



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE
GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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Included in this Local Voter Guide:

Contested Races:

Michigan House of Representatives, Dist. #12, 17 and 21
Wayne County Commissioner Dist #11
Wayne County Prosecutor, Treasurer, Clerk and Register
of Deeds
Sumpter Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees
Van Buren Township Board of Trustees
3rd Circuit Court Judge – non-incumbent
Michigan 34th District Court Judge
Airport School Board
Huron School Board
Lincoln Consolidated School Board
Van Buren School Board

} Serving Parts
of Sumpter
Township

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US Congressional Representative
US Senate
Michigan Supreme Court
Michigan Court of Appeals
Governing Board of Michigan
Universities
Two State Ballot Proposals

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- Wayne County Sheriff: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Sumpter Township Clerk and Treasurer: 1 candidate running for 1 position (each)
- Van Buren Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer: 1 candidate running for 1 position (each)
- Airport Community Schools (partial term): 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Belleville Area District Library Board (partial term): 1 candidate running for 1 position
- Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees - District 9: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- 3rd Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, Partial Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- 3rd Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, 6-Year Term: 16 candidates running for 16 positions
- Wayne County Probate Court Judge: 2 candidates running for 2 positions

Michigan House of Representatives, District 12 2-Year Term VOTE FOR 1
Includes the NE corner of Van Buren Township

CANDIDATES <i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i>	<u>Education:</u> <i>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?</i>	<u>Economic Security:</u> <i>What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?</i>	<u>Social Justice:</u> <i>How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?</i>
<p>Alex Garza (D)</p> <p>Website: http://www.alexformichigan.com</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/alex4rep/</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/Alex4Michigan</p> <p>Occupation/Current Position: State Representative - Michigan's 12th House District</p> <p>Education: B.A. - Political Science - U of M Dearborn A.B. - Business Management - Baker College</p> <p>Qualifications and Experience: Former Taylor City Council Chairman (2013 - 2019) Former Director of Constituent Relations - Michigan House of Representatives (2015 - 2018)</p>	<p>In my first year as State Representative, I am proud to have voted for an education budget that restored much needed dollars to our classrooms. While this was a great start, we are still drastically under-funding our schools in Michigan. Over the last decade, our state divested from our public schools and have even made it easier for for-profit charter schools to access dollars that should be going to our public school districts. As your State Representative, I will continue my fight to restore and increase education funding for our schools. Our kids and our teachers deserve the best environment to learn and teach in.</p>	<p>As we face this COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan, there are many things we can be doing as a state to help support our struggling economy. We know that many are considering leaving the state and we must offer incentives for Michiganders to stay in our communities to help rebound our state's economy. Michigan must assist with employment placement and connections as we move into a rebuilding phase in the near future. A specific policy that I support is guaranteeing that all Michiganders have access to a free 2 year Associate degree or trades program that will allow them the opportunity to improve their financial positions.</p>	<p>It is hard to answer such an important question with just a few sentences. The bottom line is we have to ensure we are setting people up for success as a state. Often times we see programs and/or lack of programs that set our residents up for failure. For example, the attack on the working class has proven to not work. Programs such as work requirements and constant suspension of benefits only further puts Michiganders in horrible financial positions. There has to be a comprehensive reform in place in order to impact these rates in a significant way.</p>
<p>Michelle Bailey (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

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<p>Christopher Slat (D)</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://www.slat2020.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/slat2020 Twitter: twitter.com/slattweets Occupation / Current Position: Instructional Technology Specialist, Monroe County ISD Education: B.A.A. in Broadcast and Cinematic Arts, Central Michigan University, 2011 Associates degree, Monroe County Community College Monroe HS Class of 2006 Qualifications / Experience: Lifelong district resident, local educator, president of community agency board (local public access TV/radio station), political activist</p>	<p>RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>For too long, corporate-funded politicians have sought to attract good jobs with massive corporate tax credits and subsidies. Yet companies are actually attracted by quality schools, work-force, and infrastructure - things that require tax money and coincidentally empower working families regardless. Especially in light of the pandemic, we need to commit to investing in our working class by rebuilding strong public services and safety nets. We also need to fight for living wages, improved working conditions, and union membership.</p>	<p>Instead of leading the nation in tax breaks for giant corporations, Michigan needs to commit to helping its most vulnerable populations. We need to expand our safety nets and public services that working families rely on. We need to make sure employers are paying living wages and not passing payroll expenses onto our welfare systems. We need to make sure hospitals and charter schools are accountable to the communities they serve, not financial stakeholders. And we need to make sure communities have representation on the regulatory and advisory boards that affect them.</p>
<p>Joseph Bellino, Jr (R)</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://electjoebellino.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JoeBellinoJr Occupation / Current Position: State Rep. Education: Associate of Arts, Monroe County Community College Qualifications / Experience: 15 years on Monroe County CC board. Last 2 as chair 15 years on MidWest Independent Retailers Association Board 4 Years as State Rep.</p>	<p>Money is not the greatest difference in Michigan's many school districts. We need to hold our school administrators and school boards to a higher standard. Schools have gotten away from teaching to creating programs that do not prepare our children for life after school. Increasing the programs centered around real world careers including computer science and skilled trades will ensure our kids are more prepared for the rest of their lives. The state government should not be mandating every course that a kid has to take from K-12, this only leads to preparing for standardized tests and not life after school.</p>	<p>I believe in the social safety net, but there also needs to be motivation for people to get off of it, if and when they are able. Increasing the visibility of skilled trades as well as the incentives for people to pursue them creates strong, well-paying jobs that support our economy and families. Our kids need to understand that a 4 year university isnt the only path to a strong career.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>

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<p>Ranjeev Puri (D)</p> <p>Website: http://www.voteranjeev.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/voteranjeev/ Twitter: twitter.com/voteranjeev Occupation / Current Position: Business Manager at Fiat Chrysler. Education: Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Accounting and Master of Business Administration from the Chicago Booth School of Business. Qualifications and Experience: Ranjeev Puri is a proud dad, currently working at Fiat-Chrysler and earned his MBA from The University of Chicago. He spent years working for President Obama and now is ready to work for us.</p>	<p>We are proudly endorsed by the Michigan Education Association (MEA). Our kids are our greatest investment in this state, so public funding for education is paramount. As a result of Prop. A, educational opportunities are not equitable; Michigan's children deserve all opportunities regardless of their zip code or background. Teachers do not have the resources they deserve and teachers have been treated as less than professionals, and we need a major change in both collaboration and compensation. At a minimum the profit motive must be eliminated for charter schools in order for more equitable public education funding.</p>	<p>I work in the automotive industry, and my wife owns a small business. I understand both the opportunities and challenges which lay ahead for the future of Michigan's economy. We must prepare for tomorrow's economy by training our workforce, closing the skilled trades gap, and developing holistic solutions to keep businesses open. Michigan jobs are constantly in danger of being shipped away. Let's rethink supply chains and start buy-local initiatives. COVID-19 is causing immense pain to Michiganders, and we are likely to continue to see its effects for many years. Endorsed by the Small Business Association of Michigan.</p>	<p>We need a holistic solution to address social injustice. My plan involves supporting pre-education programs, funding our public schools, providing affordable healthcare to all Michiganders, preparing the automobile industry for the technology and economy of the future, and much more. 17% of seniors in our state live in poverty in part because of expensive housing costs and the fact that 1 in 4 Americans cannot afford the cost of their prescriptions. Almost half of all black children will grow up in poverty compared to 15% of white children. Addressing social injustice has to start with addressing economic inequality.</p>
<p>Laurel Hess (R)</p> <p>Website: http://www.electlaurelhess.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/electhess/?modal=admin_todo_tour Twitter: twitter.com/hess_mi Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner - I have owned and operated Jungle Java in Canton for the past 17 years. Education: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - B.A., Communications, 1990 Teaching certificate, Schoolcraft College, May 2019 Qualifications and Experience: I have been a successful small business owner, serving my local community for the past 17 years. Jungle Java is a successful and relied on main-stay in our area.</p>	<p>K-12 education is in desperate need of increased educational funding & better oversight of the proper allocation of funds to individual districts. Funding needs to be equitable across the board for all MI school districts. I went back to school last winter to get my teaching certificate and taught this past fall at Hamtramck High. I saw first hand how schools in a low-income tax base area suffer greatly. Our kids deserve better. Funding is an issue, but not 100% of the problem. Decision-making power over such things as curriculum, etc. needs to be given back to those who work in education, not the folks in Lansing.</p>	<p>Helping to get the people of my district back on their feet in the wake of this devastating pandemic will be my number one priority. We need to look at what failed and why. For example, investing in technology to update the UIA website and phone system. And what about our SOS? It's technology is a mess. Why do we have 2 hour long waits at the SOS for simple things, such as a license plate renewal? I want to be the voice, not only for small business owners, but for all of their employees and for all of my constituents who are in a financial mess for months/years to come after this due to job loss & no access to UIA.</p>	<p>We need to take immediate steps now to close economic, health, and education disparities in our state. We need to recognize that our health care and education systems are both rife with disparities related to race, geography, and income. These disparities create uneven access to care and, thus, wellness. Assuring that all MI citizens are properly taken care of benefits us collectively as a state. We need to take time to examine the data and also talk to real people about what is happening in their lives. To begin, we need to expand broadband and telemedicine for all.</p>

Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney 4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Kym L. Worthy (D)</p> <p>Address: P.O. Box 07225 Detroit, MI 48207 Campaign Email: ctekymworthy2020@gmail.com Education: B.S., economics and political science, University of Michigan, J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School Campaign Website: www.kymworthy.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ProsecutorKymWorthy/</p>	<p>I have served as the Wayne County Prosecutor for the last 16 years. Prior to that, I was elected and served three terms as a judge on Recorder's Court (now Wayne County Circuit Court). During my years as Wayne County prosecutor, some of the initiatives we have undertaken include: Finding, investigating and prosecuting cases from the 11,000 abandoned sexual assault kits in Detroit; (work that has been implemented across the country); created along with Attorney General Nessel, the nation's first unit dedicated to the prosecution of LGBTQ crimes; created Wayne County's first unit for Elder Abuse; created over 20 diversion programs; created the state's first Conviction Integrity Unit, where almost 20 prisoners have been exonerated or given new trials; and created a Witness Protection Program. I have also been a fierce advocate for Michigan's most vulnerable victims (children/sexual assault)</p>	<p>My priorities are to continue to build on our office's work in the following areas: Protecting and rectifying wrongful convictions Continuing to lead the Detroit Rape Project Protecting seniors from elder abuse Advocating for LGBTQ justice Preventing youth crime Encouraging criminal rehabilitation and diversion Supporting mental health Reducing gun violence Advancing accessibility and transparency.</p>
<p>Daniel Ziemba (Lib)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

Wayne County Clerk

4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Cathy M. Garrett (D)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>
<p>Dylan M. Gomula (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

Wayne County Treasurer

4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Eric R. Sabree (D)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>
<p>Anthony Wozniak (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

Wayne County Register of Deeds 4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Bernard J. Youngblood (D)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Parker Burns (R)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Richard J. Secula (Lib)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

Wayne County Commissioner District 11 2-Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
A.Haidous (D)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
<p>Jami VanAlstine (R)</p> <p>Address: 28158 Heather Way Romulus, MI 48174 Occupation/Current Profession: System Administrator Campaign Email: campaign@jamivanalstine.com Campaign Website: http://jamivanalstine.com Education: BA in Anthropology MA in Archaeology PhD in History (in progress)</p>	<p>I am a near life-long Wayne County resident, proud alum of Wayne County Community District and Wayne State University, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. I hold a BA in Anthropology from Oregon State and a MA in Historical Archaeology from WSU. I am a mother of three children and have two amazing granddaughters. I have worked in Information Technology supporting Michigan's automotive industry for over 20 years, successfully supporting infrastructure and leading projects for global Fortune 100 companies. Being a single, working mom presents many challenges and in learning to navigate them I realized that many of the challenges were not only the result of bad policy, but on some cases the unintended consequences of well-intentioned ones. I am running because I am passionate about removing the barriers that prevent communities and individuals from thriving</p>	<p>COVID-19 has illustrated a myriad of issues in our County's ability to respond to crises. Even in normal times our Commission was either unwilling or unable to respond to changing priorities and the diverse needs of individuals in the 43 constituent communities in Wayne County. The status quo has left many behind. With an estimated \$152M 20-21 budgetary deficit, it is more important than ever to rethink how we zone, regulate, and invest in our infrastructure and services. We need to focus on creative ways to serve individuals and businesses in our communities without burdening some or privileging the few. We need oversight; ensuring justice is applied equally and that our ordinances, regulations, and enforcement serve to strengthen our communities and not divide them. My focus is on providing the tools and resources that empowers individuals and communities.</p>

SumpterTownship Supervisor 4 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>John W. Morgan (D)</p> <p>Address: 27555 Sumpter Road Belleville, MI 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: Retired School Teacher. Currently Sumpter Township Supervisor Campaign Phone: (734) 642-7371 Campaign Email: Kearmatis@comcast.net Campaign Website: http://www.facebook.com/reelectjohnwmorgan/ Education: Graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a BS degree in Education and a Master's Degree in School Administration.</p>	<p>I am a proud United States Veteran of the US Army, having served with the 594th Field Artillery Battalion. My wife and I have two children and are blessed with four grandchildren. I have served on the Sumpter Township Board since 1978; first as a trustee from 1978 to 1988, Treasurer 1988-2013 when I was appointed Supervisor. In 2016 I was elected Supervisor; which I currently still serve as. I am running for re-election because negotiating the unique challenges presented by the current world wide pandemic requires experienced leadership with proven decision making and problem solving skills.</p>	<p>Since the legalization of recreational marijuana, people are seriously looking to place this commercial industry in our rural township. I will continue to prioritize keeping commercialized marijuana out of our township. I oppose marijuana on this scale and will fight to keep our community safe and free of anything that takes away from our quiet peaceful way of life. Under my leadership, this board passed local ordinances fighting the commercial infiltration of marijuana in this township. I have the skills and experience for the job of Supervisor in this township and I am ready to help move this township on to a better version of itself.</p>
<p>Tim Bowman (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>

SumpterTownship Board of Trustees 4 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 4

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Sheena Barnes (D)</p> <p>Address: 28321 Sumpter Rd New Boston , MI 48164 Occupation/Current Profession: Owner and Operator Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones Campaign Phone: (734) 790-0188 Campaign Email: Sheenabarnes418@yahoo.com Education: Graduated 1977 Airport Schools, 1987,1988, 2015 attended WCCC, and 1996 attended CID Trade of Business</p>	<p>I am a proud resident of Sumpter Township. I have live in this township for 60 years. I am the proud mother of 3 beautiful children and 3 beautiful grandchildren. Growing up in a family business in Sumpter Township all of my life. My Parents are Louise Barnes and the late Nathaniel Barnes, owner of Nat Barnes Market for over 49 years. I am continuing the tradition with my own business, Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones. Growing up in a family business, taught me honesty and integrity and be good service to my community. Working along side my family instilled family values, faith, and love for others. We were always encourage to speak up for what was right and to strive to be the best you can be and help those who couldn't help themselves. If elected for Trustee of Sumpter Township, I will be a voice for my community and speak truth to power.</p>	<p>I would like to have the opportunity to move Sumpter Township forward, get involved in public administration township functions and the duties of the official in the office as a Trustee and provide and implement quality leadership. Goals: Grants for Family Development. After Schools Programs. Youth Jobs Creation Programs, Coordinate and Implement Recreational Programs, Workshops and Creative Parenting Session, and Opioids Mental Health and Mood Disorders Programs.</p>

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees (Cont.) 4 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 4

<p>CANDIDATES</p>	<p>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</p>	<p>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</p>
<p>Don LaPorte (D)</p> <p>Address: 19240 Sumpter Rd Belleville, Mi 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: Skilled Trades Inspector Ford Motor Co. Paid on call Fireman Sumpter TWP. Campaign Phone: (734) 740-0812 Education: Belleville High School class of 1984</p>	<p>I'm a 54-year old resident of the community with my wife of 32 years and 2 children. I'm running for office to make sure that sound decisions are made to move our township in a positive direction for the future. Also, to protect taxpayer's money to make sure isn't spent in wasteful manner. We need to promote more services to the community's residents with the current budget with no cost to taxpayers.</p>	<p>One of the biggest challenges for a trustee is keeping track of all the financial data making sure the money is wasted. When money is spent it's spent that has the greatest impact for the most amount of people. I would like to see more blood pressure screening for everyone including seniors' citizens and also cooperate funded CPR AED First aid classes for anyone in the community free of charge once every 2 years for residents. Keep a balanced budget, with much needed better line of communication for persons using the building department for permits and questions about permits.</p>
<p>Peggy Morgan (D)</p> <p>Address: 300 Edgewood Drive Belleville, MI 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: I'm retired from VBP Schools for 20 years as a Bus Driver. Also I Enjoyed Years Serving People. Campaign Phone: (734) 294-7540 Campaign Email: peggymorgan311@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://None Education: Graduated 1977 from Garden City High School. I attended Schoolcraft College. I was trained as a bus driver at RESA and VBPS.</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Peggy A Morgan, I never have been related to Supervisor John W Morgan. I am running for Trustee position for Sumpter Township. I was appointed Treasurer in February 2017. I have diligently served in this position through November of 2018. I served as Trustee from November 2004 through January 2017. I attended board meetings nearly 10 years prior to running for office. I also served on The Board of Review, The Economical Development Committee, Volunteered for the Neighborhoods Watch Program in the 1990s. I was Liaison to Parks and Recreation Commission, The Fire Department and The Water Department. I belong to The Michigan Democratic Party, SWD Club, Member of a Sumpter Seniors and The Women of the Moose 1135. I'm recently divorced while still remaining friends with Bud. I have two Loving Son's with five Beautiful Grandson's. I love spending time with my family- friends.</p>	<p>Priorities I will set for myself when elected are as follows accountability working endless hours to deliver results for the taxpayers. Hire grant writers to develop opportunities to our families and find grants available for all departments. Hire youth for summer jobs. Seek Alternative Revenue, Offer Town Hall meetings giving our residents the opportunity tell the board in what direction they would like to see their Township moving forward. Look at the Eight-Step Program benefit our community and the Police Department. Mandatory Cultural Training and Diversity Classes for Police and Fire departments. Offer Equal Opportunity to Minorities. Restructure Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws with families in mind. I will persistently work hard to remain a Balance Budget. I will push for hiring an Accounting Firm and Attorney Firm. I work for you! A Better Life For Better Living.</p>

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees (Cont.) 4 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 4

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?
<p>Matt Oddy (D)</p> <p>Address: P.O Box 2781 Belleville, MI 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: Automotive Recycling Campaign Phone: (313) 220-9971 Campaign Email: matthewoddy@yahoo.com Education: BBA from Eastern Michigan University Majoring in Accounting and Strategic Management</p>	<p>My desire to make a positive contribution to the community I grew up in motivates me to serve the residents and provide them a voice as their Trustee for Sumpter Township. I have lived in Sumpter Township close to 40 years graduating from Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University. I chose to remain in the community I love raising a second generation in my childhood home. I was elected Trustee in Sumpter Township in 2016, I have been a member of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission since 2008 and a volunteer for the Sumpter Parks and Recreation. My work in the private sector for the past 30 years as an accountant and manager overseeing multi-million dollar budgets have provided me valuable knowledge and experience to be qualified to serve the community in the capacity of Trustee.</p>	<p>My goals are to provide the resident's Leadership, Trust, Experience, and Stability focusing on the townships financial health, securing alternative revenue sources to keep taxes low, continually improve township services, analyzing expenditures and implementing cost-saving measures, lobby the County for road funding and maintenance, support and improve our parks and recreational activities, be a voice and advocate for the residents, and design future township growth that balances "Country Living at its Finest" with commercial development</p>
<p>Tim Rush (R)</p> <p>Address: 28941 Martinsville Rd. New Boston, MI 48164 Occupation/Current Profession: Corporate/ Private Security Consultant Campaign Phone: (734) 735-5637 Campaign Email: trush1776@gmail.com Education: Graduate National Institute of Technology 1986, class valedictorian associate's degree</p>	<p>Pressure from citizens of the township to run again! I was elected again as trustee in 2018. Sumpter Township needs qualified, professional and experienced people in elected office to assure that the Township is run like a business and elected official that understand the constitution, state & federal and abide by it. I am totally committed to another term as Trustee. I am honored to serve the community. For Sumpter Township to overcome any challenges in the future it should not be the officials that make critical decisions alone. The people of the community need to get involved. I can work with anyone's ideas on the board or from the community as long as the ideas are backed up with sound foresight, logic and planning for Sumpter Township's future. We ALL have a vested interest in our wonderful township.</p>	<p>Keep moving the Township forward! Sumpter Township currently enjoys a balanced budget and we have added 2.7 million dollars to the general fund during the current administration! Creative thinking in financing for example, the new fire engine we were required to purchase was self-financed at 0% interest saving thousands of dollars because of our excellent bond rating! New web site with on demand streaming of board meetings under budget, Storm Ready certification with the National Weather Service (1st Township in the state) just to name a few. Sumpter Township also enjoys one of the finest Police & Fire departments in southeastern Michigan, the 52nd safest community in Michigan</p>

NEED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT? Any registered voter in Michigan is now eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Your local clerk must receive an application before they can send a ballot to you. Visit your local clerk's website or www.Michigan.gov/vote for an application. Application can be made online, but only through October 19. Starting October 20, your application should be hand-delivered to your local clerk.

Van Buren Township Board of Trustees - 4 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 4

<p>CANDIDATES</p>	<p><i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i></p>	<p><i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i></p>
<p>Don Boynton, Jr. (D)</p> <p>Address: P.O. Box 2648 Van Buren Township, MI 48112 Campaign Phone: (248) 561-0886 Campaign Email: donaldboyntonjr@gmail.com Education: Michigan State University - Urban Planning/Land Use Policy University of Michigan - Labor Studies Institute</p>	<p>I'm running for Township Trustee because I'm a proven Leader and Manager known for budgeting and forecasting, technical/product knowledge, conflict resolution, team building, personable nature, fair decision making, understanding personality, ethical behavior, integrity, sharp perception, good communication, teamwork, wisdom, inspiration and motivation. Additionally, I am skilled in building productive relationships with co-workers, administrators, and officials in both the private and public sectors.</p>	<p>Decisions made by our Township Board impact all aspects of both value of property and the quality of life of us all, young and old. I pledge to represent the residents of Van Buren Township with my proven leadership, experience, with integrity and transparency; endeavor to prescribe financial efficacy of our tax dollars through strategic planning and forecasting; aim to deliver knowledgeable and sensible decisions on community services and conservation of our natural environment; and maintain and/or improve the quality of life for all residents and advocate unity throughout the Township.</p>
<p>Sherry A. Frazier (D)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>
<p>Kevin Martin (D)</p> <p>Address: 9405 Madison Drive Van Buren Township, MI 4811 Occupation/Current Profession: Electrician at General Motors, Van Buren Twp. Trustee Campaign Phone: (734) 306-3356 Campaign Email: martinkevin34@yahoo.com Education: Henry Ford College Apprentice Training and General Studies</p>	<p>I am 64 years old and have lived in Van Buren Township since 1997. I have been employed at General Motors Company for over 42 years and I am a member of UAW Local 163 where I serve as the Civil and Human Rights Committee Chairperson. I have been married to Lisa Martin for 13 years. I am running for re-election because I truly enjoy serving the public. These last four years of service to the Township have allowed me to see projects from conception to completion that improves the quality of life for Township residents. However, I believe that there are many more projects that need to be implemented, such as a community center to provide our community with much needed recreation space and programming. I want to be a part of bringing the community center and park restorations to the residents.</p>	<p>As always, the top priority is having a balanced budget. I will work with the Township's directors to ensure that they stay within their budgets while continuing to provide our community with excellent service. I will continue to work with the Public Safety Department to grow our full time Fire Department and make sure that they receive all the training and equipment necessary to keep our community safe. I will work to make sure we have suitable housing for our senior community and ensure that the buildings blend seamlessly into their surroundings.</p>



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VOTE FOR 4

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Reggie Miller (D)</p> <p>Address: 13697 Pond Bluff Dr Van Buren Township, MI 481</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Van Buren Township Trustee</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 883-9650</p> <p>Campaign Email: Reggie220@comcast.net</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://www.ElectReggieMiller.com</p> <p>Education: Graduated from the Michigan Township's Governance Academy, January of 2016. Michigan Political Leadership Program, 2015</p>	<p>Miller began serving the community as Van Buren Township Trustee in 2012. Miller serves as board liaison for both the Senior Endowment Committee and the Elections Committee, and she's an active member of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club. Previously, Miller served as the former Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Miller is a member of the Women League of Voters. In 2015, Miller was accepted into the very well respected Michigan Political Leadership Program through Michigan State University. Miller is a Township Governance Academy graduate as well. I am passionate in advocating for you and will always choose "people over politics." I am strong enough to hold my ground, but equally experienced in compromising when needed while working in partnership with the township residents. I will continue to listen to your concerns, share my thoughts and ideas because I work for you.</p>	<p>Some of the issues facing Van Buren Township is the ongoing Visteon bond shortfall, preparing for our aging population, the lack of mental health and wellness services, environmental issues facing our Township such as fracking waste coming in from other states, and looking at developing a community center in the future. However, right now the Township will also be challenged with unexpected revenue drops and added expenses, which will impact our municipal budget due to COVID-19. We will have to be very vigilant in seeking state and federal funding, along with any available grants. Another priority is the Township budget and to continue to be fiscally responsible with our expenditures and improve the yearly budget review. I would like to see us to continue towards the process of comparing our internal department budgets with those of similar townships.</p>
<p>Cameron Porzondek (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL
Public Safety Millage Renewal

As a renewal of previously authorized millage, which expires December 2023, shall the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, levy taxes in an amount not to exceed 6.3931 mills (\$6.3931 per \$1,000 taxable value) to provide funds for public safety services, including: police; fire; dispatch; emergency management; and ordinance enforcement? The 6.3931 mills (\$6.3931 per \$1,000 taxable value) is to be levied against all property within the Township, pursuant to 1947 PA 359, as amended, for a period of seven years beginning December 2024 through December 2030, inclusive, which would be approximately \$7,428,398 when first levied in December 2024, less the estimated tax captures: Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$640,000 (pursuant to 2018 PA 57, as amended); and Local Development Finance Authority in the amount of \$220,775 (pursuant to 2018 PA 57, as amended).

Should this Millage be approved? YES or NO

<p>CANDIDATES</p>	<p><i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i></p>	<p><i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i></p>
<p>Chandra W. Baker</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Lead Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. I head the Wayne Arson Reduction Unit.</p> <p>Campaign website: http://bakerforblindjustice.com</p> <p>Campaign email : chandrabakerforjudge@gmail.com</p> <p>Education: Wayne State University Law School - JD University of Michigan - BA</p>	<p>I am a Lead Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. I head the Wayne Arson Reduction Unit which prosecutes arson for-profit crimes involving real property (insurance fraud) and arson where someone has been killed or injured. I was awarded Prosecutor of the Year 2017-2018 by the International Association of Arson Investigators for my work combating arson in Wayne County. I have been a prosecutor for over 12 years. I have litigated felonies of all kinds including capital cases such as homicide and armed robberies. Previous to joining the WCPS, I was an associate with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. a civil defense firm. At MCPS, I practiced Labor and Employment Discrimination Law. I am running for this office because I am qualified, knowledgeable and compassionate. I want to make a difference in the lives of both victims and defendants.</p>	<p>One of the top issues facing the criminal court is mental health. Although Wayne County has a mental health court, the facilities who take defendants with mental health issues will not take defendants who are facing arson charges because of the liability. Many arsonists have mental health problems, consequently, the court is left with trying to balance the safety of the public with the defendant's health. Therefore, many arson defendants end up in jail or prison. As Judge, I would like to work with organizations to expand mental health court to include arson defendants. I want to make sure indigent defendants have the resources that they need to defend their cases. Finally, there needs to be experienced judges on the bench who are experienced trial attorneys. I have been a trial attorney for nearly 20 years.</p>
<p>Nicholas John Hathaway</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Wayne County Circuit Court Referee</p> <p>Campaign website: http://hathawayforjudge.com</p> <p>Campaign email : hathawayforjudge@gmail.com</p> <p>Campaign phone: 248-631-7925</p> <p>Education: Wayne State University B.S. 2002 University of Detroit Law School J.D. 2005</p>	<p>Nicholas Hathaway is a Referee in Wayne County Circuit Court's Family Division where he handles an extremely busy docket dealing with cases of serious child abuse and neglect and also criminal matters involving juveniles. In his more than 10 years as a jurist Nicholas has presided over hundreds of trials in Wayne County Circuit Court and is faced on a daily basis with making important decisions that impact the lives of Wayne County's citizens. He has seen the impact that court decisions have on the lives of the parties and he takes that responsibility extremely serious. Nicholas also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County for 5 years where he handled a wide range of felony and misdemeanor criminal matters including jury trials. Nicholas is running for Wayne County Circuit Court judge in order to continue to serve the people of Wayne County in a greater capacity.</p>	<p>The first issue for judges will be finding an effective way to handle their docket while maintaining the safety of all parties and the public considering the pandemic. Nicholas has been trained on conducting remote hearings and has been handling all matters on his docket in a remote and safe fashion. The next issue facing judges will be to make sure that all appropriate safeguards are being put into place for incarcerated parties and also ensuring that alternatives to incarceration are investigated. Nicholas will work hard to balance the safety of the public with the rights of the accused and will make efforts to utilize alternatives to incarceration like personal bonds and tethers, when appropriate. The third priority issue facing judges will be coming up with a plan to address the backlog of cases created by the pandemic. Nicholas has a history of efficient docket management.</p>

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Shakira Lynn Hawkins</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney</p> <p>Campaign website: http://Hawkinsforjudge2020.com</p> <p>Campaign email : Hawkinsforjudge2020@gmail.com</p> <p>Campaign phone: (313) 221-0945</p> <p>Education: B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan J.D. University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. My mother was a Detroit Police Officer before becoming a nurse and my father was a skilled trades worker at Chrysler for over 35 years. I knew at very early age that I wanted to help others. I am committed to public service and social justice. I am an experienced attorney and have practiced law for over 15 years. I have been practicing criminal defense for over 10 years primarily helping those who cannot afford to hire an attorney. I am passionate about the law and protecting people's rights I am running for 3rd Circuit Court Judge to help fix our broken system of justice and to be a catalyst for positive change within the system. If elected, I will ensure respect, fairness and justice for all who come before me.</p>	<p>Three priority issues would be to address mass incarceration, cash bail elimination, and racial disparity. A majority of those incarcerated have not been convicted. They simply cannot afford to post bond, and must wait in jail until their cases are resolved. This leads to hasty pleas, or the loss of jobs or housing and essentially criminalizes poverty. It also leads to mass incarceration when there are alternatives to jail that exist. Some people, need help, not jail. As a society, we should strive to help people maximize their potential. This doesn't mean that no one should ever be imprisoned. It means we explore other options such as restorative justice for those deserving of another chance. Lastly, justice should be blind but all too often people are unfairly judged based on skin color. The bench should reflect the cultural diversity of the community. I will be fair to all</p>
<p>Mary Beth Kelly</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Arbitrator at JAMS-Detroit Visiting Judge at Wayne County Circuit Court</p> <p>Campaign website: http://marybethkellyforjudge.com</p> <p>Campaign email : info@marybethkellyforjudge.com</p> <p>Campaign phone: see website</p> <p>Education: Notre Dame Law School, JD, 1987 University of Michigan at Dearborn, BA, 1984</p>	<p>I am running for Circuit Court Judge because I love the work and believe I am uniquely qualified to fill this opening. I served in the Wayne County Circuit Court 1999-2010, including serving as Chief Judge of that Court for three consecutive terms. I was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2010, and served five years on that bench, before returning to private practice. In addition to my arbitration practice at JAMS, a national ADR firm, I have served as a full time Visiting Judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court at the request of the Chief Judges and upon appointment by the Supreme Court. Serving the public directly by resolving disputes in a respectful and efficient manner is the work I believe I am most qualified and best at performing for the public. Before I joined the judiciary in 1999, I worked as an associate then partner at Dickinson Wright in Detroit.</p>	<p>1. Access to justice for pro se litigants. Many federal and state resources are available to assist pro se litigants. The Court needs to do a better job of compiling these resources and posting them on the Court's website so citizens have access to the help they need to navigate the legal system without the necessity of a lawyer. 2. Increased Use of Treatment Courts. Evidence has overwhelmingly validated the positive results of treatment courts. These courts should be expanded when mental illness or substance abuse drives a non-violent offense. These courts are particularly appropriate for juveniles who need to get their lives on a positive track. 3. Earlier resolution of disputes through mediation or alternative dispute resolution. Most litigation is too costly for the average citizen and takes too long. This is particularly true of family matters, I support earlier mediation.</p>

<p>CANDIDATES</p>	<p><i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i></p>	<p><i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i></p>
<p>Lisa Martin</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://lisamartinforjudge.com Campaign Phone: (734) 328-2388 Campaign Email: lisamartinforjudge@gmail.com Education: Harvard University - Bachelor of Arts University of Michigan Law School – Juris Doctorate</p>	<p>I am running for 34th District Court Judge because I believe that every person who comes before the court should have equal access to our justice system. Everyone should have the opportunity to stand before a judge who is impartial and fair. Running a courtroom requires someone who has the patience to attend to the details of a person’s statements and the compassion to help those who are perhaps dealing with a life-altering experience. I have spent more than 20 years appearing in the district courts in the state and spent almost two years as Attorney Magistrate in the 34th District Court. I have the experience and temperament necessary to ensure that my courtroom would be one where every person is treated with courtesy and respect.</p>	<p>The top priorities facing this office are restoring public trust and improving access to the court. The district court is often referred to as the people’s court as citizens are more likely to have contact with the district court than with the other courts of the State. In order to restore the public’s trust in the office, I would focus on being fair and impartial, being respectful to every litigant and starting court promptly. In an effort to improve access to the court, I would work with the court administrator, supervisors and managers to track the issues/complaints most frequently raised by citizens and work through implementing operating procedures to make it easier for citizens to navigate the building - where possible - or being more transparent in what citizens should expect when visiting the court.</p>
<p>Alexandria Taylor</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Managing Attorney at Taylor Law Firm Campaign Website: http://www.AlexandriaforJudge.com Campaign Phone: (734) 325-9178 Campaign Email: info@alexandriaforjudge.com Education: BA Psychology - Michigan State University MBA - Eastern Michigan University JD - University of Detroit Mercy School of Law</p>	<p>I have practiced law for the past decade and held trials through our state. While in law school I had the opportunity to work with our former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice, Marilyn Kelly. After graduation, I worked at a high-profile criminal defense firm where I truly learned trial practice. In January 2015, I made the leap of going into private practice. Since then, I have partnered with several local universities, namely Wayne State University, offering a unique internship experience to prepare the next generation of lawyers. I am also an adjunct professor at UDM Law School. I am running for office because I am the change that we so desperately need. I have dedicated my career to being a voice for the voiceless and working to groom young lawyers to make our system better, stronger. If given the opportunity to serve, I will work tirelessly to restore faith in our system.</p>	<p>The biggest issue facing 34th District Court at this time, is integrity of the court. I would address this by being transparent but also by ensuring that everyone has access to the court, whether it be via Zoom/online or in-person. I will work to ensure that the right to due process is not infringed upon. Judicial officers are the checks and balances within our court system. I will work to ensure that the checks are balances are not influenced by political pressure or gain, but instead based on the law of the land. Lastly, I will work to institute programs such as Veteran’s Court. We have a great number of Veteran’s within our community and sometimes they come into contact with the justice system. It is our duty to ensure that we have services and programs in place for those that made such a selfless sacrifice for our country.</p>

Airport Community School Board
Serves the SE side of Sumpter Township

6 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 2

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
Janice M. Doederlein	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
William F. Lang	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
<p>Leah Osborne</p> <p>Address: 11790 Sumpter Rd Carleton, MI 48117</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: A product manager and an instructor for teaching technical college courses.</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 819-8002</p> <p>Campaign Email: lkosborne@charter.net</p> <p>Education: 2 Bachelor degrees, Information Systems and Accounting, a Master's degree in Technology Management</p>	<p>I am very active in the school community, where I am able to listen and understand the real issues the school system has and what parents would want changed to improve their children's learning experience. A voice for the parents as a parent with 2 kids in the district (1 a graduate, other is an 8th grader). Actively help in the classrooms, with book fairs, and other school events since 2013. Wagar PTO President since 2018. Actively helping with concessions for the Athletic Boosters since 2013, currently Concessions Lead since 2017. Have a passion for education - college instructor for Ivy Tech Community College since 2009 and volunteers remotely as a STEM teacher assistant through TEALS program for Shelby JR. High. In addition, volunteers in my church, soup kitchens, food pantries and variety of STEM programs through MCWT (Michigan Council of Women in Technology) since 2005.</p>	<p>When talking with the parents of the school district & being involved in the school community, there is a similar theme of issues that need to be addressed. Ensuring we have the right programs in place to handle the diverse learning needs of the students. Ensuring the programs that we do have in place provide exceptional learning experience by providing teachers/staff the development they need. To look for ways to be most cost effective & efficient way possible with the reduction of government funding in the operational & maintaining of the school campuses & technology needs. Lastly but not least, the increase of drugs & alcohol that is being brought into the schools since marijuana has been legalized. If elected, would use focus groups to help look into these issues, investigating, gather in-depth information and opinions to work towards an actionable plan for improvement.</p>

Huron School District
Serves the east side of Sumpter Township

6 Year Terms

VOTE FOR 3

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
Brad Bossick	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Patrick Coll	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Aaron D. Cox	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Jamie Craig	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>John Golovich III</p> <p>Address: 30182 West Rd hHuron Twp, MI 48164 Occupation/Current Profession: Sr. Security Architect at Cisco Systems Campaign Phone: (734) 770-7053 Campaign Website: http://www.facebook.com/CTEGolovich Education: B.A Degree SNHU A.A Degree WCCCD</p>	<p>John Golovich III, 44, Sr. Security Architect at Cisco Systems. Appointed to the Huron Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). Prior to moving to the township, spent 10 years serving on the Brownstown Historical/Beautification Committee serving as the chairman and President of my Homeowners Association. This election is different than past School Board elections. Candidates aren't necessarily running because there is an issue with the current School Board. Three members are retiring, and their positions need to be filled. My educational experience brings a combination of multiple educational experiences to the table - Private School, Catholic School, Public School, Charter School, and Virtual Academies. My employment experience requires me to constantly solve problems most recently allowing students to work virtually and parents to work from home.</p>	<p>The Covid pandemic is on everyone's mind. How are we going to return to normal? Those concerns are warranted and a major issue since it involves the safety of students, teachers, and families. We need to lead the district back to normal. Once it has returned, we will have to continue to monitor the health trends of the community to make the district more flexible in the future. The attention to student mental health needs to continue and be expanded as we return to normal. The continued monitoring of the spending of the recently passed bond proposal to make sure the district continues to do what is in the best interest of the residents. This includes continued analysis of population trends to better plan for building student capacity.</p>
Jamie Grant	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Danielle M. Hendley	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Will Hilliker	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Jennifer Johnson	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Joshua Monte	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Julie Spicer	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.

CANDIDATES <i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i>	<i>What in your education and experience makes you the best qualified candidate for this position?</i>	<i>What are your goals should you be elected and how will you work to accomplish them with currently limited resources?</i>	<i>What should be done to improve student achievement in the District?</i>
Jennifer Czachorski Address: 8397 Hogan, Ypsilanti	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Jennifer LaBombarbe Address: 8125 Bemis, Ypsilanti	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Michael Lange Address: 8125 Bemis, Ypsilanti	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
Thomas Rollins Address: 6219 Truman Dr., Belleville Campaign Phone: (734) 883-6030 Campaign email: thomas.rollins@yahoo.com Education: Occupation/Current Profession: Living in the Lincoln SD since 1992	I have a BS from Siena Heights University and a Masters in Public management from Eastern Michigan University. I currently have six years of experience as a school board member. While serving my term I became a Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) certified board member	My goal is to see our district continue to move forward. We have improved our finances, having a positive fund balance over the past few years. I want our district to continue our upward trend in improved student achievement and student growth. Lastly, I want to see our district continue our upward trend of student enrollment.	We need to continue using our best practices in learning. We need to focus on student growth with improving and updating our student curriculum. I'm very excited with where we are at and where we are headed.

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- Check your voter registration
- Find your polling place

Van Buren School Board**4-year Terms**

VOTE FOR 4

Serves the City of Belleville, Van Buren Twp, and the north and center part of Sumpter Twp

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Dionne Falconer</p> <p>Address: 43705 Dorchester Dr Van Buren Township, MI 48 Occupation/Current Profession: Regulation Agent Campaign Phone: (313) 505-5195 Campaign Email: Falconer4schoolboard@yahoo.com Education: BA degree in Business Administration Master's degree in Business Administration/E-Business</p>	<p>I have been married 18 years and currently have two son's attending school in the Van Buren Public District. I am employed with the State of Michigan as a Regulations Agent. I am a proud product of Detroit Public School District. I earned my bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration/E-Business from University of Phoenix. I have been active with Tyler Elementary School's PTO since 2014. I became the PTO president for school year 2018/2019. I have seen first-hand the reward of giving back and engaging with students, staff educators, and administrators. I recognize the need for the school board to be representative of the diverse ethnic landscape that makes our district such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.</p>	<p>The major issue facing this office is making sure our children and staff is safe during this pandemic. It is important work make sure that our teacher and staff can provide the best education experience for Van Buren Public School students rather in-person learning or online virtual learning.</p>
<p>Susan K. Featheringill</p> <p>Address: 50385 S I-94 Serv Dr Van Buren Twp, MI 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: Retired Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations Campaign Phone: (734) 699-2647 Campaign Email: featheringills@gmail.com Education: Eastern Michigan University - Master of Arts Degree - 1991; Cleary College - Bachelor of Business Admin Degree - 1986; BHS -75</p>	<p>My husband and I, along with our 2 daughters, are Belleville High School graduates. With five grandchildren currently attending Van Buren Schools, I want to continue to make sure that they receive the best possible educational experiences. As a retiree and current School Board Vice President, I want to be able to continue to give back to the community with this important position utilizing my more than 30 years of school district work experience.</p>	<p>The priorities issues facing this office are safety, finance, and communication. With the pandemic, we wanted to give our families choices for returning to school. We continue to review all the guidance to allow students to have either an in-person or remote learning option. I think it is important to not only have a balanced budget to maintain an appropriate fund balance, but it is also important to spend the funds in the proper areas. I will continue to work with the board and the superintendent to ensure proper allocation of the funds. Communication between the board, community and staff is important and not just one direction of communication. This is something that needs to remain a priority so that the district functions properly. Each of these priorities work closely together to develop a strong school district that I am proud to be a part of a great team.</p>

Van Buren School Board (Cont.)

4-year Terms

VOTE FOR 4

Serves the City of Belleville, Van Buren Twp, and the north and center part of Sumpter Twp

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Terrance C Goff	RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Kelly Owen	RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
<p>Simone Pinter</p> <p>Address: 48496 Ellen ct Belleville , Mi 48111</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Retired to watch grandchildren</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 260-2653</p> <p>Campaign Email: Ssp5162@gmail.com</p> <p>Education: High school, florist school</p>	<p>I retired to watch my grandchildren their father is a teacher and mom works in Detroit. All of my children are Belleville grads. Daycare can be very expensive, and the rule I live by given to me by a great friend is if you don't stay involved in your community you have no right to complain about it. So 4 years ago I ran for the board because there was a lot of negative things going on in the district . We all worked very hard with the new superintendent to take the district in a positive direction. Even with the challenges of COVID-19 I am excited to continue to contribute to the positive progression we have made.</p>	<p>Keeping our students, staff and teachers safe, but still trying to keep them in a positive direction with online learning social distances, and being able to enjoy school with the virus has seem to taken away from them , protecting their mental social and physical health. I am looking forward to seeing the early childhood center up and running it will be a great asset to the district.</p>

BELLEVILLE PETITION #1

Description:

To the Clerk of the City of Belleville: We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the City of Belleville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Sec. 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, respectively petition for initiation of an ordinance to provide for the number of Marihuana Establishments within the City, including regulatory and application provisions incidental to a system of safe and legal access to marijuana within the municipality. We respectfully request that the Council of the City of Belleville adopt this proposed ordinance, and that if it be not so adopted, that it be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of Belleville for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Should this Measure be approved? YES or NO

BELLEVILLE PETITION #2

Description:

To the Clerk of the City of Belleville: We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the City of Belleville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, respectively petition for a charter amendment to regulate Marihuana Establishments within the City of Belleville to: provide for a process, fees, and criteria for local approval of Marihuana Establishments within the City; increase revenue for the City through the excise tax on marihuana sales; benefit individuals disproportionately impacted by marihuana prohibition; create new jobs and investment within the City; and to require the Council of the City of Belleville to enact ordinances to authorize Marihuana Establishments within the City and carry out the provisions of this amendment. This amendment is to be voted on by the electors of the City of Belleville at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Should this Measure be approved? YES or NO

WAYNE COUNTY RESA REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Description: 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 public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

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 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 to 2021, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2016.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to 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.

Should this millage be approved? YES or NO

Belleville Area District Library Board 4 Year Terms VOTE FOR 3

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience and explain why you are running for this position.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would take to address them if elected?</i>
James Chapman	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.
<p>Joy Chichewicz</p> <p>Address: 49885 Willis Rd. Belleville, MI 48111</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Librarian, Branch Manager</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 732-2634</p> <p>Campaign Email: worksofjoy@gmail.com</p> <p>Education: Wayne State University, Masters of Library Science Eastern Michigan University, Bachelor of Science</p>	<p>Libraries serve a very important function in our society, especially highlighted during this pandemic! By providing our community with a new building, staffing, technology and materials that can be checked out, libraries level the playing field so that everyone has access to resources and assistance in using those resources. All public libraries provide access to the internet, books, magazines, movies, music, audio books and heavily-used downloadable books. In addition, libraries provide free opportunities for life-long learning, educational programs for youth, and, during normal times, community spaces for gatherings. I feel particularly qualified because of my background. I've been a public librarian for 17 years and understand the role that libraries play. For the past 12 years I've been the branch manager of the very busy downtown location of the Ypsilanti District Library.</p>	<p>The main priority in my 2016-2020 term was to replace our old beloved but crumbling library with a new one and to add a media center in Sumpter Township. I'm very proud to have been on the board and chair the Building committee. After four years of hard work I'm able to say that we have achieved that goal! We have a brand new state of the art building in downtown Belleville and a media center with the latest technology in Sumpter Township. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit two weeks after the new library opened. The library staff are reaching out, providing any services remotely and have cautiously opened to the public. The next priority will be to engage the community in fully utilizing their new library both remotely and in person, encouraging responsible use of the building and being good stewards of the tax payer's money and trust.</p>

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<p>Alma J. Hughes-Grubbs</p> <p>Address: 47755 Bentley Drive Van Buren Township, Mi. 48 Occupation/Current Profession: Polygraph Examiner Campaign Phone: (248) 979-2202 Campaign Email: Almagrubby1@aol.com Education: Central Michigan University Masters of Science in Admin. Wayne State University B.S. in Criminal Justice Cass Tech.H.S.</p>	<p>Alma Hughes-Grubbs age 64, (divorced) current resident of VanBuren Township. I'm a retired Sergeant from the Detroit Police Department. I currently serve as an elected official for the the Belleville Area District Library Board. I serve as Library Board Secretary. I chair the Marketing committee and serve on the Art Committee. I'm running for this office to assure that our community has access to great library services and computer services. It is important that all ages benefit from access to the library. This project is a passion for myself, as our community continue to strive and move forward. We realize that all residents may not have access to computers but can count on our library to provide that service (as we become fully operational). Our library is the jewel of our community, and our residents are truly excited. I look forward to serving, "A dream come true".</p>	<p>Alma Hughes-Grubbs age 64, (divorced) current resident of VanBuren Township. I'm a retired Sergeant from the Detroit Police Department. I currently serve as an elected official for the the Belleville Area District Library Board. I serve as Library Board Secretary. I chair the Marketing committee and serve on the Art Committee. I'm running for this office to assure that our community has access to great library services and computer services. It is important that all ages benefit from access to the library. This project is a passion for myself, as our community continue to strive and move forward. We realize that all residents may not have access to computers but can count on our library to provide that service (as we become fully operational). Our library is the jewel of our community, and our residents are truly excited. I look forward to serving, "A dream come true".</p>
<p>John Juriga</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: My current profession I do a lot of volunteer work I have a service for the last 17 years on the cit Campaign Phone: (734) 395-8612 Education: Ba. Ma Also a number of hours towards my specialist degree</p>	<p>I've been on the library board now for 10 years we have had the 222 hours of meetings with the architect the lawyers and the bank a building contractor we would like to finish the building with tln West Kingston Jamaica in the slums of Jamaicahe virus going on it totally messed up our plans a bit we should be finished by now but it's not and I would like to just complete the job.</p>	<p>The primary issue is to finish this \$10 million building; it's totally beautiful but there are still small things that need to be done to finish up the process.</p>
<p>Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION.</p>

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