I have helped.	When Governor Whitmer appointed me she selected me over the others for these reasons: First, I managed a government office as Mayor. On my first day as judge, I told the court staff I will empower them to love the law. Second, I have litigation experience in all areas handled by the court. I am not only a criminal or civil attorney. Third, I have the temperament to be a judge after years of public scrutiny as Mayor. I never lost my cool. It's one thing to practice as an attorney, it's another to lead while controlling emotions and making difficult decisions. Fourth, I am from this community and have devoted my career to public service. I promise to be kind, diligent, cooperative and fair.

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 45**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

District 45 includes Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge; Royal Oak Township.

<b>JAIMIE POWELL HOROWITZ</b>	Jaimie Powell Horowitz serves as Special Prosecutor for the Fair Michigan Justice Project, appointed by Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy to prosecute hate crimes. She trains law enforcement in prosecuting hate crimes, on improving community relations, and serves as a Special Assistant Attorney General handling select cold case homicides. Horowitz graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2004 and began as an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor serving in the Trial Division, Elder Abuse Unit, and Homicide Unit. She has served on the Ethics Board for Huntington Woods, the Oak Park - Huntington Woods Democratic Club Executive Board, the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, and the Wayne County Elder Abuse Advisory Council. In 2019 she was honored by the OCDP with the Wings of Justice Award, in recognition of her contribution to the fight against injustice, hatred, and intolerance.	I have spent my career in public service, first as an Assistant Prosecutor handling cases involving sexual assault, child abuse, vulnerable adult abuse, financial exploitation, domestic violence, and homicide. In 2016 I joined Fair Michigan, a non-profit whose mission it is to improve law enforcement relations with marginalized communities and prosecute hate crimes. Since 2016, we've concentrated on homicides involving LGBTQ victims and training law enforcement in cultural competency when handling cases involving LGBTQ victims. We have also focused on training prosecutors and law enforcement throughout the state in prosecuting hate crimes, and worked to obtain funding and/or partnerships with other organizations that assist in tackling the intersecting issues faced by marginalized communities such as employment, temporary shelter when displaced by violence, and mental health services.	I want to continue the good work that is being done at 45th District Court. Currently the Court has Veteran's Court and Mental Health Court. Specialty Courts help serve the citizens by diverting those who need services out of the criminal system. I am an advocate for criminal justice reform. Courts that address the intersecting issues of mental health, substance abuse, poverty, lack of education, and institutionalized racism help to reform the justice system when we treat citizens as individuals. I have spent my career in public service and continuously worked to ensure equal access to justice for all. I will bring this commitment to the bench if elected to serve as Judge of the 45th District Court.
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**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 45**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

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<b>BRENDA RICHARD</b>	I earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Wayne State University (1991); and a JD from WSU Law School (1995). I clerked for a general practitioner during law school. I was an Associate at two law firms (1996-1997 and 1999-2001); the Legal Services Director for the Women's Justice Center (1998- 1999); and formed a partnership with two colleagues (2007-2009). At all other times I've practiced as a sole practitioner. I was elected as a Precinct Delegate in 2018, performing telephone and neighborhood canvassing. I have provided free legal services through the William Booth Law Clinic and free legal consultations for SAAS (Sisters Against Abuse Society). I am a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Wolverine Bar Association.	I have 25 years of legal experience. My practice spans many areas of the law. Although my primary area of practice is family law, I have expertise in personal injury, criminal defense, employment law, probate, landlord/tenant, consumer protection, contract disputes, small claims, civil infractions, and juvenile law. My geographic practice area is concentrated in Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb counties. However, I've also had cases in Monroe, Genesee, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Calhoun. I've practiced in Circuit and District Court. My client base consists, primarily, of the middle and working class. While at the Women's Justice Center, I assisted lower income residents of Wayne County, and residents of My Sister's Place (a shelter for victims of domestic violence), in family law related and housing disputes.	I will listen, and I will understand. As an attorney one of my frustrations is leaving a courtroom with the belief that the judge did not understand my client's position. Litigants end up in court because they are at a difficult point in their lives. They don't want to be there but, once they are there, they want to be heard. Litigants need to know that a judge fully understands what brought them to court. I will administer justice with dignity, fairness, and respect. I am mild-mannered and will provide even-handed justice delivered with respect. Both sides of the aisle will know that I care what happens to them and to the community, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or social background.

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 46**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: SHELIA JOHNSON

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 47**

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Six Year Term

District 47 includes the Cities of Farmington & Farmington Hills.

<b>JAMES B. BRADY</b>	BGS- University of Michigan 1975, J.D.- Wayne State Law School 1979. Four years Oakland County Prosecutor's Office followed by three years private practice doing criminal defense, family law and general civil cases. I then spent 15 years doing trademark and copyright litigation, while also serving as a part-time Magistrate. I was elected as a Judge of the 47th District Court in 2002. I am a past president of Dunbar Oaks Subdivision, the Farmington Xemplar Club, the Oakland County District Judges Association, and the Farmington Hockey Boosters. I'm also a former board member of the Optimist Club. The Oakland County Bar Association honored me as its Distinguished Public Servant for 2016, presumably based on much of the above.	It's been 18 years since I practiced law. Over the 22 years I practiced I ran the gamut from county prosecution to federal court litigation across the country involving patents, trademarks and copyrights. In between I represented numerous criminal defendants, divorce clients and small business entities.	I think my vast experience as a lawyer in both state and federal courts, handling both criminal and civil matters provided me with great background for becoming a judge. On top of that, I believe that the last 18 years on the bench have shown that I have the proper demeanor and temperament for the position. A close inspection of my tenure on the bench will also show that I know that law, can manage a caseload and show up each day prepared for my docket. I also do not think anyone can question my integrity or my commitment to the cities that I have served for over 30 years
<b>MATT SAVICH</b>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 48**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: KIMBERLY SMALL

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 50**

Vote For No More Than Two (2) - Six Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: MICHAEL C. MARTINEZ and CYNTHIA T. WALKER

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 51**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: RICHARD D. KUHN, JR.

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 52, 1st Division**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: TRAVIS M. REEDS

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 52, 2nd Division**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: JOSEPH G. FABRIZIO

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 52, 3rd Division**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: JULIE A. NICHOLSON

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE - District 52, 4th Division**

Vote For No More Than One (1) - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the ballot: MAUREEN M. MCGINNIS



**YOUR VOTE**  
*Counts* 11.3.20

**VOTER ELIGIBILITY**  
 You are qualified to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 18 years of age by election day
- You have been a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.

# OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

### CANDIDATES

**Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.**

**Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?**

#### SHIRLEY J. BRYANT

29560 Ashford Pkwy.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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#### JASON MICHAEL DENEAU

14301 Hart St.  
Oak Park, MI 48237

I am a lifelong Michigan resident whose home is in Oak Park. I have a great love for Oakland Community College as a graduate who benefited from OCC's quality instruction. The educational foundation from OCC prepared me to excel at the next level in obtaining both my bachelor's degree in Public Administration at Central Michigan University and my master's degree in training and development at Oakland University. As an instructor, leadership consultant, and organizational development professional with Oakland County government, my focus is on developing our county's workforce. I bring a valuable perspective to the Board of Trustees. I am running for Trustee because I have three young children and I want to leave a legacy of possibility and opportunity for them and many others!

ACCESS The limited online and blended learning options delayed my graduation and others. The gaps in diverse offerings make it difficult to access the courses that are needed for adult learners. Expanded non-traditional online choices and blended program offerings at OCC will help adults complete programs in a timely manner. AFFORDABLE Keeping OCC affordable is a primary goal of mine. I know the struggles of paying tuition in difficult times. One way to achieve and retain affordability is through offering online and blended classroom options. TRADES AND SPECIALTY PROFESSIONS It is imperative for the college to work with partners within the county boundaries and beyond, to grown educational opportunities and thus career paths that benefit OCC students and employers.

#### DANDRIDGE FLOYD

24255 Lee Baker Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48075

I have worked in public education supporting Oakland County public schools my entire career. As an executive human resources professional serving the 28 local districts in Oakland County, I know firsthand the vital importance of post-secondary education in ensuring a strong economy and viable workforce options for the community it serves. Education has been an important part of my life having obtained a Bachelor and Masters of Social Work and a law degree from Wayne State University, opening up opportunities to serve my community. I serve on several boards including, D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Michigan First Credit Union, State Bar of Michigan – DE & I Advisory member. I am committed to providing high quality, cost efficient educational opportunities for students!

1. Ensuring it remains the college of choice for students and that students are supported through completion. The college will need to continue to develop and offer relevant -- timely, course offerings that attract and retain students. 2. Strengthen partnerships with K-12 institutions in Oakland County to create a pipeline of students who can benefit from a high quality post secondary education which can prepare them for the workforce or a 4 year transfer institution. 3. Collaborate with business and industry to identify the current and future needs of the workforce and develop relevant programs and courses to meet the current and future needs of Oakland County.

#### SUSAN GIBSON

2291 Monte Vista Ct.  
Lake Orion, MI 48360

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#### JOHN P. MCCULLOCH

1609 Cedar Hill Dr.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

As a CPA, Attorney, Professor of Accounting at Madonna University as well as currently Chairman of Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Trustees, I have the experience and expertise to help guide OCC into the future. As one of the largest community colleges in the state, it's important that OCC be a model for academic excellence and prepares students for the highly technical and skilled jobs of the future. Building partnerships with public and private sector is key to the economic success of the region and state. With more than 30 years experience in both the public and private sectors I am ready to hit the ground running. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Walsh College and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. I am a life long resident of Royal Oak.

I will advocate for building partnerships with four-year colleges and universities and collaborating with the private sector across Southeast Michigan. Preparing students for the high tech high skilled jobs needed in this global economy are imperative for the economic health of region and drawing potential students to OCC. Ensuring the continued financial health of OCC is a priority to me. As a steward of taxpayer dollars, financial policy decisions can have long-term effects on the college. Fiscal responsibility with an eye towards student achievement is vital to the continued success of the OCC. Closing the socioeconomic achievement gap in diverse groups by providing educational opportunities to all in Southeast Michigan is critical to the long term success of the college and region.

#### EMERSON WADSWORTH SHERROD III

6721 Edinborough Drive  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I have started and organized The CODE (The Community of Deaf Evangelism) a nonprofit Faith based organization focus reaching out to the Deaf people and training Hearing people how to communicate using ASL (American Sign Language), I turn it over to a fellow Deaf person who has taken the organization in a different direction. Then I helped organized Deaf Church Michigan Group which promotes Deaf Church app and getting as many people Deaf and Hearing download the app or watch programs online. I also help MMI Pizza, Inc a Happys Pizza Franchisee with marketing and finding hard working people to work at their store located in Farmington Hills, I work at Dream Center/Woodside Bible Church Pontiac campus Food Pantry helping deliver food to people.

I'm running because the time is now for Oakland Community College to be able help many students who are falling through the cracks of life and given an opportunity to attend college or transfer to 4 year university to pursue their dreams. The three priority issues that Oakland Community College should address are 1. Student Recruitment/Enrollment 2. Tuition 3. Physical Education. 1. The actions I would take to bring back recruiters who can go out to high schools and community looking for potential students attend college. 2. Create more opportunities to make tuition affordable for all students in Oakland County and beyond. 3. Reopen Fitness Center at Orchard Ridge campus and open up more physical education classes at all campuses for students and the community to occupy.

#### JOHN D. TOLBERT

23191 Coventry Woods  
Southfield, MI 48034

I am the Senior Pastor of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Mi. I also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Golden Gate Theological Seminary. I have taught New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Introduction to Evangelism and Spiritual Formations. I also serve as an instructor for The National Baptist Congress of The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Dean of the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education. I am a community leader, and a critical thinker and I advocate for what is right for the community. I believe in community development and I have been engaged with various political leaders to make positive things happen in our community through both Dare To Dream Pontiac and Dare to Dream Detroit.

The most serious challenge facing the college is safely operating while Covid 19 is still a factor. Education is key and I know the goal is to have students learning on campus, however, it is imperative that the board seeks to put the health and safety of its students as its main priority. Another serious challenge is diversity. The college leadership and staff must be reflective of the community the college serves. The board should recruit and aggressively retain qualified educators, specifically people of color, for faculty and staff positions, including senior leadership. I believe the college should be authorized to offer four-year degrees. These programs should be developed where the most concentration or emphasis already exists.



# City and Village Elections

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# School Board Elections

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## ★ ★ ★ AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

<p><b>MICHAEL T. BRADY</b> 2670 Crofthill Dr. Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
<p><b>KELLY BRAULT</b> 50 W. Lovell Dr. Troy, MI 48098</p>	As a resident of Troy, Michigan, I have lived in the Avondale district for 16 years. My husband James and I have two children who have been in the district for their entire education, now in seventh and tenth grade. I am the Director of Annual Giving at Oakland University and have spent my career working for non-profit organizations. I have a BA in marketing from Michigan State University and am credentialed as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE). I excel at creative problem solving and understand how to make the most of limited resources. I am running because I have a personal stake in the district's success, as my kids are students there. We have had great experiences in Avondale, from the teachers to athletics, the arts, Bridge Buddies and more. Most of my career has been in higher education, because education is a key value of mine. I'm also very passionate about the need for gender diversity on our board, which has been 100% male the past two years.	Right now, the pandemic has taken the front seat as the biggest issue for the district. While safety needs to be a top priority, we also need to do everything we can to restore in-person learning so that it's safe for teachers and students alike. This will take lots of planning, benchmarking other districts and listening to our district's stakeholders. This is closely followed by budget – funding continues to be a struggle, with Avondale having much lower per pupil funding than surrounding schools. We need to advocate for more funding as well as ensure that we're spending funds on our top priorities. I'd like to look at ways to collaborate and use our resources as efficiently as possible. I'd like to further lean on our partnership with Oakland University to help. The third priority is to attract and retain students and teachers by working to show our community how great Avondale is. We have underappreciated strengths like our arts programs, robotics, ASD support and more.
<p><b>RITA DAVIS</b> 573 E. Lovell Dr. Troy, MI 48085</p>	My family has lived in district for 13 years. I am mom to 6 littles and that was the biggest motivation in my decision to run for a board seat this year. Avondale has become our family. I have seen the ebbs and flows of the district over the years. The one thing that has always been consistent is the community. The politics will always be there, but I plan to bring the well-being and wholeness of our families to the forefront. I work full time for Oakland Schools in Pupil Accounting. I've worked in education for almost 10 years. Before settling in at OS, I worked at Avondale. I was the Administrative Assistant at Woodland Elementary and also worked at the Admin Building as the district Pupil Accountant and Enrollment Secretary. I am here to serve the community, bring a fresh perspective and diverse personal and professional lens to the school board.	1. The current pandemic – First I'd ask that the community collectively decide to disagree and commit. I would ensure that it is made clear to families that the decisions made are in the best interest of the students and staff. The focus should be shifted away from the tough decisions being made and more toward what's needed to move our families forward as a community. 2. Finances – I would work to increase transparency surrounding district finances and ensure that the district is maximizing existing funding opportunities. 3. Community & Communication – Encouraging effective communication strategies that reach all families to increase community engagement, especially those that potentially fall through the cracks.
<p><b>ROBBIN HOPKINS</b> 750 Provincetown Rd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	I am a lifelong resident of Michigan. I attended the Pontiac School District. I attended OCC and Oakland University and I am a graduate of Wayne State University (BA Sociology) and Thomas M. Cooley Law School (JD). I live in Auburn Hills and have one student in the Avondale School District. I work for the State of Michigan as an Adult Services Worker. I worked with youth and families in the Child & Family Services Department for 10+ years. I am running for the school board because I believe the board sets the path for the district. The teachers cannot do it alone, there has to be a vision for the district with policy that benefits all the youth and holds leadership accountable to ensure there is equity and equality in education for all students. Avondale has a diverse student population but lacks diversity on the Board, in administration and with the teaching staff. I am running to promote diversity and inclusion in Avondale. I feel I can give valuable input to the board.	1.) Diversity and Inclusion -- Providing equitable access to education; increase activities that instill respect for diversity; integrate classrooms to promote critical thinking, problem solving and creativity. Create opportunity to attract highly qualified minority teachers and male teachers. 2.) Educational Justice -- Make technology accessible to every student every day; Minority students are punished harsher and more frequently; Minority students are less likely to be selected for Gifted programs or advanced placement courses than their peers; provide multiple opportunities for students to see themselves culturally represented in the curriculum, in their teachers, and in the professionals brought into the classroom. 3.) Career Path Readiness -- Programming that represents alternatives to college including: administrative, trade and industrial; Create opportunities for nontraditional classroom learning; Increase life skill education components in the general curriculum.

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### Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**WAYNE KAKUDA**  
693 Hathaway Dr.  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I am running for Avondale School Board because I want to ensure that all learners get an enriching and fulfilling education. I believe that my passion, work ethic, and fiscal responsibility and leadership skills will enable me to help the School Board develop and implement key strategic initiatives and policies. I am experienced in working with large organizations to identify key issues and work with stakeholders to develop and implement transformation plans. EDUCATION: • 1990 Bachelors of Science GMI Engineering and Management Institute (aka Kettering University) • 1993 University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (aka Booth School of Business) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: • 2001 - Current: Founding Member of BMK and Associates • 2003 - 2020: Founding Member and CEO of BMK Solutions, 2012 GM Supplier of the Year • 1997- 2001: AT Kearney: Strategic Management Consulting Firm. 1998 and 1999 Great Client Work • 1995 - 1997: Ford Motor Company, 1996 Customer Drive Quality

My top goal is to drive policies and decisions that will:

- Retain and Find Great Educational Staff: The key to great education is to have great teachers, administrators, and support staff. I will work with the administration and collective bargaining units to implement employment terms that drive retention for our highly valued staff.
- Ensure Financial Success: Long term success is driven by operating the district with financially responsible budgets. I will work with the administration to continually evaluate our spending to ensure we are spending our money as wise as possible.
- Build an Inclusive Learning Environment: We best serve all in our community by listening to, engaging with and advocating for our diverse students, parents, community members, and businesses. I work hard to listen to the person's words and not guess at their motivations. This approach will help me empathize with the situations and circumstances.

**LUCILLE WASHINGTON**  
828 Polo Place  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

My name is Lucille Washington. I am a retired educator. I taught in the Avondale School District and in the Pontiac School District. I am married to Michael Washington and have two daughters, Fayette and Talicia, who are graduates of the Avondale School system. I am running for school board because I would like to see some gender diversity on the board. Also, I understand what teachers and students go through daily and can bring a different perspective to the school board. I am endorsed by the Michigan Education Association. I have knowledge about what happens in the classroom and support our first line personnel (teachers and staff). I have written and received a grant for a community project. I co-organized the high school's career fair in the 2018-2019 school year which provides me with contacts in the business sector.

1. Class size (student to teacher ratio is too large) - I would research what other districts in the U.S. are doing to address large classes and apply that knowledge to help alleviate the overcrowding. Teachers aren't as effective with 33-35 students in the classroom.
2. Health concerns with the Covid 19 virus - Work within the CDC guidelines to help address this issue. It would help to write grants or get donations of PPE to ensure that our students and staff have what's needed to keep them safe. Also, review the responsibilities of the custodial service and make sure they are aware of the consequences of not following protocol.
3. Teacher turnover (Avondale seems to have become a training ground for other districts.) - Interview teachers who have left the district and determine their rationale. Then I would address the issues using the resources available to the district.

## ★ ★ ★ BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: ROGER BLAKE and SARAH MOUNTAIN

## ★ ★ ★ BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**LORI AJLOUNY**  
1898 Pine St.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

I am a mother of four, and have been a teacher in the BPS school district for 31 years. I feel my experience as a mother an involved resident of Birmingham plus my long service as teacher in our district provides me with insight to maintain our standards of educational excellence. Both teaching and parenthood prepared me to be able to make "tough decisions" in the best interest of all. Working directly with students in the classroom, working with the community, teaching staff and administration gives me a unique perspective not many board members have had, nor can bring to the table. When I found out there hasn't been an educator on our school board for almost 50 years, I knew I had to run for this position to make sure decisions made from a few in positions above didn't have a trickle-down affect and negatively impact the classroom nor school climate. Decisions have to include all stakeholders' perspectives in order to maintain our high educational excellence.

In the face of a global pandemic, my top priority as a school board member was to keep our children, families, all staff and their families safe. The second priority I see as a high second, is a return to in-class-learning. Next to family and safety education is a top priority. While I voted to move our learning to a virtual platform in August, I am influenced now by improving data based on credible studies; CDC, Harvard Global Health Institute, Oakland County Health Department, that our numbers of infection, transmission, cases of hospital treatment and deaths have gone down on the Oakland County Metric System to a status of "yellow". This allows us to move forward cautiously to phase in face-to-face learning, beginning with our most vulnerable student population i.e. children that have special educational needs and kindergartners through first or second grade. My third priority is to address any "slide or increased learning gap" among our students and be fiscally responsible.

**LUKE JOSEPH**  
1520 Pierce St.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

I am a father of two young boys who do attend school within the Birmingham School District. I am an Accountant and Real Estate Agent. Both professions would help me as a Board member. I would be able to handle the budget and find new ways to raise funds and help the district financially. I am also aware as a Realtor that having strong School rankings are critical to the value of the homes. I am running for multiple reasons. First, I want to give back to the community and help parents to hear all of their voices for every decision made. Second, I want to maintain and grow Birmingham School district so it can continue to be at the top of rankings not just in the state, but also nationally. Finally, I want to make sure that all students are safe, secure and treated fairly and equally.

Student Educational Levels- Parents need to be involved at all levels from academics and athletics, to just simply a family night outing. Teachers need to voluntarily communicate with parents on constant basis on the positives as well as the negatives and suggest any possible improvements. Offer International Baccalaureate for example. Offer opportunities for Special Need children to be in sports as well and give them that pride to be part of the team. We need to have everyone play a role, nobody should be sitting out because we are not offering enough educational/ sporting/rewarding programs. Safeguarding in the era of Covid-19 - Everything in life has a solution, virtual learning was the "safe" decision that should have been tackled as last resort. If the students attend one day a week is better than zero. Control of reforms - Long-Term Vision for the district, sustain strong leadership, have ambitious standards, high quality teachers & leaders, motivate student to connect globally

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Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**SAMUEL OH**  
820 Hazel St.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

With my family moving Birmingham in 2013, I consider myself more a recent resident. I have no political agenda and only care for what makes sense for our schools and children. With my corporate background and family of teachers, professors, veterans, healthcare professionals, and technology executives, I hope to bring new perspective, positive change, and tap into valuable best-case practices from other successful industries. In 2019 and 2020, both my elementary sons were victims of racism at school that went unabated, which was ironic because last year my son's Kindergarten class was more than 40% minority, 2/3 of which were Asian. However, there are no Asians at the principal, superintendent, or Board of Education level in the BPS system. Nothing ever changes unless there are numbers and representation at the highest level down. Leadership needs to reflect class diversity and purposefully fight racism and prejudice. This is the main reason why I am running for School Board.

Firstly, recent events have shown that Birmingham Public Schools is woefully ill prepared for the technology future. When COVID-19 first hit, virtual learning was an embarrassment. Even now, glitches persist, hindering our students' education and putting Michigan's schools further at risk of falling behind in national rankings. I would champion for an immediate technology revamp. Second, the public school systems need to be laser-focused on growing population density. As the public schools have to increasingly compete with private schools, I would advocate for purposeful and strategic steps to achieve population density. If not, our local school districts will become a diminishing asset, over-staffed and underfunded. Finally, executive school leadership and oversight has to proportionally reflect the reality of the incoming student body – 50% women, minority representation, etc. If elected I would look to correct this underrepresentation in our district.

**NASH SALAMI**  
900 Adams Castle Dr.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I live in Bloomfield Township, I've attended public schools all my life, and I graduated from Seaholm in 2019. In the past, I've worked extensively in non-profit organizational management, and alongside student advocacy groups at numerous high schools across our state. I took what I learned and started my own organization to focus on the advocacy of clean water access in developing countries, as well as educational equity in underserved communities. As a recent graduate, I would bring my relevant experiences and first-hand knowledge of the culture and complexities of our students' lives to the board. I bring my experience as a problem-solver and collaborator to be able to bridge divides and come to solutions while involving all stakeholders. Further, I bring my experience as an organizational manager, where I've been charged with overseeing budgets and balance sheets, to be able to keep our district's finances in check and be a good steward of your taxpayer dollars.

1) If given the opportunity to join the board, I would be an advocate for fiscal responsibility and strive for a balanced budget on our school board. Preserving our budget balance, especially while we weather financially turbulent times, is vital while we face declining enrollment rates. 2) When faced with important decisions, it is the board's duty to completely collect input from all interests to make the best decision for everyone involved. I would strive to always involve every vested interest in the decisionmaking process, as well as being an open collaborator and communicator. 3) Providing more resources to students surrounding mental health issues. As a recent graduate, I have first-hand knowledge of the complex issues facing our students today. I would advocate for further investment into resources such as school psychologists, social workers, and restorative action programs in mental health. Learn more about my stances on further issues by visiting [NashSalami.com/priorities](http://NashSalami.com/priorities)

**WILLIAM BARTON CLIFFORD, JR.**  
(Write-in)  
409 Whippers In Ct.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I am a father to three BPS students, an attorney, and a proud resident of Bloomfield Township. Like so many other parents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have felt powerless as others made decisions that have negatively impacted my kids without offering any substantive explanation. I finally reached my breaking point with the School Board's August 11 decision to rubber stamp the Superintendent's sudden decision to pivot away from the option for an in-person return-to-school in favor of a virtual return. While my election cannot undo the damage that the School Board has already done, I will not become another rubber stamp vote for the Superintendent or anyone else. I will be a vocal advocate for the BPS students and parents that are routinely ignored and overlooked. I will ask the tough questions that in the past have not been asked and will fight to ensure that our students are in the best position possible for long and successful futures when they depart the Birmingham Schools.

1. BPS's response to the COVID pandemic has destroyed the community's trust in BPS leadership. BPS must reestablish a positive working partnership with the community. Leadership has to start listening to the community on all matters. If elected, I will listen to all interests and do my best to understand and consider the needs of parents, students, teachers, and the community. 2. One of the most common complaints I have heard is that BPS has failed to meet the needs of its special needs students both pre- and post-COVID. This is completely unacceptable. I will work with parents and educators to ensure that BPS meets these students' basic educational needs and to identify opportunities to enhance their educational experience and opportunities. 3. This year's Senior Class is the first class to have Integrated Math throughout high school. Given the controversy surrounding its implementation, I will insist that the District evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the program.

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**DIMA EL-GAMAL**  
4713 Maura Ln.  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

My background summary below allows me to serve in various ways:  
• Bloomfield Hills District resident since 2004 • Two district Alumni students including a 2020 Senior • Doctor of Philosophy in Civil/ Environmental Engineering, Wayne State University (WSU) • Managing Principal Stantec Consulting, Ann Arbor • West Bloomfield Township Planning Commissioner, Vice Chair • WSU Advisory Board Member and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Member • Bloomfield Hills Schools (BHS) Global Champion Parent, PTO Council Volunteer Award, Scope & Design Task Force Member, and Multi Cultural Celebration Committee. • Co-founder of the Muslim Families of Bloomfield Hills Group • Bloomfield Youth Assistance Recognition Committee Member • Co-Chair of the Friends of 1001 Inventions Michigan • Muslim Unity Center Interfaith Committee Education Liaison & Former Board member.

I am passionate about educational excellence that fosters mental wellness and creates inclusive environments for all students. With my over 25 years of engineering expertise I will support the district with the bond improvements. One of my priorities is to work with the Superintendent and the Board (including Mrs. Southward & Mr. VanGemert, if elected) to have the BHS pioneer incorporation of mental wellness as a graduating requirement. With the Superintendent leadership, BHS District can become one of the first districts in the nation to have a graduating class that has gone through mental wellness programming. With this programming we prepare our students to face life with all its challenges that allows our graduates to face the world and its problems. I also want to examine the district's curriculum and infuse it at all levels through an equity & inclusion lens. I plan to drive advancement by translating my passions into action, and I would be honored to win the District Vote

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<p><b>NICHOLAS HAUGEN</b> 216 Woodedge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>RENITA JAMES</b> 237 Alice Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302</p>	<p>My family and I have lived in Bloomfield Township since 2010. As a former elementary school teacher, I knew early on that I had a passion for education. Making a difference in the lives of youth was and is still my top priority. Now as a proud parent of a thriving 9-year-old daughter, I have kept this same tenacity by dedicating countless hours to ensure the success of her education. Currently, as a public servant for the last 18 years with the State of Michigan, fourteen of those years as a Departmental Analyst. I understand what it takes to have integrity, character, being diverse, having compassion, and a voice for the voiceless. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a MBA. If elected, my top commitment will be ensuring that not only my daughter's best interests are being heard and met, but the community as a whole.</p>	<p>Reopening Schools: Recently, the school board approved for the in-person and distance learning criteria that transition into a hybrid learning model within a few weeks. If the hybrid model is successful with keeping everyone safe by keeping the COVID-19 infection numbers down, then by January 2021 if elected, I will support the initiatives for in-person learning. Mental Health: The impact of student mental health during COVID will have a lasting effect on their social and emotional well-being because of all the self-isolations, being in small groups, and adjusting to new changes. Resources should be provided on an ongoing basis to address the mental health. Literacy: Literacy in the early stages is crucial, otherwise by the time a student reaches the 3rd &amp; 4th-grade level, it may be too late for resolution. If elected, I will continue to support implementing learning tools that addresses different learning abilities.</p>
<p><b>SIVA B. KUMAR</b> 177 E. Long Lk. Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</p>	<p>I am running because I believe in giving back to the community and hope to leverage my experience in strategy and execution to benefit BHS. I believe effective education should combine academic achievement with strong social and behavioral skills. I work as a senior director at DWH Corp, a consulting firm. I have served in leadership roles at firms around Detroit including Meritor, Ford and Tenneco. I have over 30 years of experience in Strategy, Business Development &amp; Finance and have worked with boards to manage interests of multiple stakeholders. I also serve as an advisor at Inventev, an electric vehicle startup in Detroit. I came here as a grad student from India 32 years ago. I have an MS in Engineering from Wayne State and an MBA from the Ross School at the Univ of Michigan. My wife and I have lived in Bloomfield Hills since 2015. Our two children recently graduated from the IA and are both students at the Univ of Michigan, where one is a junior and our youngest is a freshman.</p>	<p>My priorities are: 1) equitable education for all - students of color, students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, Special Ed students and ELL students continue to perform significantly below average levels. We need to do more work to identify the reasons for such disparities and have concrete, measurable actions to eliminate such gaps. 2) As a board member, I will work with BHS administrators on prudent investment of our \$200 mil bond approved by residents and prioritize spending in a post-Covid world - While working in the corporate world, I've worked with boards to manage interests of multiple stakeholders. 3) I pledge to effectively implement the BHS strategic plan with a focus on mental well being and post high school readiness - I have over 30 years of experience in Strategy and Finance and I've successfully managed large projects</p>
<p><b>MICHELLE SOUTHWARD</b> 2778 Plum Brook Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</p>	<p>My family and I have lived in the district for almost ten years, and have enjoyed every moment of it. I presently have an elementary school child as well as a high school student in the district. My husband and I are committed to Bloomfield Hills school system. I am a leader in my professional community and ever ready to work collaboratively with our students, staff members, parents, and community members to advance our district toward new depths in addressing achievement gaps and a broader educational lens across all levels of learning for our diverse learners. My nearly 20 years of experience working in higher education and serving in many leadership roles including the areas of diversity, retention, and academic advising are value added experiences that place me at the forefront of evaluative progress and systematic change together.</p>	<p>As a candidate for the Bloomfield Hills school board, my top three priorities would be to support a robust mental health education program for our students and staff expanding social and emotional wellness, increase our equity and inclusion district practices throughout individual schools and curricula to directly address the achievement gaps with established tiered interventions and targeted services for all learners, as well as improve our community relations and communication across the district through intentional connections.</p>
<p><b>JONATHAN VANGEMERT</b> 1081 Rock Spring Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</p>	<p>I am married to a teacher, who has taught in the district for 15 years. Coincidentally, we have been married for 15 years, also. I have two children, who attend Bloomfield Hills Public Schools and a third, who will join her siblings in the fall of 2021. I grew up in a home that valued education and educators. I graduated from City High School in Grand Rapids, received a BA in Economics and Management at Albion College. I worked for several years as an accounts payable and supply chain management consultant. I went back and received my juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy, and have practiced law for the last 13 years. I have also worked as a case evaluator for the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal. I am excellent with numbers, excellent at communicating ideas, and I pride myself on being reasonable and making arguments with facts and logic.</p>	<p>I will skip a COVID response here. (1) Bloomfield just passed a \$200 million bond, and it requires ethical, responsible and timely stewardship. I helped on the legal team with Bloomfield Forward to help get the Bond passed, and want to help complete the project. (2) Candidates, El-Gamal, Southward and I are committed to working together to introduce mental wellness across the curriculum as well as specific coursework. We believe that it is human to be anxious, stressed, to fear failure and to fear success, etc., and that in addition to normalizing communication about and discussion of mental health, the curriculum will improve self-worth, and theoretically student achievement. (3) Finally, I hope to continue the strides the district is making regarding inclusion and diversity from its Global Champions programs to diversity infused curriculum.</p>

# School Board Elections

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## ★ ★ ★ BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**SAMUEL WALKER**

146 Barrington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Hello, my name is Samuel Walker; I am a father of five and a grandfather of three. I have lived within the Bloomfield Hills Community since 2009, have had two children graduate from The Bloomfield Hills school system with my two youngest currently enrolled. I have always enjoyed being a part of the community, my family and I have embraced the culture and cherish the ever-changing diversity of the area. I feel that it is important to be a part of the communities in which we live and feel that it is vital to becoming active and involved. I long for ongoing communications as well as continued improvements within our community. Currently, I carry a Bachelor's in Psychology degree from Oakland University and am active in the process of obtaining a Masters in Community Mental Health from Oakland University as well. Coming from the inner-city of Detroit, from a school system that has had many challenges for many years, I understand what it takes to overcome obstacles ...

My motivation for running to become a school board member is to get involved in the community process. I feel that the school board is an important tool used to further the educational journey of our community. To carry a well informed and diverse school board will translate to a school system that is well equipped to handle the unique issues that may occur during these unprecedented times. My goal for running is to better understand the barriers to quality education for all of our students. I would like the school board to review where we may be lacking educationally, examine the demographics of our schools, and explore at what grade level may we boost proficiency so that we can avoid the pitfalls of lack of preparedness going into high school while setting our children up for success after furthering their education beyond high school.

## ★ ★ ★ BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**REBECCA HAYNES**

764 Grange Hall Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462

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**LISA KAVALHUNA**

410 Ridgewood Dr. Ortonville, MI 48462

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**HILARY L. STOCKOSKI**

469 Ridgewood Dr. S. Ortonville, MI 48462

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**MARLA ANN ABNEY**

(Write-in)  
770 Spruce Hill Ln  
Ortonville, MI 48462

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**JEFFREY MICHAEL ZIELKE** (Write-in)

356 Nuthatch Dr. Ortonville, MI 48462

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## ★ ★ ★ CLARKSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: ELIZABETH E. EGAN , KELLI HORST and STEPHEN J. HYER

## ★ ★ ★ CLAWSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: KIMBERLEY CARLESIMO and MICHAEL FRINK

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## ★ ★ ★ FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**CHERYL BLAU**

23350 Cass Ave.  
Farmington, MI 48335

If the shoe doesn't fit, is it the foot's fault? Of course not. You keep trying on different shoes until you find the best fit for your particular foot. Yet this is not what most children in America's classrooms experience. We keep expecting children to change to fit the shape of the school rather than changing our schools to fit the ways children learn. I want to help facilitate change in our schools so that all of our children can thrive during their K-12 experiences here. With 30 years of K-12 teaching experience, expertise in best practices in teaching and current brain research on learning, academic degrees in psychology, education, and leadership, and decades of involvement in our community as a resident, Farmington Area Arts Commissioner, Beloved Community Initiative leader, Farmers Market volunteer, Warnerette, and parent of two Farmington High graduates, I am eager to draw upon my skills and knowledge for the benefit of our students, teachers, and parents.

Parents, students, and teachers are frustrated by the absence of action on the part of our administration and board to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the individual cases when they occur and systemically. New district policies, initiatives, and curricula must be put in place to address and remedy these issues at every level throughout our school system. Second, with teen suicide on the rise, we must balance our academic expectations with the overall well-being of our students and be willing to consider new instructional models that support our students' physical, emotional, and psychological health and growth as well as their academic progress. Expanding our vocational education options can be part of this process by providing our students with more than one pathway to success and enabling more students to graduate from high school career-ready. Third, our board members must be more responsive to our community's concerns and more respectful to one another.

**DAVID EHRlich**

P. O. Box 2475  
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

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**MABLE FOX**

29303 Fieldstone  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

I am a 23 years resident of Farmington Hills and mother of three young adult children. My sons attended Farmington Schools from K-12 grades and they are now attending college. My daughter is a product of Detroit Public Schools with advanced degrees. My campaign is built on Students First. Every Child Deserves a Champion. I am a lifelong champion for our kids and will bring a policy and data-driven approach to ensure that all of our children are successful in a safe and supportive environment. I am an expert in virtual and remote learning, with a career spanning 30 years in educational consulting. For the past 5 years, I have consulted with a leading Michigan online learning company selling, implementing, and monitoring virtual learning programs in districts across the state. I have been an advocate for students with challenges and have experienced firsthand how problematic it is as I guided my two sons and other children. As a certified teacher, I understand the teacher's perspective.

My three priorities are to govern through accountability, transparency, and equity to support our students. I believe that accountability is the cornerstone of transparency and equity. It all works together when there is a process that ensures continuous data analysis by regularly evaluating, monitoring, and adjusting the District's policies and plans. Through accountability, transparency can build trust with parents, students, teachers, and the Farmington Community. Accountability also ensures that every student receives equitable resources needed to be successful.

**STEVEN GOLDBERG**

23051 Fox Creek Dr.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Julie and I moved to Farmington Hills with our son Grayson in 2011 and are happy we did. I'm a Director at Blue Cross in the Customer Experience area and have prior experience in strategic planning, finance, and provider relations. I have an MBA and a bachelor's in finance. Volunteering has long been a large part of my life: formal mentoring programs, coaching numerous youth sports teams, presiding over the Proud Dada's club at Hillside Elementary, and more. I believe that change is needed to unlock that passion our educators bring and address the challenges we face, beginning with how the board functions. With twenty years management in the private sector, I bring experience needed to effectively govern our school district. I'm volunteering so I can continue to devote my altruistic efforts to kids.

- We need much more clarity for all stakeholders: what's our vision, how we will get there, and how decisions are made. Also, given numerous choices parents have for where to live and send their kids, we must consider how we compare.
- The culture of our Board is highly divisive and contentious. This not only reflects poorly on our city, but worse is a major distraction from real discussion and oversight on major issues we face. I will make it a priority to change that.
- Finally, I want to ensure we attract great educators. I believe FPS is filled with great teachers, though it's unclear how that's measured. We compete against other districts and schools and must operate accordingly. I'm proud to be endorsed by the MEA.

**JANET L. RAVITZ MEIR**

5554 Edinborough Dr.  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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**RICHARD MUKAMAL**

30130 Deer Run  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

I am a 26 year Farmington Hills resident whose spouse teaches in the district. My two adult daughters attended FPS and received an excellent education. My background includes 17 years as a sales and marketing executive in Fortune 500 companies, a consultant specializing in business strategy, a non profit executive and small business owner. I co-founded Crescendo Detroit, a non-profit after school program in the Dexter-Davison neighborhood of Detroit. I am running because I love our community and believe our kids deserve the best quality education we can possibly provide them. Appointed to the board in January 2019, I received my school board certification and Award of Merit from the MASB in my first year. I serve on the Academic Excellence and Policy & Governance Committees. I am a strong strategic thinker with integrity, honesty and openness to community engagement.

The culture of FPS requires transformation in three major areas. First, we should educate our kids to be successful and productive citizens in the 21st century. Our current approach is insufficient. Students must learn core competencies rather than only information readily available to anyone with internet access. Today's kindergartener will graduate high school and work in industries that do not yet exist. Second, we have already begun to transform how we operate as an educational organization. Every administrator must have clearly defined areas of responsibility, time sensitive goals and be held accountable for their results. Decision making should be based on objective metrics and not on personal considerations or internal politics. Third, we must ensure students and staff feel safe in an environment that embraces equity and inclusion, irrespective of a person's race, religion or sexual identity. We must implement the strategic plan developed two years ago.

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## ★ ★ ★ FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**FRANK RAINES III**  
22161 Sheffield Dr.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

I have been in education for a while now. I love educating students. We, however, are in a society where we are missing the mark with our students. Our students and children could be brilliant if they were given the time to execute their skills and put into practice what's being placed before them. Thus, being a graduate from Central High School, Detroit, I left Michigan to attend MoreHouse College. I was a young preacher licensed under Rev. Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks from Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist on Owens and Oakland. That was a great blessing in my life. I attended one year and was chosen to be a dorm counselor for the following year, but I didn't return. However, I received a greater Blessing by attending Wayne County Community College. Who would have thought doors would open that wide those years later, I would be one of the Professors at school I finished my Associate Degree within the two years. I then matriculated at Wayne State University for a year, and later, the...

There seems to be issues about race occurring within our district, that I read about. Our climate is changing in this society and we are falling backwards instead of moving forward. If the truism of this matter is real, this would be priority #1. Next, I am a listener, that being said, I am not a person who jumps in on anything without practicing listening. My goal isn't to get on the board to make a name for myself, I desire to give back to the community in which my two daughters graduated. This allows me to return and share my gifts from years serving on multiple boards in New York, Across the county and Michigan.

## ★ ★ ★ FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial term ending 12/31/22

**KEVIN J. HAMMER**  
26543 Trillium Dr.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

My wife and I have lived in Farmington Hills since we were married in 1987. We have three adult children, a 4th child by marriage, and three grandchildren. I graduated from the University of Detroit in 1980 with a BS, Accounting, and from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1983. I am a licensed attorney and CPA. Education is the most important function of state and local governments. I want to work with our Superintendent and board members for the best educational outcomes for our students. Now being retired, I have time to devote to the position as is necessary to fully engage leadership, teachers, parents and community to most effectively prepare students to be good citizens, and for a future in either college or a vocational career. I would bring a proven leadership track record, a collaborative attitude, organizational success, and a commitment to community-building, which I have exhibited in many civic events and organizations in which I have been involved.

In addition to restoring safe, in-person classroom instruction as soon as possible, my top priorities would be: 1. Work with the Superintendent and Board members to establish clear and aggressive goals for improved academic outcomes in order to prepare our students for responsible citizenship, and for college or career. 2. Address and resolve racial equity tensions. These are issues, however, that should not burden what should otherwise be joyful and meaningful childhoods and educational experiences. These issues should be resolved at the adult level through increased awareness and with mutual respect. Children's futures will be more equitable and just by preserving their childhood and providing a high quality education. 3. Enhancing the parent/student/teacher relationship. I believe progress can be made in this dynamic by using the latest technology and communication tools. This, and by developing robust personal bonds, we can alleviate many of our academic and social challenges.

**CLAUDIA HEINRICH**  
21650 Mayfield St.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I am a 45 year resident of Farmington Hills, graduate of the University of Michigan, with a BA in Education and Eastern Michigan University with a MA in Mathematics. Education has always been a passion of mine; in 2015 I retired after a 40 year career teaching high school mathematics at Riverside High School in North Dearborn Heights, Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and Stevenson High School in Livonia. In addition, I taught mathematics at Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College. I have been married to my husband, Dave Heinrich, for 45 years; together we raised 4 daughters who attended Farmington Public Schools from preschool through high school graduation. Two of my daughters live in Farmington Hills, my grandchildren attend Farmington Public Schools. I ask for your vote so that I may continue my dedicated life-long work with education, giving back to this great community that has given so much to me and my family.

1. Ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff. Violence, school shootings, bullying, racism and the COVID-19 pandemic are all challenges that our students are faced with. Ensuring that the school district invests in the resources and training to support the social emotional needs of the students is a must. 2. A solid curriculum that addresses the needs of all learners in the school district; ensuring that every student leave our school district with a post secondary plan to be successful in life, whether it is entering the work force, trade school, 4 year college, 2 year college, certificate programs or the military. 3. Insuring that lessons in teaching tolerance and social justice are included across the curriculum - reading, language arts, social studies, civics, history, science and health - at every grade level along with a strong literacy program that includes reading materials to reflect a diverse student population. Maintaining open communication is a priority.

**DONALD WALKER**  
37267 Aspen Dr.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

I want to serve in a role that helps build future ready students and be a respectful listening ear and voice for parents, teachers and staff. I am a husband, father of three children (all either graduated or attend FPS), and have nearly 30 years in communications and education as an instructor, videographer, editor, and administrator. I have worked with students for my entire professional career. I have held leadership positions in a trade school and communications department for a large school district. Currently, I am the director of a career technical education program and sit on two boards that serve high school career pathways. I am an advocate for International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Career Pathway work as great choices for both an academic and financial opportunity for students. I am open-minded, accessible, skilled, and ready to serve especially in our current climate.

1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - I will support the new leadership in this area. I will bring resources to support the leadership's plan. I will support accountability measures for FPS employees and students to create a safe, encouraging, and inclusive environment for students and teachers. 2. Increased College Prep and CTE Participation - I will work to increase student participation in our advanced programs through greater awareness. I will support innovative curriculum and instruction in the earlier grades that will better prepare students for the rigors of International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement education. 3. Accessibility - I will push for a public comment policy that provides comments to questions 30 days after hearing them in board meetings. I will have virtual community meetings with target groups including students. I will use my media experience and time spent in the communications department of DPSCD to create additional lines of communication.

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## ★ ★ ★ FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: SARAH ELTURK, ANNA IBRAHIM and JENNIFER LATOSCH

## ★ ★ ★ HAZEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**MELISSA BALDWIN**  
1636 E. Madge Ave.  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

My name is Melissa Baldwin and I've lived in Hazel Park since since 2012. My children are 4th generation Hazel Park students and three of them are current students. I want to be proactive in their education and after volunteering here in many ways I feel this is the next step in advocating for students and families. I started volunteering with fundraising for Hazel Raiders and helping at Webb Elementary, and have continued volunteering through Challenge Day and Senior All-Night Party Planning. I am a member of the Hazel Park Recreation Advisory board and Community Coalition, and served on the Scout Park Steering Committee and Moving Forward Committee to reopen schools. My professional background is in Child Development in which I have over 15 years experience. I've been an office manager, a bus driver, lead & assistant teacher, paraprofessional in mainstream and with special needs students in Hazel Park. I feel this gives me a well rounded perspective and the skills for this position

First I would address the communication between the school administration and Hazel Park families. Communication needs to be clear, single issue, and easy to access, and we need to create and communicate volunteer opportunities. I would monitor and and make efforts to change communication policies. Second is our college prep program. I want to grow and equally promote college prep and career training programs. I will encourage finding more opportunities to partner with college and businesses to help our students transition to post-secondary education. Third, expand curriculum to identify the needs of our struggling AND advanced students for them to stay engaged and excited to learn, and to strive for increased graduation rate. I would encourage staff and teacher suggestions for ways to cater to both of these student groups. I have more than these three issues I'd like to work on and further explanation. Questions and conversation is welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

**HEIDI FORTRESS**  
23441 Hughes Ave.  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

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**ROSE MARY HAMMONDS**  
103 E. Shevlin  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

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**CHARLES HEMPLE**  
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**IAN LLOYD**  
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**DAWN RICE**  
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Hazel Park, MI 48030

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**KRISTY SCHLAK**  
1812 E. Harry Ave.  
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**LANCE STARLER**  
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## ★ ★ ★ HOLLY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: LINDA DONELLA BLAIR, PETE DEAHL and LEIGH JACKSON



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## ★ ★ ★ HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: DENISE PISTANA and THOMAS WISEMAN

## ★ ★ ★ HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022**

Unopposed on the ballot: LINDSAY COTTER

## ★ ★ ★ HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**LAURA DODD**  
2253 Wixom Trl.  
Milford, MI 48381

As the mother of a first grader, the performance of our schools is deeply personal. As a nonprofit professional (cancer research, historic preservation, substance abuse prevention, religious tolerance, education, support for businesses affected by COVID 19) my career has been dedicated to giving back. I'm running for the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education because I want to do my part to ensure our schools support the learners in our community to become their best selves. The skills I have developed in the nonprofit world allow me to understand how to make the best use of limited resources, be a good steward of the resources we do have, and creatively work to make the best learning environment for our learners at the same time we support and build a strong staff team.

1 – Huron Valley Schools is at the lowest funding level for public schools in Michigan. This funding is drastically below what the experts at the School Finance Research Collaborative have found our schools need. As a school board member, I will be an advocate and encourage other parents/community members to advocate with me to ensure we have proper funding for Huron Valley Schools to meet the needs of the students in our district. 2 – COVID-19 has caused a major upheaval in public education around the globe and the Huron Valley Schools Board of Education has been at the center of this decision making for our district. This is the time to reexamine how we deliver school and ensure we are working to educate every learner. 3 - I would like to bring innovative programs to our district like language immersion, skilled trade programs, parent advocate programs, and more.

**MARK GATESMAN**  
1151 N. Lakeview Ln.  
Highland, MI 48357

I am a 15 year resident of Highland Township, my wife and I have two children who attend Huron Valley Schools. I am self-employed as an Attorney in my own practice, The Law Office of Mark Gatesman located in Howell, MI. As a practicing attorney for 30 years and a small business owner I understand how to successfully operate a business. I have employed individuals and I understand that any business must operate with a budget in mind. A successful business must balance return on investment, performance and professional responsibility, while striving relentlessly for high performance and excellence in customer service. I have previous Institutional Executive Board experience as a former Trustee on the Howell Carnegie District Library Board, 2000-2004. As a Library Board Trustee, the board managed annual multimillion dollar budgets. The Board successfully launched capital campaigns for major physical improvements to the library and expanded library services and technology.

During these difficult and trying times it would be my priority to wisely and judiciously manage the State Foundational Student Allotment. I would also strive to maintain the District Fund balance to ensure Huron Valley Schools continue the tradition of excellence in elementary, middle and secondary instruction. I would work collaboratively with the HVS Board to ensure that HVS students and faculty have access to the best and most cutting edge technology. This will allow staff to continue the HVS tradition of excellent instruction thus preparing our students to succeed in a diverse and competitive world economy. Finally, I would like to explore adjusting school start times. A growing body of research suggests later school start times for Middle and High School allow students to be more rested and alert during instruction, providing an efficient way to drive achievement, test scores and overall student performance.

**JEFFREY LONG**  
3180 Long Ln.  
White Lake, MI 48383

I grew up in White Lake Twp. I graduated from Lakeland High School in 1982. Both my children attended Huron Valley Schools and are Lakeland Graduates. (2017, 2018). I have served 9 years on the HVS Board. During that time, we have continued to be fiscally responsible and pass balanced budgets annually and protecting our 5% fund balance (rainyday). My time on the board has been spent representing the people of Huron Valley in an un-bias, collaborative way.

#1 Recovering the funding spent meeting the needs to return to school safely during the Covid Pandemic, and redesigning the model for learning to accommodate the needs of all our students. #2 Continued collaboration with our staff and community to assure we are meeting all our stakeholders needs. #3 Continued fiscal responsibility managing the General Fund and the Bond spending.

## ★ ★ ★ LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**DANIELLE BRESETT**  
1220 Quail Ridge Dr.  
Oxford, MI 48371

I have been actively involved in the world of education for the past 21 years as a former classroom teacher, current private tutor, and as a parent who has been deeply involved in the schools. I graduated from Michigan State University with not only my bachelor's degree in Psychology but also earned my teaching certificate in both Psychology and history. Now more than ever, public schools need board members who can not only provide leadership but can bring a unique perspective to the board. I work with students every day and see how the decisions that various boards of education make affect them. In addition, as a current board member for The Daisy Project of Michigan, I have a unique insight into the special needs community and want to give them a voice within the schools. As a graduate of Lake Orion Schools myself, I truly love the district and feel that my leadership and knowledge of the educational field would positively guide the district for generations to come.

The top three priorities facing Lake Orion Community Schools are communication, collaboration, and being responsible financially. Providing clear and open communication with parents is paramount within any district. As a board member, I will make it a priority to engage with the community and gain insight into what the parents, students, and community members feel that Lake Orion Schools do well and where they believe the district could be improved. Second, collaborating with staff within the district is crucial. Lake Orion Schools have incredible staff members. I will prioritize the administration working with the staff to continually improve the district. Having a true collaboration with exceptional staff and administration leads to producing exceptional students. Lastly, I believe having a district that is financially responsible is essential. With the inevitable cuts in funding, I will work to ensure that the impacts on the programs for students are minimized.

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# School Board Elections

**CANDIDATES**

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## ★ ★ ★ LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**JOEL COLE**  
2536 Cole Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

I decided to run for the Lake Orion school board because there needs to be another voice upholding the interests of the students, their parents, and the residents of Lake Orion. Children are our future. We all benefit when tomorrow's leaders are given a solid educational foundation. However, I have a vested interest in the school district's success because it contributes to the success of my children. I'm proud to call my daughter, Adeleigh, and son, Logan, dragons.

1. Give students and parents the option of an in-person education
2. Focus on the efficient use of school district's assets and contain spending
3. Keep critical theory out of our district's curriculum

**SUSAN FLAHERTY**  
1867 Arrowhead Trl.  
Oxford, MI 48371

My husband and I have lived in the Lake Orion district for over 15 years. Our daughter attends Paint Creek Elementary. I am a product of Michigan public schools and the first member of my family to earn a college degree receiving my BS in Social Science and Executive MBA from Michigan State University. I am passionate about assuring all children have opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe, challenging, learning environment. Additionally, I'm a former business executive with over 25 years of experience in the Automotive and Telecommunications industries. I possess strong leadership and communication skills with a proven track record of implementing strategies, streamlining processes, and reducing costs. I'm now a fulltime stay-at-home Mom...the most challenging and rewarding job ever! I believe my enthusiasm for education and community involvement, combined with my relevant professional and personal credentials will be strong assets to the Lake Orion School Board.

First and foremost, the most important issue is assuring the safety, health, and well-being of our students, teachers, and administrators. This extends beyond the current COVID crisis and includes security from all threats such as bullying, violence, and exposure to harmful substances. Second, the district needs to be fiscally responsible for managing the budget so funds can be allocated to meet the district goals, as well as explore all avenues of funding including state monies by building strong relationships at all levels of government. Third, we need to foster a collaborative environment promoting two-way, open communication with the administration, teachers, and most importantly, the community. We are the "voice of the community" and I am prepared to be their elected representative on the board. We must maintain high quality educational standards to assure our community is a desired destination for families. This ensures high enrollment and positively impacts property values.

**BIRGIT MCQUISTON**  
440 N. Broadway St.  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Elected over nine years ago to the Lake Orion School Board, I remain:  
• Invested: - 20 year resident of Lake Orion - Married 30 years to Greg - Two children - Emily and Erich; Graduates of LOHS 2012 and 2016 • Involved: - Certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards: Level 5 Master Diamond Award - having achieved over 528 hours of professional development; Advocacy Skills Specialist - MASB Resolutions & Bylaws Committee - Oakland County School Board Association Board of Directors - Board Officer for 8 of the past 9 years -Revived Curriculum Committee; Policy Committee; Lamp of Learning Committee; Initiated and currently lead the Board Self-Assessment Committee - Initiated and led the creation of Board Operating Procedures - Founding and Current member of Blessings In A Backpack - Lake Orion - Advocate for our students with state legislators; testified at education committee meetings • Informed: - Investing time researching, studying the issue and listening to stakeholders

Top issues facing Lake Orion Schools that I am committed to working through: 1. Providing an exemplary education for all learners is our mission, and accomplishing that is at the forefront of what our Board of Education does, no matter what the setting -virtual, remote, in person. This includes: a. Differentiating our programming to meet the needs of ALL our students - b. Keeping our staff and students safe - c. Returning to in-person education as soon as possible - d. Social and Emotional Health/learning of our students and staff; 2. Fiscal Responsibility is the second biggest issue facing all school districts! We have faced many budget concerns due to the state's improper funding of schools and their inequity in doing so. This year the budget concerns are even greater as a result of the pandemic. Balancing our budget while providing an exemplary education during the stages of a pandemic is a new challenge for us. Advocating for our students has never been more important!

**MISTY MORRIS**  
2999 Buckner Rd.,  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Lifelong Lake Orion resident & LOHS alumni '98. Wife to James Morris, LOHS alumni '95 and mother to our three children, Edwin 10th, Landon 8th & Levi 4th grade. My professional career has taught me the quality of the local school district is the most important factor determining property values in the area. I deal with the community & local business owners frequently which allows me to have a pulse on a wide range of issues affecting our community. I have been involved with my sons activities including serving on the PTO, school committees & taking leadership positions in groups supporting their extra curricular activities, including football & wrestling. I have learned the roles & responsibility of the community, LOCS Administration and the Board. I thrive in an environment that requires resolution of problems. The integration of my current experience in real estate paired with my active involvement in LOCS is why I am running for school board.

- #1: Remote learning: The current situation of focusing on returning students face to face with the assurance that all stakeholders are comfortable and confident in the safety of measures moving forward.
- #2: Funding: In a time of economic uncertainty, where funding is uncertain, it is vital to assure that our highest priority is assurance of keeping programs in place.
- #3: Upholding district distinction: Integrating my professional experience in the district has allowed me to see first hand how strong of an impact the school district has on property values. Strong schools equal strong property values.

**EDWINA MITCHELL PATTERSON**  
2450 Orion Rd.,  
Oakland, MI 48363

I decided to run for this school board position to add a Diverse Voice into our pursuit of academic excellence within our district. I am passionate about education and the achievement of academic excellence for my child and those within our community. I am a proud mother of 3 children, and have been happily married for 25 years. I have for 26 years gained extensive and diverse experience in the areas of Operations, Engineering, Safety, Business Planning, Negotiating and Bargaining, People Systems, Budget Management and Project Management. In my own pursuit of academic excellence, I have acquired a BSEE, MSM and in pursuit as a EdD candidate in Organizational Leadership with a cognate focus in Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice. I have the professional experience, educational competence, the unbiased passion, and the personal motivation needed to ensure the needs of ALL our children are being met with respect and regard for their mental, social and physical health.

Security and Safety: Pandemic Management – Immediately assisting students, parents, and teachers in successful achievement in these unprecedented circumstances. Ensure no child left behind nutritionally, academically, and socially. Behavior Issues- Establishing and managing district wide processes and policies for bullying and school violence problems facing students and teachers. Culture and Diversity : Executing a Diversity and Inclusivity Plan for K-12 Schools – Establish and execute programs that provide learning and support for administrators, teachers, and students. Curriculum Savviness- Policies in place to ensure the success of ALL students. (college bound and non-college bound including all ethnicities and genders) Advocacy Consistency- Creating and Maintaining an environment where the students and teachers feel valued and heard. Staffing- Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Teachers/Administrators - Greater emphasis on having faculty that reflects the student body demographics.

# School Board Elections

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## ★ ★ ★ LAKE ORION SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**AMY DENISE SILVESTER**  
220 Schorn Dr.,  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

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**SCOTT TAYLOR**  
1227 Stoney Creek Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Lake Orion Dragon for life. Forty five year resident of Lake Orion; Blanch Sims, Lake Orion Middle School and Lake Orion High School Grad. Involved in Stadium Elementary, Blanche Sims Elementary and Oakview PTO programs. Father of one Oakview Middle Schooler and one Lake Orion High student, I was appointed to the Lake Orion Community Schools board of education in 2014 and was hooked! I then ran and won in 2014, 2016 and looking for reelection in 2020. I have served for 6 years as Trustee, vice president and president. I sit on the Board Policy Committee, Lamp of Learning Committee as well as the Facility Liaison for the Board and previously served on the Superintendent evaluation committee . I like to camp, boat, do home improvement projects with family and friends and watch my daughters play soccer. Currently I am involved in the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, local club soccer as well as local nonprofit endeavors to help make the world a better place for all of us.

Properly funded schools is the number one issue facing our schools. The budget process is very challenging each year with never knowing what funding is available and what will be allotted per student. The main action that we can do as a board is remain vigilant in presenting a balanced budget as well as being active with our legislatures and voice our needs as a group. The second challenge for this year is dealing with a world wide pandemic and determining when it is truly safe for our students and staff to return to face to face learning. The Lake Orion administration has been very diligent in using all available health care experts to determine when it is safe because we ALL want our students back in face to face learning but we cannot accomplish this until students and staff safety can be insured. The third and final challenge is bond implementation and construction. Bond implementation has been going very well in spite of delays caused by Covid. Projects are all at budget.

**JANICE ZALE**  
3338 Proctor Ln.,  
Oakland, MI 48363

My husband is a Lake Orion graduate and we have 3 wonderful children. I am running for school board because I love our district and I want to give back to keep our schools the best they can be. For the past 7 years I have been involved with Blessings in a Backpack. Currently I am the Vice President of the Blanche Sims PTO and love the team that I work with. Formerly I was a Library Board Member in Oakland Township. I appreciated being a part of this as I know the importance of instilling a love of reading in our students. Locally, I also volunteer and support Dutton Farm. I love being a part of an organization that values everyone and works so hard for inclusion for all.

Safety, Excellence, and Transparency. First, we are facing an incredibly difficult situation with COVID-19. Our students need to be back in school in a safe and responsible manner. I will work with the administration, staff, and parents to help our students get back into the classroom safely. Second, I will focus on excellence in our students' education. In our ever-changing world, I want to make sure our students are challenging themselves so they can be prepared for their bright future. Third, I believe our district needs to be transparent with the community. This year has shown us that communication is vital. I will work hard to make sure our parents have the information they need so they can make the best decisions for their children.

## ★ ★ ★ LAMPHERE SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: ROBERT T. BORNGESSER and WILLIAM J. MIER

## ★ ★ ★ MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**NANETTE BASLER**  
26377 Couzens Ave.  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

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**CRYSTAL BEAVER**  
898 E. Rowland  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a mother to five children who attend the schools in Madison District. I am involved daily at different activities throughout the district. Being able to see how the day to day operations at the school work has put me at an advantage for knowing areas of our strengths, as well as areas we need to improve on. I am current PTO President, as well as an active member in the band boosters as well as athletic boosters. Setting goals, managing fundraising operations, creating budgets, and seeing projects out from start to finish isn't anything that is unfamiliar to me. I think with my openness and being willing to learn new things to work as a team I would be able to help bring our district to the next level.

There are five priorities I feel are a necessity for our school board to address. However, the top three would be to seek academic curriculum that is comparable to the top schools, secure a financially sound budget, and to increase available training for the Board of Education. Madison District Public Schools needs to offer our children a wider range of curriculum options to help target our struggling students as well as curriculum to challenge our advanced students. We need a strong financial budget because without operating on a fiscally sound budget we are not only doing a disservice to our students but our taxpayers as well. By having available training for our board members it will help them to understand their roll and responsibility to our students, staff, taxpayers, and stakeholders in our community.

# School Board Elections

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★ ★ ★ **MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT** ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

<p><b>JOHNATHON BEAVER</b> 898 E. Rowland Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>REBECCA CHAMBLISS</b> 103 W. Dallas Ave. Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>I have been a RN for going on 11 years, specializing in Emergency Medicine, wounds &amp; Infection Control. I am also the mother of 5 beautiful children. Having children in 3 of the District buildings, Children who are active within their community, gives me the ability to see first hand how decisions made affect the most vulnerable population. I am running for School Board Trustee because as a teenager I was failed by my District due to lack of resources. I started my life out on the wrong foot and easily could of ended up a statistic. I refuse to allow any child to fall through the same cracks that I did. I believe in a transparent board that welcomes residents and parents to voice their opinions as well as concerns. Having been in management most of my career I am knowledgeable in budgets, nurturing professional relationships, educating myself on processes &amp; Focusing on trying to improve systems to benefit the most. The children need to come first, we are strong but we can be better.</p>	<p>1) Pass a responsible budget- MDPS must be realistic in setting a sustainable budget. I have managed large scale budgeting for an entire Healthcare department, &amp; during critical times I was able to make required cuts to sustain the departments budget. This experience will benefit the community. Budgeting must remain responsible, while not compromising the quality of education for students. 2) Enforce a respectful &amp; open relationship between the board &amp; the community. Encourage parents, residents &amp; school staff to feel welcomed &amp; open to speak to the board with their opinions or concerns, even when they are not easy to hear. An open discussion, requires voices from a diverse community to be fully successful. 3) Growth within the District, this includes enriching our academic program &amp; adding of groups, clubs &amp; sports to entice students both within and outside the District to consider enrolling. Considering upgrades to technology, upgrades to security, as well as staff retention.</p>
<p><b>MARK HOLCOMB</b> 628 W. Brockton Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>I'm running for the school board,because I believe our students need another choice other than College. I have been working with local unions. OE 324 which they put on a career day every year. Continue working with our superitendent to get (MAMC) Michigan Advanced Manufacturing Collaboration program going again.</p>	<p>Work to get and keep a balanced budget. Fix the schools that need repairs Work with the rest of the board and the superintendent to provide more training.</p>
<p><b>CINDY ROTHWELL HOLDER</b> 901 E. Lincoln Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>BARBARA KASTLE</b> 27653 Dartmouth St. Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>MARK L. KIMBLE</b> 27775 Townley St. Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>WAYNE LAFORGE</b> 27775 Rialto Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>ALEXANDER MARR</b> 27621 Lenox, Apt. #109 Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>BILL PITTMAN</b> 27768 Delton Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>SEIT SELIMI</b> 27042 Brettonwoods Madison Heights, MI 48071</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>

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## ★ ★ ★ NOVI SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: PAUL D. COOK, WILLY MENA and DANIELLE RUSKIN

## ★ ★ ★ OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

<p><b>NEN BAILEY</b> 21661 Cloverlawn St. Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>CHRISTOPHER R. DAVIS</b> 13320 Irvine Blvd. Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>AL ELVIN</b> 24511 Pinehurst Ave. Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p>As a father of three sons – two of whom are currently pursuing college degrees – I understand the concerns parents have in wanting their children to attain a quality education. I want the same for my children and, as a parent in Oak Park, I've felt the sting of being denied this right for my sons. I believe my broad education; unique life and work experience; time spent as a middle and high school teacher, as well as a Communications instructor at Wayne State University, mesh well to prepare me for a role of this magnitude. Combining these qualities with my experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets, as well as my thorough understanding of contract management and negotiations, qualifies me to serve as a school board member. Education: • Juris Doctor, University of Detroit-Mercy • Master's Degree – Business Administration, University of Detroit-Mercy • Master's Degree – Communications, Wayne State University • Bachelor's Degree – Journalism, Wayne State University</p>	<p>1. Emergence From COVID-19: At present, students are receiving virtual instruction, which I wholeheartedly support; however, ultimately, students, and staff will need to emerge back into the actual classroom. It's imperative that all students and staff are safely reintroduced into the physical learning environment. As a board member, I would gladly seek to be a part of the planning team to ensure we continue safe instruction as students and staff make their way back into the classroom. 2. Test Scores: The district's standardized test scores are below par. As a board member, I'd gladly lead a task force to implement solutions that address these issues. 3. Revolving Doors: We need to shut the revolving doors in Oak Park. The district is hemorrhaging students. One reason is because parents want their students to be challenged in a more academically rigorous environment. As a board member, I'd help to create addendums to the curriculum to support students who learn differently.</p>
<p><b>MAXINE GUTFREUND</b> 22101 Jerome St. Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p>As a proud lifelong resident of Oak Park, I am deeply entrenched in our community. I have served on the board for over 11 years, as well as many years in the '80s, and want to continue my work hard for the educators and children of Oak Park. I have forged deep networks that have enabled me to get support for many initiatives like passing mileages to better our schools. Also, I helped bring early childhood programs into the district, and I spearheaded the plan to bring an instrumental program to Oak Park - we now boast an award-winning 100+ member marching band. I want to continue to serve the community of Oak Park because I believe in complete accountability and transparency for the taxpayers. You should know where your money is going when it comes to the Oak Park Schools and I will continue to work to keep up with where your money is spent in the district,</p>	<p>The top three issues facing Oak Park schools: 1-we need to raise the overall test score average. I will work with the superintendent and other school board and faculty members to build programs that will provide students with better learning skills. I believe in teaching up and encouraging growth. 2- Update school facilities. We need to continue to work with the community on this issue so they understand how vital their support is in fixing and maintaining our buildings. 3- Fill the waterless swimming pool. We need to either get the swimming pool at OPHS repaired or replaced. I firmly believe all our children need to learn how to swim and have strong water safety skills. Too many children drown in the area simply because they weren't taught the proper water skills.</p>
<p><b>BEN VINEBURG</b> 14361 W. Ten Mile Rd. Oak Park, MI 48237</p>	<p>I am the product of a public school education. My father and grandfather are both educators and I was taught from a young age about the importance of a good, high quality public schools. I feel my skills as a hospital chaplain and former City of Southfield tax clerk have adequately prepared me to be a calm, optimistic and responsive voice for students and parents of the district. Additionally, I feel my involvement in Oak Park Youth Assistance and as past president of the Tri-Community Coalition have helped educate me on the challenges youth face in our community and identify some ways I may be able to help. The public education model was formed with communal buy-in in mind and as a district resident I feel it is crucial to support our students, parents and neighbors in reinvigorating our district and highlighting the tremendous assets it encompasses. Our students, parents and teachers deserve support and optimism during these difficult times. I am running to be that voice.</p>	<p>1. Supporting the Superintendent's plan to safely and efficiently provide instruction to students during the COVID-19 pandemic. I will only support measures that keep our children and teachers safe, which means viable hybrid or remote learning options for students and teachers in the event that in-person learning becomes logistically or financially unsustainable. 2. Foster continued optimism and communal "buy-in" amongst district residents. I would like to build a "it takes a village" approach with the district's parents; partnering with them in providing their children with the values and skills to succeed at home, at school and in the community. 3. To work with local and state elected officials to put forth comprehensive incentives to attract students to our district and keep resident students within the district as well. Oak Park Schools are a hidden gem in our community and I look forward to enthusiastically supporting our district's mission in the community.</p>

## ★ ★ ★ OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022

Unopposed on the ballot: YOSEF KLEIN

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## ★ ★ ★ OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: DANIEL V. DALESSANDRO, THOMAS E. DONNELLY, JR. and HEATHER SHAFER

## ★ ★ ★ PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: GILL GARRETT, G. KEVIN GROSS and MIKE MCGUINNESS

## ★ ★ ★ ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

**KRISTIN BULL**  
720 Sunlight Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

The Rochester community elected me to the Board of Education in 2014; since then, I have served as treasurer, vice president and now president. Under my leadership, our district's accomplishments include: the overwhelming community support of a \$185 million technology and infrastructure bond that has led to improvements at every school building; an upgraded AA credit rating, which allowed the district to sell those bonds at a premium; and the opening of Caring Steps, a center for the community's youngest learners. The work I'm most proud of is related to programming, however. In addition to launching a string orchestra program, we expanded our foreign language options, added an exclusive AP Capstone diploma and doubled down on early literacy. Beyond the classroom, I am grateful for the priority we have been able to place on diversity, equity and inclusion, along with social emotional learning and wellness. Every student should feel safe and like he or she belongs.

There is only one priority right now: continuing to support the RCS team -- from the top administrators to the building principals to the teachers, counselors and support staff -- as they navigate the uncertainty caused by this global pandemic. These are our community's front-line workers; they are everyday heroes who are working to do what's right for our 15,000 kids, and if re-elected to the Board of Education, I will continue to give them the time, space and support in ensuring our students are safe, healthy and college/career/ life ready.

**SCOTT MUSKA**  
306 N. Alice Ave.  
Rochester, MI 48307

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**JOE PITTEL**  
5958 Stonehaven Blvd.  
Oakland, MI 48306

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## ★ ★ ★ ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022**

Unopposed on the ballot: MICHAEL ZABAT

## ★ ★ ★ ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms**

**ERIKA ALEXANDER**  
3592 Arbor Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

My name is Erika Alexander. I'm excited about the opportunity to run for a seat on the Royal Oak School Board. My husband Don and I have lived in the city for 17 years. We chose Royal Oak in part because of the quality of the schools. Our daughter, age 11, is a 6th grader starting virtual middle school this year. I hold a master's degree in counseling from Oakland University and work full time for a local non-profit where I currently serve as Director of Quality Assurance. My husband is a small business owner. Our daughter recently retired her soccer cleats after playing for 7 years but remains active in dance and is preparing to begin guitar lessons.

Diversity and equity are the themes reflected in my top priorities. 1. I want to be a part of ensuring that the district remains diligent and purposeful in attracting and more importantly retaining teachers of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. It is important for all students to have racial and ethnic mirrors as a part of their learning experience. 2. Work together to introduce a culturally competent curriculum that is integrated district wide. This curriculum should be woven throughout all subjects with stakeholder input. 3. Ensuring fair and equitable disciplinary practices. To start, the data needs to be mined and policy changes made. Transparency of discipline data, through easy public access is one way that a district can be held accountable to ensure that students of color, and those who learn differently (including students in Special Education, with IEP's and 504 plans) are being disciplined in equitable ways to white students and typical learners.

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## ★ ★ ★ ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Four (4) Candidates - 4 Year Terms

**TIMOTHY J. CIECHORSKI**

227 E. Twelve Mile Rd.  
Apt. 8  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

I made my home in Royal Oak 12 years ago. It was on of the greatest decisions of my life. I have served on the Royal Oak Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Board for nearly 4 years, currently the Chair. I am a member of the Royal Oak Downtown Park Taskforce. I want to use this public service experience on a larger scale to serve my community. I am a member of numerous civic organizations and actively use my time volunteering throughout the Royal Oak community. Professionally, I have used strategic negotiation techniques to achieve an unanimously approved collective bargaining agreement; this ability will serve me well when elected to the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education. The Royal Oak School District is a great public school system. As with everything, there is always room for improvement. I will use my encouraging and advocating voice to progress the ROSD into the a position that other districts want to follow.

Diversity and equity has fortunately come to the forefront of our society. The ROSD has acknowledged the disparity with in the school district. There have been steps, slowly, taken to address this issue. I want this progress expedited. This is an "act now" moment. No longer can this progress be talked about without substantial and immediate action. Resolutions without action are simply hollow words. We have found ourselves suddenly living in a virtual world. The ROSD needs to be the best in online education, I want to see the ROSD become the leader education technology. There will be unprecedented budgetary struggles next year. Planning for this shortfall needs to begin now. Creative and new budgetary procedures will be necessary. We can not ask students and staff to take concessions in their education or pay. I will work tirelessly to accomplish these goals by listening to the community, students, parents and staff. I will encourage fellow trustees to take these progressive actions.

**LISA-ALINE HANES**

4003 N. Blair Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

My name is Lisa-Aline Hanes and I have lived in Royal Oak for over 20 years. I am married and have 2 children at Royal Oak High School: Bryan, who is entering his Senior year, and Maddie, who is entering her Sophomore year. I am a first generation American on both sides of my family and am proud to share that I am of Lebanese and Maltese descent. I was raised to value hard work, honesty and integrity while embracing the strength and fortitude that makes living in our country so great. In my teenage years my family was hit with tragedy when my younger brother died and it was then that I realized my passion for helping others. I have a BA in Psychology from MSU and and my BSN in Nursing from U of D . I have been a nurse for 23 years and have been blessed to save lives , educate and take care of others. I have been very involved in Royal Oak through the PTA, Choir and Drama Boosters, Royal Oak athletics, Gilda's Club and Stagecrafters Theatre.

1. Diversity- of teachers, leaders and curriculum improvement. Every child of color should feel safe and have educators who put their needs and quality of education first while also being role models and mentors within our district. I would like to work on supplementing the curriculum with additional subject matter on diversity throughout the entire year. 2. Healthy and safe environment: As a healthcare professional my passion is to assist others in living healthier lives: physically and mentally. If elected, I would like to enrich this effort by ensuring that all students have resources that improve their physical and mental wellbeing. If a child does not have enough food to eat or live in a safe environment how can we expect them to focus on their education? 3. Modernization of classrooms and curriculum: work to equip all classrooms with the latest technology and use best practices in enhancing the curriculum to meet the varied needs of our students.

**DUSTIN G. KAUPP**

520 Marlin Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

I am running to make royal oak schools better for the future. I want my children to have to opportunity to attend the best school possible. I am looking forward to serving the Royal Oak community.

1. Safety- students need to feel safe going to school everyday. 2. Nutrition- students to be educated on the proper things to put in their bodies and know everyone's body is different. 3. Students Opportunity- students learn more from being on teams, clubs, etc. this starts with getting students back to in person learning.

**LAKEESHA MORRISON**

1316 Millard Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Hello, my name is Lakeesha Morrison. I am a 36 year old wife, mother of three children, and a lifelong resident of Royal Oak. I am also a former Royal Oak student and now my own children are currently in the same district. I want to represent the personal interest of all Royal Oak students, including students of color! Honoring the diversity in our schools is important to the Royal Oak community, diverse representation on the school board is extremely important. I plan to continue engaging our Royal Oak community by continuing to use my voice and holding family orientated rallies!

The Top three priority issues I believe needs to be faced is ensuring that ALL children have the best proper learning experience while in school, the lack of a diverse staff and curriculum and safety in our schools. If I were elected I would consider the opinions of fellow board members, parents and the community. Bringing their concerns to the table and collectively coming up with a solution. Communication is key when it comes to meeting these issues.

**MARYANNE VANHAITSMA**

2624 Glenwood Rd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

I am Maryanne VanHaitsma, the only incumbent running for re-election to the Royal Oak School Board. My husband and I are 23-year residents of Royal Oak and parents of two graduates of Royal Oak schools in 2017 & 2019. I have been active in our district for 17 years through PTA, school and parent committees. I am also a member of the Oakland County School Board Association's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, as well as the State PTA Advocacy Committee and the State PTA Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. I serve on numerous other committees that advocate for our children, including Royal Oak Youth Assistance and the Royal Oak Schools Foundation. I hold bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University and I worked in health care for over 30 years. I am committed to the community I live in and believe strong schools build a strong community.

Fiscal responsibility is always a top priority. As an incumbent school board member, I am proud to serve on a board that has managed available resources in a sound and prudent way that allows for educational and extracurricular programs to continue and thrive. A quality education in a safe environment for students and staff is a priority. We need to ensure a quality education and the continued provision of a safe and healthy environment in which students and staff can thrive. A key priority is always working to improve equity within our district. Every student, employee, teacher and administrator must be given every opportunity to thrive. Equity remains the overarching work that becomes inherent in all district efforts (professional development, curriculum, discipline, resources, etc.). As a member of the district's Cultural Competency Engagement Committee, I work to see its goals and objectives are aggressively pursued and met.

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## ★ ★ ★ SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

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**ASHANTI BLAND**

27331 Red River Dr.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

My name is Ashanti Bland and I'm running for a seat on the Southfield Board of Education. I have lived in Southfield and Lathrup Village for over twenty years and I am a proud product of Southfield Public Schools (SPS). After graduating from Southfield-Lathrup High school I attended Central Michigan University and received my Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. I am a parent of two children. My son is a University High School Academy alumni who is currently starting his sophomore year at The University of Michigan Ann Arbor. My daughter is entering the second grade at McIntyre Elementary School. I've had over twenty years of administration experience working in the manufacturing and automotive industry, managing budgets and ensuring that organizations use best practices in diversity and inclusion. For the last five years I've been an active board member of Helping Operations for People Empowerment (H.O.P.E) a 501c3. I am a parent, alumni and advocate for the SPS district.

The primary issues of my campaign are health and safety for students and staff, enhancing parent engagement and allocating resources appropriately to propel the incline of student test scores in the district. I want to work as a Trustee to solidify SPS as a key Public School District in the state which will aid the state's goal of becoming a Top 10 education state in 10 years. Health and safety for SPS students during this pandemic is a top priority. ensuring that the district is engaging stakeholders to assess their concerns and needs. Regular assessments of the districts communication tools through district surveys and phone calls will increase engagement and allow for more fiscal accountability of district funds. Test scores have increased in SPS for 2018-19, we can continue this trend by supporting the Superintendent to carry out evaluations of professional staff members, and their implementation of development/training programs.

**VICKIE BROCKMAN HALL**

18400 Wiltshire Blvd.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

I am a Director of Human Resources Operations for a large public university. I have a doctorate in Public Administration with a focus on leadership, and a MBA. I have been a resident of both Lathrup Village and Southfield for a combination of 17 years, and as well a former parent of the district with two of my three children in attendance. I served as an administrator (2015-2019) of the district in the role of Associate Superintendent of Human Resources/Legal and Labor Affairs. Serving in this role provided me with the inside knowledge of the daily operations of the district. However, most important serving in this role allowed me to attend to the district's most value assets, its employees, students and stakeholders. I will look to bring a collaborative spirit to discuss in detail short/long term goals of an education strategy that commits to a vision of high expectations for safety for all, student achievement and quality instruction in the district.

1. Achieved learning for all students in a pandemic environment - This can be achieved by researching other liked institutions of learning using health official guidelines to ensure the safety of all. Implement small test models to determine effectiveness and student achievement. 2. Building Relationships with higher education institutions for continued learning - Make the most of relationships by partnering with local higher education institutions for a broader learning experience for students. 3. Analyze student learning data for the purpose of continuous improvement - collectively as a united board, the data can be analyzed and actions plans established that will allow for resources to be infused that support student achievement.

**AMANI JOHNSON**

29726 Somerset Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48076

I'm a life-long Southfield resident, proud graduate of Southfield-Lathrup High School, and member of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Board. My degree from Central Michigan University is in Public and Nonprofit Administration. When I was in high school, we faced many of the same challenges that our schools do now: crumbling infrastructure that forces kids to sit in hot classrooms or miss school altogether, suspensions and missed days of school due to dress code or other minor infractions, and a tightening budget that limits academic and extracurricular options for our children. I am a former substitute teacher and have worked alongside leaders that have helped to shape Southfield into the vibrant community it is today. I've worked in the offices of former Mayor Brenda Lawrence, former State Representative Jeremy Moss, and the Southfield City Administrator. My youth, ideas, and experience make me the best candidate for Southfield Board of Education.

Increase Revenue: - Lobby and work with the State Legislature to change the way school districts are funded in Michigan. - Create a Grants Office with staff tasked with applying for grants and sponsorships on behalf of students, staff, and administrators. - Invest in solar energy to save taxpayer dollars and fight climate change. Increase Enrollment: - Listen intently to student, parent, and staff feedback. - Add academic, extracurricular, and athletic options that keep us competitive with surrounding districts, including a city-wide internship and jobs program for our students. - Promote the great things SPS is doing. If we don't tell our district's story, someone else will. Build Better Relationships: The last meeting between our city and school officials was a year ago and there is no ongoing communication. I'll build productive working relationships with community members and elected officials because we must work together if we want to effectively advocate for our students.

**MICHAEL POOLE**

18830 Lincoln Dr.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Michael Poole was elected to the Southfield Board of Education in 2009. He entered the Southfield Board of Education with a "Yes We Can" approach to Leadership. His vision was to provide a servant business management style in developing cost effective solutions that would offer greater college and career workforce opportunities to students. The focus is on design, collaboration and implementation of quality accredited educational programs that would meet the economic development goals of the community. Michael, holds academic degrees from the following colleges and universities: • Bachelors of Science Degree in Business from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. • Masters of Science (MSA) Degree in International Administration from the Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Michael is a Master Platinum member of the Michigan Association of School Boards, National School Board Association, and a Lifetime member of the National MBA Association.

1) Keeping students, teachers, administrators, staff and parents safe during COVID-19. This will be accomplished by closely following the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization and other local, state and federal officials. 2) Provide multiple modes of teaching and instruction for maximum learning. The mode of instruction will be based on the science at the time in the region. This may also be adjusted by zip code, building, floor and/ or classroom. 3) Administer a safe yet impactful educational experience by offering a rigorous high quality learning environment that leads to impactful student achievement.

**BETTY CARLTON ROBINSON**

21889 Glenmorra St.  
Southfield, MI 48076

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<p><b>YVETTE WARE-DEVAULL</b> 28567 Castlegate Dr. Southfield, MI 48034</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>ANDREA WRIGHT</b> 19785 W. Twelve Mile Rd. #145, Southfield, MI 48076</p>	<p>Candidate Andrea Wright is a long time resident of Southfield, Michigan with 20+ years involved in the Southfield Public School District...Wife and mother of three beautiful children who were taught in the district with one child currently still in the district. I have held various PTA positions as treasure, membership, vice president, and president. I currently serve as Southfield Area Council First Vice President. I also served on the 2020 Southfield School Millage Committee with the millage passing in March 2020.</p>	<p>Enrollment - Regaining the community trust (stakeholder, students, and teachers) with transparency and Integrity...Starting with listening and responding in a timely manner. Equity Access - Community involvement writing to our state and federal government demanding from the people we elect in position to give funding to our school district to ensure ALL children have an equal opportunity to be successful and our teachers and staff get equal pay. Southfield Schools Infrastructure - Sitting down with the board members to develop a plan to get ALL school buildings up to parr and functioning to restore students morale.</p>

## ★ ★ ★ SOUTH LYON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

<p><b>ANTHONY R. ABBATE</b> 24518 Brompton Way South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>I am a veteran educator of 18 years, first teaching US History in SLCS before becoming a Principal in Livonia Public Schools. This is my sixth year on the SLCS Board of Education (Board Secretary) and SLCS Policy Committee, and I am a founding member of the South Lyon Education Foundation. My Bachelor of Education and Master of Public Administration degrees were earned from the University of Michigan, and I live with my family near Hardy Elementary, including three sons enrolled in SLCS (grades 4, 3, and preschool). I have extensive experience in both districts I represent, work daily in school policy and leadership, and serve on numerous committees dedicated to school/district improvement, positive behavior support, climate/culture initiatives, and human resources. I am passionate about serving our community and the Board has been a natural fit for my background. Though every candidate brings value, I am confident I offer the widest range and greatest depth of experience in education.</p>	<p>We must safely return all students to in-person instruction ASAP, manage our new bond projects so that these improvements are timely and of high quality, and look ahead to alleviate the budgetary impact brought on by recent state funding cuts. Reopening schools must be guided by public health considerations and community-wide teamwork. I am working with Board colleagues and SLCS leadership to ensure we remain committed to welcoming students back in October, assuming stable pandemic factors. Our bond projects will require significant committee work and oversight, in which I am excited to participate in a planning and policy-oriented role. I also look forward to engaging in future budget analysis as we seek ways to restore the positions and material resources that were cut due to the pandemic's impact on state education funding. As a career educator and the most senior incumbent on the ballot, I feel my experience has prepared me well and afforded me a unique perspective for this work.</p>
<p><b>MARTIN LEFTWICH</b> 660 N. Hagadorn St. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>DANIEL SCHWEGLER</b> 23755 Prescott Ln. E. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>
<p><b>ANGELA M. HARVEY</b> (Write-in) 61161 Saddlecreek Dr. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>I participated in the districts strategic planning focus group 3 years ago. As a mom of 4 I wanted to learn as much as I could about the district and the educational and operational priorities. I have been on multiple non-profit boards and find that a new voice is always helpful to a team to bring in outside perspectives. I have called into many of the School Board meetings and believe it is time for a change. To bring in more community members that have a vested interest in the results of the decisions.</p>	<p>1. Funding concerns. It is always discussed how the district is underfunded compared to others in the state. I'd want to focus on how we can utilize and promote resources available to make up for funding gaps. 2. Staffing resources. In this challenging time it appears that staffing resources are also a big concern. I want to help the district look at creative ways to operate with the resource challenges. 3. School health and safety. This is a challenging time for all of us. I believe that we should operate in a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. I think we need to look to other successful districts on how we can do this in an in-person situation. I believe that there was not enough time spent on planning what the fall would look like, and the start of school has been a bit of a challenge. I would have asked the administration to work the contingency plan much earlier in the year.</p>

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Vote For No More Than Three (3) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**STEVEN CLARE MORROW**

(Write-in)  
58358 Eleven Mile Rd.  
South Lyon, MI 48178

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## ★ ★ ★ SOUTH LYON SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024

**BRIDGETT ANNE MCDOWELL**

(Write-in)  
13795 Forest Ridge Cir.  
South Lyon, MI 48178

I moved to South Lyon in 2016 with my family looking for a great community and wonderful schools. Professionally, I have worked in education for more than 15 years. I am a former middle school math teacher and have worked in math education, research, and assessment since 2004. I currently work in educator preparation at the Michigan Department of Education. I love public education. I received my M.Ed in Educational Psychology at North Carolina State University, where I focused on assessment and psychometrics. I am also a proud Michigan Wolverine. I live to serve. Currently, I manage social media for South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest. I am a sustaining member of the Junior League of Birmingham, MI, where I most recently served on the Management Team as the Director for Marketing & Communications. I am the proud mom of a Brummer Bobcat. I live for details and data. I love to research creative solutions to complicated problems. I promise to always keep all South Lyon kids my top priority.

1) Managing Online and In-Person Teaching - No one could have predicted a pandemic, but SLCS teachers and staff do an amazing job adapting and showing students they care. Our educators are experts trained to teach in-person. Administration and the Board need to listen to teachers, parents, and students and support them by providing staff opportunities for professional growth and families the resources they need. 2) Early Literacy - SLCS's lack of a comprehensive, evidence-based early literacy program sets our students up for struggles across content areas for their entire academic careers. Teachers and staff need more support and training, including ongoing professional development. Students and teachers need evidence-based instructional resources that are proven effective for all. 3) Early Literacy - Because early literacy touches every aspect of a student's academic experience, I'm saying it again.

**ANN MARIE RIMANELLI**

(Write-in)  
10167 Otter Dr.  
South Lyon, MI 48178

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## ★ ★ ★ TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

Unopposed on the ballot: VITAL ANNE and NANCY PHILIPPART

## ★ ★ ★ WALLED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**STEPHANIE KAPLAN**

4488 Philip Ln.  
Commerce, MI 48382

I am a mother of three Walled Lake graduates, and have a master's degree in social work. During my children's time in school, I was actively involved in the PTA/PTSA's. I held numerous leadership positions on the executive boards, both in the elementary and middle school level, including President for four years for each school. I then went on to become the Walled Lake Council President for three years. I served Walled Lake Central High School as their music booster President for three years. I have also chaired the redistricting committee and bonds committees for the district. I continue to sit on the parenting fair committee, which I have been a member for the last seven years. I have proven my dedication to Walled Lake Schools and am passionate about making the District the best for every child.

The top three priority issues I see facing our District are 1) The need for continued advocacy 2) Keeping children and staff safe and 3) Retaining and acquiring innovative educators. Continued advocacy: As I have done in the past, I will continue to lobby my state and federal legislators for increased funding for our public schools. I have gone to Lansing and D.C., written letters, made phone calls on behalf of our community, and have encouraged our community to get involved with doing the same. I will share all legislative information received with all stakeholders and encourage their continued advocacy for our schools. Keeping children and staff safe: We are facing one of the most critical times in our children's education because of Covid -19. This is in addition to the threats we face with active shooters, bullying, and their emotional well-being, something we must continue to prioritize. My goal is to get the kids back to face-to-face education when it is safe for our students

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**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

**JOEL MURAV**  
7350 Water Oaks Dr  
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

As a father of 3 young kids, who are all in the Walled Lake District, I want to help the community come together in our time of need. We need to continue to support our teachers, students, parents, and community members through these unprecedented times. As a former legislative rep for the Keith PTA, and as a continued volunteer within the school, I want to help be a positive voice for the community. I plan to help disseminate factual communications to the public and bring their concerns when appropriate to my fellow board members. Working as an IT Project Manager for a consulting firm; I am faced with making tough decisions daily. While it is a team effort, as the Project Manager, I am the one who is ultimately held responsible for the success or failure of the project. I feel that my experience working with a global team, managing project timelines & budgets, & navigating high-pressure situations, provides me with a perspective that will be helpful as a board member.

1) In-Person Learning: Everyone's safety & desire to get back to in-person learning. We need to work closely with medical professionals, the CDC, and our community members with expertise in the fields to create a plan that is safe for both teachers and students to return to classroom learning. 2) School Funding: Public school funding is repeatedly being cut by our government. We need to work closely with our legislative representatives and put a plan in place that will help fund our districts. Ultimately, if we don't act, we will lose our exemplary educators and our children will suffer. 3) Targeting the needs of EVERY student: Recognizing education is not a one size fits all. As a community, we need to continue working on balancing funding for all programs: Special Needs, Gifted & Talented, Student Counseling, Clubs/Sports, etc. need to be available for all families. We need to continue partnering with our State Reps and District Administration to be an advocate for the community.

**CRAIG PETERSON**  
3829 Canute Rd.  
Commerce, MI 48382

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## ★ ★ ★ WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

Unopposed on the ballot: I. SUSAN KATTULA and CARL B. WECKERLE

## ★ ★ ★ WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

**Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms**

**FRANKIE HERNANDEZ**  
2949 St. Jude Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329

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**THOMAS HUBBARD**  
127 Deni Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48327

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**DANIEL MAJESKE**  
3174 Pirrin Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329-2740

I am at a point in my career where I have the experience to make a difference for Waterford Schools. I retired from teaching high school after 38 years and am now in my 14th year of teaching part-time at Oakland University. I have been able to make a difference in the academic and interpersonal lives of my past students and I would like to see what I can do for this community. I have two married daughters and seven grandchildren. After I retired from teaching high school, I chose to remain current and relevant in the field of education. Not only does Oakland University give me teaching experience for undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Education, it also gives me continual professional development in the current methods for this profession. I joined the Field Office and have worked with dozens of Student Teaching Interns and their Mentors at various middle and high schools across Oakland and Macomb counties.

Safety of the adult staff and students is the top issue facing every school district. Waterford Schools appear to have some well thought plans for virtual and remote learning. I would work with the administration and education association to continue to refine these plans for schedules and best teaching practices with necessary technology as needed and how the eventual transition to in-person instruction can be accomplished safely for everyone. Funding and allocation of resources are top priorities. Public schools have had huge cuts since the 2008 recession and now the State is squeezed even more in this pandemic. I would work with the Waterford administration and education association on any avenues to mitigate revenue loss and lobby for increases as well as creative and brainstorming thinking to allocate resources effectively across the district to keep and improve instructional delivery, building maintenance, and raise, not cut payroll or staff.

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**NATHAN MOSSERI**  
5611 Cruse Ave.  
Waterford, MI 48327

I have been teaching and developing the Holly Area Schools STEM program since its founding in 2018. Before this, I taught 3rd and 4th-grade math, science, and social studies in South Carolina. I earned my Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and my Master's Degree in Educational Technology from American College of Education. Outside of the classroom, I am a member of the Michigan Education Association (MEA), a union representative for my school, and the secretary of my local association. I chose to run for School Board because it's time for educators to be part of the decision making process. Too often, School Board Trustees' only experience with the public school system is from when they were children. With all of the changes occurring in the wake of COVID-19, someone with current classroom experience must have a role in moving the district forward.

The three issues facing Waterford School District are an outdated technology plan, a potential decrease in overall per-pupil funding, and racial inequities. I will address the outdated technology plan by reviewing and updating the district's technology plan. A new plan would include time for teacher training and technology implementation, purchasing devices to create a 1:1 technology environment, and adequate funding to upgrade existing wireless networks. To address the potential decrease in funding, I will defend students and teachers through any budget cuts that may occur. To provide students with the education they deserve, we mustn't decrease per-pupil spending. Lastly, to lessen any racial inequities I will analyze data and root out racial any bias in suspensions, referrals, and expulsions. If the data reveals there are clear biases, I will push for professional learning programs that aid staff in the exploration and acknowledgment of their personal biases.

**MICHAEL RISTICH**  
5517 Savoy Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48327

As a father of two Waterford School District students, the husband of a Waterford Schools District Teacher, a university faculty member, and a lifelong Waterford resident, I offer a set of perspectives and experiences that will help the Waterford School District remain focused on raising student achievement and attracting and retaining talented staff and teachers (even during Covid-19). Too, as an appointed member of the Waterford School District Board of Education, I know that effective board governance means doing what our teachers and students do everyday: listening, learning, asking the right questions, and making decisions based on the best data available.

Under "normal" circumstances, the focus should be on raising student achievement, attracting and retaining talented staff and teachers, and ensuring effective board governance. However, Covid-19 has forced a shift in goals. In light of the global pandemic, we need to ensure, above all, the safety of our students, staff, and community. We also need to do everything in our power to advance and support student learning in a remote/virtual setting. At the same time, we need to develop plans and procedures to welcome back our students into the classroom when the situation allows. Doing so means working collaboratively as a Board and with our District administrators, advocating for resources to ensure safe schools, listening to our community, asking the right questions, and making decisions based on the best data available.

**KRISTEN WAGNER**  
7352 Breeze Ln.  
Waterford, MI 48327

I am a fierce advocate of public education and the Waterford School District. I am running because I feel it is imperative that we have voices on our board that are focused on creating positive initiatives that enhance education and encourage high standards that support academic and social/emotional growth. I am a graduate of Waterford Mott and Oakland University and my husband and I have three children currently enrolled in the district. I have been actively involved in their schools for many years as a member of the PTO's, volunteering, chairing events and more. I am also active at the district level, including being part of the 2016 Parent Bond Committee and I was the chair of the 2020 Bond Proposal Campaign that successfully passed on August 4th. I was instrumental in creating the Waterford Public Education Advocacy Committee to advocate for policies in legislation that would adequately and equitably fund our public schools. My candidacy is endorsed by the Waterford MEA.

The three main issues I believe impacting our district are the increased academic and social/emotional needs of our students, the lack of funding we receive, and the statewide teacher shortage. Funding is priority and I will continue to advocate to increase it. Multiple studies have been done in recent years and have shown; Michigan underfunds its public schools. Our legislators must change our funding model so that our schools are adequately and equitably funded to ensure every child receives the education they deserve. This lack of funding has affected every aspect of our classrooms from proficiency to fair pay for all employees. There needs to be an increase to the base foundation per pupil allowance and we need additional funds for all areas that impact education. Proper funding would allow us to retain experienced teachers and staff, add additional academic programs and support, and it would keep us on a forward path so our students can continue to achieve academic success.

## ★ ★ ★ WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

Vote For No More Than One (1) Candidate - Partial Term Ending 12/31/2022

Unopposed on the ballot: JOHN HIMMELSPACH



# School Board Elections

**Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.**

**Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?**

## ★ ★ ★ WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT ★ ★ ★

### Vote For No More Than Two (2) Candidates - 6 Year Terms

**STACY GOLD BRICKMAN**

7330 Village Square Dr.,  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

• Incumbent • President, WB School Board, 2019 & 2020 • Master Board Member & Data Specialty Awards (MASB) • Michigan Week Hidden Treasure Award • Proudly endorsed by the Michigan Education Association • Led the 2017 Bond Campaign and serves on the Bond Construction Team to ensure our promises are kept.  
• Currently serves on the following District Committees: District Learning Design Team & Strategic Planning, Curriculum Council, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Interest-Based Bargaining • My six years of school board service and 18 years of district involvement has given me solid knowledge of the issues that not only affect our school district but our community as well. Our visionary board members and district leaders have led the way during the pandemic and has strived to offer safe educational choices to our families. Our school district is the heart of our community and I will continue the hard work of raising the bar and continuously improve.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our students, our staff and our community. The districts instructional practices and student learning experiences have changed dramatically. We know students may have gaps in their learning and we will work hard to meet their needs.  
Increase Student Achievement and Growth  
\*Focus on our instructional priorities and district goals  
\*Support our teachers and staff to meet the needs of ALL learners  
\*Prioritize continuous improvement  
Increased Focus on the Whole Child  
\*Meet the social and emotional needs of students  
\*Prioritize building strong relationships  
\*Support social justice initiatives  
Maintain and Improve our Current Financial Health  
\*We currently have the healthiest fund balance in decades  
\*Support plans to decrease operating overhead by right-sizing our district  
\*Support initiatives that attract students and families to the West Bloomfield School District

**CRISTINA ELSEN**

1497 Beachland Blvd.  
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

I am rerunning for a second term to the WB Board of Education to continue serving the 5800 kids of WBSD. Since elected, I have been part of a collaborative team where we have raised the fund balance from 0.5% to a healthy 17%+. I've been part of right sizing our school district, allowing us to consolidate middle schools & provide kids a new, state of the art middle school. Part of my 2014 campaign was to offer students a rigorous & challenging STEAM program, which became a reality in 2016 for elementary kids, & for the rest of the district in 2017. I've served as a board liaison for the following: WB Educational Foundation, Blessings in a Backpack, WB Youth Assistance and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee with Oakland County School Board. I understand district finances serving as the Treasurer 2 years & am currently the board Secretary. I'm dedicated, passionate, honest & want to continue creating the best Portrait of our Graduates.

1). Provide a safe learning, emotional/mental support/environment for our students, teachers & staff.  
-I will continue to engage in robust discussions with our Superintendent, review academic & financial feedback from Central Office, MEA, Michigan Association of/Oakland County School Boards(OCSBA), State of Michigan, MDHHS & from parents with options as to how to meet that goal. My decisions will be based upon data provided from the aforementioned sources. 2). Support economic & racial diversity within the WBSD.  
-The "Resolution to Change the System, Eradicate Racism & Create More Equitable & Inclusive Schools for All Children", which I supported in June. I'm a representative on the newly formed DEI Committee through the OCSBA having discussions with key representatives throughout Oakland County collaborating to meet this goal. 3). Student Enrollment. -Will continue to evaluate enrollment trends & offer attractive academic programs (ie STEAM) to draw families to WB.

**DEBORAH J. EVANS**

4273 Cherry Hill Dr. E.  
Orchard Lake, MI 48323

My K-12 public school education is the foundation that prepared me for my best life. I graduated from Tuskegee University with a degree in accounting and earned an MBA from Walsh College. Married 30 years and a resident of Orchard Lake Village for 15 years, our daughter is a magna cum laude graduate from the West Bloomfield school district. My belief in quality, equitable, resource rich public education for children motivates me to run for trustee of the West Bloomfield Board of Education. I am a human resource professional experienced in organizational leadership, labor relations, and strategic planning. As a successful corporate director my skills include budget development and team building. I have managed large teams from 2 to 250 people and operating budgets over \$150 million. Being an active mom at Roosevelt Elementary, Orchard Lake Middle School, West Bloomfield High School and the International Academy, I understand the meaning of community, partnerships, and family.

COVID-19, a top issue may affect the student achievement gap and manifest symptoms of depression. While working with educational professionals and community, I will seek to understand and support students' social, emotional, and academic needs during the pandemic. Another issue for the West Bloomfield School district is to create equitable and inclusive schools for every child. It is essential that our education system creates a culturally diverse and responsive environment for our students, teachers, and staff. I will value opposing opinions, speak honestly and deliberately, listen carefully and respectfully with the goal of honoring the adopted West Bloomfield Board of Education Resolution. Adequate school funding is a priority. Safeguarding our community assets and reconciling expenditures to district goals ensures the ability to provide the most effective resources for our children. I will support strategic plans that properly allocate district resources.

**KIRSTEN SONNEVILLE-DOUGLASS**

1703 Maddy Ln.  
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

I understand the importance of being a contributing member of one's community and have a passion to serve. I have been an active volunteer in the schools since 2008 and serve as Vice-Chair of the City of Keego Harbor's Parks and Recreation Commission. With over 20+ years of project management experience and as a mother of a K-5 child, I would bring a different perspective to the Board. And as a WB graduate, I want to see my district continue to excel and ensure that every student has a safe and productive path to graduation.

I believe the top three (3) priorities facing our district are: 1.) Social Justice – I continue to work on my own cultural humility and will work to change the system, eradicate racism and create more equitable and inclusive schools for all children. 2.) Public Health Crisis – Having served on our school's Return to Classroom Task Force, I will continue working to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and administrators continues to be a priority. 3.) Social-Emotional Support – Our children, staff, administrators and families are faced with new stressors daily. I will work to remove barriers and ensure the necessary support, programs, and resources are available.

# District Library Races

## FERNDALE DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote For No More Than 4 - 4 year term

Judeen Bartos  
Kelly Farrah  
Adrienne Fazzolara  
Amanda Hanlin

## HAZEL PARK DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote For No More Than 4 - 4 year term

Adam Duberstein  
Barbara Winter

## SALEM/SOUTH LYON DISTRICT LIBRARY

Vote For No More Than 3 - 4 year term

Pat Peruski  
Denise Stacer  
Daniel G. Siivola (Write-in)

# State Proposals

## STATEWIDE PROPOSAL 20-1

**A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

## PROPOSAL 20-2

**A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

**Should this proposal be adopted?**

# Local Proposals

## OAKLAND COUNTY

**Millage Replacement and Increase to Improve, Operate, and Maintain Parks, Open Space Areas, Trails, and Recreation Activities in Oakland County, Michigan**

The Oakland County Parks System includes 7000 acres and 80 miles of trails preserving and protecting the environment. There are 13 Oakland County Parks and recreational activities throughout the County including campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, water parks, and mobile recreation units. To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, shall the current millage, which has been reduced by required rollback, be replaced and increased to .35 mills for 10 years from 2020 to 2029? The .35 mills is equal to 35 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if approved and levied, will generate approximately \$22,026,860.00 in 2020. The purpose of the millage is to improve, operate, and maintain parks, open space and water areas, trails, and recreation facilities; to allow for free day-use park admission for seniors (62 and over), military, veterans, and residents with permanent disabilities; to expand trails; to enhance local recreation programs; and to increase environmental conservation and recreation activities. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission with external audits and oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

## BIRMINGHAM

**Parks and Recreation Bond Proposal**

Shall the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$11,250,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series, payable over a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years from the date of issuance, to be used by the City for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping and renovating parks and recreation improvements, including parks, playgrounds and trail system improvements and renovations to the Birmingham Sports Ice Arena, including all appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2021 is 0.0485 mills (\$0.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.2064 mills (\$0.21 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

## LATHRUP VILLAGE

**Street Improvements Bond Proposal**

Shall the City of Lathrup Village, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Fortyfive Thousand Dollars (\$5,845,000), and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issue, to pay the cost of constructing street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving streets? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in 2021 is 3.9307 mills (\$3.93 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.9176 mills (\$3.92 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

## SOUTH LYON

**Charter Amendment Proposal**

Shall Section 4.5 of the South Lyon City Charter be amended to change the number of city council members required to constitute a quorum from three to a majority of the seven-member city council, making this section consistent with the existing Section 13.4 of the City Charter which provides that a majority of the number of members of the city council shall constitute a quorum?

## SOUTHFIELD

**Proposed Charter Amendment**

Shall Chapters III and XI of the City Charter be amended to reinstate Primary Elections as provided for prior to 2015.

## SYLVAN LAKE

**Charter Amendment Proposal 1**

Shall the Charter be amended to add a new Section 13.5(c), establishing a single new additional millage of 3.0 mills for infrastructure maintenance and improvements for the City's water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street (including roads and sidewalks) systems, commencing July 1, 2023 and effective through and including July 1, 2037. It is estimated that if levied, 3.0 mills would raise approximately \$315,000 when first levied in 2023. The City's other Charter authority to levy taxes would be unaffected.

## TROY

**City Council Would be Authorized to Levy up to 1.1 Mills for Ten Years for Dedicated Library Funding with the Passage of the Following Question:**

In 2011, the City of Troy voters approved a levy of .70 mills against all property for the operation and maintenance of the library, and then approved a renewal in 2015. This levy is scheduled to expire June 30, 2021. Should the City of Troy replace and increase the expiring millage, and levy up to 1.1 mills against all taxable property for a 10 year period of time for the dedicated purpose of operating and maintaining the library and making capital improvements to the library building? 1.1 mills is equal to \$1.10 on each \$1000 of taxable value. If approved, the millage would raise approximately \$5,787,978 in 2021, the first year it is levied. The majority of the revenue from the levy millage would be disbursed to the City, and could be used only for library operations, maintenance, and capital improvements. State law also requires disbursement to the Troy Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

## WALLED LAKE

**Explanatory Caption Regarding Proposed Amendment to Section 4.7 of the City of Walled Lake Charter**

**CAPTION:** State law requires that an initiatory ballot proposal to amend a City Charter must be submitted to the state Attorney General and Governor for review prior to submission to the voters. Both the Governor and State Attorney General reviewed and disapproved the initiatory proposal to amend section 4.7 of the Walled Lake City Charter because it fails to comply with state law requirements, as determined by the state Attorney General. The proponents of the proposal disagrees with the Attorney General and Governor's determinations. The proposed Charter Amendment proposes to abrogate City Council's current authority under section 4.7 to employ the City Manager for an indefinite period of time and further proposes to effectuate the immediate termination of the current City Manager's employment. The City Manager's employment contract contains provisions for payment of severance benefits that include, but are not limited to, full payment of the City Manager's \$160,000.00 yearly salary through January 2025.

**Ballot Language: Shall Section 4.7 of the City Charter be amended to prohibit an individual from serving as city manager for more than 10 years in total, including any time accrued as city manager before the charter amendment takes effect?**

**LOCAL PROPOSALS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

## WIXOM

### Renewal of an Additional Operating Millage for Municipal Operating Purposes Including Police and Fire, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation

Shall the previously approved additional operating millage in Section 9.2 of the Wixom City Charter of up to 3.5 mills (which is equal to \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed for an additional four (4) years, commencing July 1, 2021, and effective through and including July 1, 2024, to provide funds for municipal operating purposes including police and fire, public works, and parks & recreation?

## OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

### Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of .9975 mills for a period of 8 years beginning December 2021 and expiring December 2028 for purposes of providing fire protection services, including the operation and maintenance of the Oakland Township Fire Department and purchase of equipment and buildings to serve the Charter Township of Oakland. If levied in 2021, approval of this proposal would authorize the levy of \$.9399 per \$1000 of taxable value on all property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect approximately \$1,429,865 in the first year (2021) if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be taxed \$93.99 for the millage.

### Renewal of the Historic District Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy of up to .1096 for a period of ten (10) years, starting with the December 2022 levy, for the purpose of continuing to fund historic preservation, education, restoration, acquisition, and maintenance within the Charter Township of Oakland? As part of this purpose, this millage includes funding for the development and maintenance of the Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, a site listed as a Community Historic Center on the National Register of Historic Places. Approval of this proposal would renew the previously authorized tax limitation increase of approximately 11 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township, or \$10.96 per year on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000. Revenue from the levy renewal shall be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland. Based upon the projected 2022 Township wide taxable value, it is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect up to \$176,888.10 of revenue in the first year (2022) if this millage renewal is authorized and levied.

## OXFORD TOWNSHIP

### Millage for Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Life Support Services

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law upon all taxable property within the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan be increased by new additional millage of 4.5 mills (4.5 mills being equal to \$4.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of 4 (four) years, beginning with the December 2020 tax levy through the December 2023 tax levy, for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS) and advanced life support (ALS) services for the Charter Township of Oxford, which new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage for operations and capital expenses for fire protection, emergency medical services and advanced life support services which, after the required rollback, last resulted in a levy of 3.3472 mills, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during this period, which will raise in the first year if levied an estimated revenue of Four Million Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,276,620.00) of which a portion will be disbursed to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority?

## BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE

### Ballot Proposal 1

It is proposed that Section 9.1 of the Charter of the Village of Beverly Hills be amended to read as follows:

Power to Tax:

Power to Tax

The Village shall have the power to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes. The general ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed 12.9184 mills, times the taxable value of all real and personal property, subject to taxation in the Village, exclusive of any levies authorized by general statute to be made beyond Charter tax limitations, for a period of ten (10) years 2021 to 2031 inclusive. This 12.9184 millage

authorization shall include the following components specifically dedicated to the operation of the Village:

- 9.9 mills for public safety/police/fire operations;
- 1.88 mills for general administrative purposes;
- 0.8184 mills for Baldwin Public Library services;
- 0.32 mills for capital park improvements/replacements for village wide parks.

It is estimated that the renewal of 9.9 mills for public safety/police/fire will raise approximately \$6,288,904.00 when first levied in 2021; It is estimated that the reduction of the prior millage for general administrative purposes to 1.88 mills will raise approximately \$1,194,238.00 when first levied in 2021; It is estimated that the reduction of the prior millage for Baldwin Public Library services to 0.8184 will raise approximately \$519,874.00 when first levied in 2021; and It is estimated a new park millage for capital park improvements/replacements for village wide parks will raise approximately \$203,274.00 when first levied in 2021. Upon expiration of this renewed millage on June 30, 2031, the maximum allowed under Charter millage rate will revert to 11.00 mills for municipal purposes.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

## FRANKLIN VILLAGE

### Renewal of Special Millage for Police Services and General Fund

Shall the currently authorized special millage rate of 0.3802 mill (\$0.3802 on each \$1000 of taxable value) on real and personal property in the Village for police services and general fund stabilization (Police services are paid from general fund) be renewed for 10 years, 2021 through 2030? The current millage expired with the July 2020 tax levy. If voters approve this millage renewal, it will raise approximately \$144,650 in the first year if levied in full.

## HOLLY VILLAGE

### Charter Amendment

Shall section 3.4 of the Village Charter, which calls for the President and each council member to receive as compensation for his/her services to the Village the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) be amended to read as follows: 3.4 Compensation of members of the Council. Each member of Council shall receive as compensation for his/her service to the Village a sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) beginning November, 2022, when each current Council term has expired. The Village President shall receive as compensation for his/her service, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) beginning November, 2020. Such salaries shall be payable annually as determined by the Council and shall constitute the only salary or compensation which may be paid for services performed by the President or any Council Member for the discharge of any official duty for or on behalf of the Village during their term of office. Upon prior authorization of the council, reasonable expenses may be allowed when actually incurred on behalf of the Village. Until November, 2022, each member of Council shall receive as compensation for his/her service to the Village a sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per year.

## LAKE ORION VILLAGE

### Legalize Marihuana Facilities and Establishments

Shall the Village of Lake Orion enact an ordinance to regulate the sale of marihuana in the Village; to allow certain medical marihuana facilities and recreational marihuana establishments to operate in the Village pursuant to the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act; to provide for standards and procedures to permit and regulate such facilities; to provide for the imposition of permit application fees; to provide penalties; and to impose conditions for the operation of such facilities?

## HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and restores millage lost as a result of a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed by 17.9047 mills (\$17.9047 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a

period of 12 years, 2021 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and .0953 mill of the additional .5 mill is levied in 2021 is approximately \$4,323,146 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy and the addition of millage to restore millage lost as a result of a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, which will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

## ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS

### Operating Millage Proposal

County of Oakland

State of Michigan

This proposal would restore and extend the authority of the Royal Oak Schools to levy the number of mills for operating purposes on taxable property in the School District required for the School District to receive the full foundation allowance permitted by the State and allow the district to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non homestead property in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 1.25 mills. The existing authority expired with the School District's 2020 tax levy. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Royal Oak Schools, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased to 19.25 mills (\$19.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extend such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 3.4 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for ten (10) years, the years 2021 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district? This millage would raise approximately \$18,588,941 in the first year of levy.

## WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

### Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raised approximately \$90.4 million when first levied in 2022. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools  
Crestwood School District  
Dearborn City School District  
Dearborn Heights School District #7  
Detroit Public Schools Community District  
Ecorse Public School District  
Flat Rock Community Schools  
School District of the City of Garden City  
Gibraltar School District  
Grosse Ile Township Schools  
The Grosse Pointe Public School System  
Hamtramck Public Schools  
City of Harper Woods Schools  
School District of the City of Highland Park  
Huron School District  
School District of the City of Lincoln Park  
Livonia Public Schools  
Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools  
Northville Public Schools  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Redford Union School District  
River Rouge School District  
Riverview Community School District  
Romulus Community Schools  
Southgate Community School District  
South Redford School District  
Taylor School District  
Trenton Public Schools  
Van Buren Public Schools  
Wayne-Westland Community School District  
Westwood Community Schools  
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District  
Wyandotte City School District



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**★★★ Partisan Ballot ★★★**

- U.S. President/Vice President \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Senator \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_
- State Representative \_\_\_\_\_
- State Board of Education (2)  
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- University of Michigan Regents (2)  
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- Michigan State University Trustees (2)  
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- Wayne State University Governors (2)  
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- Oakland County Officers - Countywide Races:  
 Executive \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prosecuting Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk/Register of Deeds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Resources Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

**★★★ Nonpartisan Ballot ★★★ (Contested Races)**

- Michigan Supreme Court (2)  
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- Circuit Court \_\_\_\_\_
- Probate Court \_\_\_\_\_
- District Court \_\_\_\_\_
- OCC (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Township/City/Village Offices \_\_\_\_\_
- School Board \_\_\_\_\_
- Library Board \_\_\_\_\_

**★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★**

- State (20-1: y/n?) \_\_\_\_\_ (20-2: y/n?) \_\_\_\_\_
- County (y/n?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Local/Library/School (y/n?) \_\_\_\_\_