



# LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

## GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

## GARDEN CITY

POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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#### ***Included in this Local Voter Guide:***

##### Contested Races

Michigan House of Representatives,  
District 11  
Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk,  
Treasurer and Register of Deeds  
Wayne County Commissioner, Dist. #12  
3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge- Non-Incumbent  
Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees

Uncontested Races are listed on page 2  
Wayne County RESA proposal is on page 4

***Information about the following  
races not included in this local  
Voter Guide can be found by  
visiting [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) or  
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President  
US Congressional Representative  
US Senate  
Michigan Supreme Court  
Michigan Court of Appeals  
Governing Boards of Michigan Universities  
Two State Ballot Proposals

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**Unopposed (Uncontested) Races.** Candidates for this list of Wayne County, Judicial and School Board races have no opposition on the ballot. Information about those who responded to the League's questionnaire can be found by visiting the online version of the Voter Guide at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

Wayne County Sheriff: 1 candidate running for 1 position  
 35<sup>TH</sup> District Court: 1 candidate running for 1 position  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, 6-Year Term: 15 candidates running for 15 positions  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, Partial Term: 1 candidate running for 1 position  
 Wayne County Probate Court Judge, -6-Year Term: 3 candidates running for 3 positions  
 Garden City School Board

**Michigan House of Representatives, District 11 - 2 Year Term** **VOTE FOR 1**  
*(District 11 covers only a small portion of Livonia: voters living between Joy and Plymouth Roads, between Merriman and Middlebelt)*

<p><b>CANDIDATES</b></p> <p><i>(Visit <a href="http://VOTE411.org">VOTE411.org</a> for responses to additional questions)</i></p>	<p><b>Education:</b> <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></p>	<p><b>Economic Security:</b> <i>What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?</i></p>	<p><b>Social Justice:</b> <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>
<p><b>Jewell Jones (D)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/unitedforjewelljones/">http://www.facebook.com/unitedforjewelljones/</a></p> <p><b>Occupation / Current Position:</b>                      State Representative 11th House District Michigan House of Representatives</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Arts - Political Science &amp; Business (Degree expected) University of Michigan - Dearborn</p> <p><b>Qualifications and Experience:</b>                      State Representative Jewell Jones is serving his second term representing the 11th House District, which comprises all of Garden City and Inkster, and portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia &amp; Westland.</p>	<p>I believe the state, federal and local governments should share the responsibility of funding education. The state should lead in funding education and local governments should provide additional funding through property tax millage assessment. I agree there should be choices in public education and it is essential that local officials, educational leaders and parents be involved in decisions on whether their schools districts should be abolished or consolidated. I also believe educational funding should be based on need and not zip code. We need to find new revenue to fund poorer performing schools.</p>	<p>New job growth and expanded employment options result from building and maintaining a strong educational system that provides post-secondary and career-technical training opportunities that lead to good-paying jobs. Additionally, increasing financial and technical support for small businesses assures that workers in the largest segment of our economy will continue to prosper and grow even in difficult times. The state should make every effort to provide effective incentives to small businesses that stimulate growth and enable entrepreneurs to provide full-time employment, good wages and benefits to their employees.</p>	<p>We need much more investment in resources to fight poverty, racial disparities &amp; inequality in health care &amp; educational opportunities. I am committed to more financial support for policies &amp; programs that eradicate institutional racism and barriers that limit opportunities for racially disadvantaged minorities. I also support increased funding for Medicaid and social service programs to ensure funding &amp; resources are available to minimize health care risks to low income families and seniors. We also need to increase funding for K-12 schools in poorer districts &amp; expand college &amp; job training for disadvantaged youth.</p>
<p><b>James C. Townsend (R)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://jim@drmm.org">http://jim@drmm.org</a></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Science in Business Management- Spring Arbor University</p> <p><b>Qualifications and Experience:</b> 20 years working at the Country's largest Rescue Mission, working with the homeless</p>	<p>Funding for Michigan's public schools is insufficient to meet rising education standards, according to a recent study by researchers at Michigan State University. I believe that Michigan Voters would be willing to pay more for schooling, if there is a stronger emphasis in teaching the basics: reading writing, math, to put us on par with other countries. Music and art are also necessary, but not all the classes in diversity and social and political justice. Save that for the college of your choice.</p>	<p>Deregulation will make American businesses more globally competitive. "Buy American" rules help bolster two key pillars of our industrial base. Renegotiated trade deals with and the long-needed NAFTA update – the United States, Mexico, Canada agreement -- will soon help level the playing field for America's factory workers. Michigan business needs to get back to work, and observe all health and safety standards.</p>	<p>We need to reduce the barriers that exist because of racial, economic, health, and education and training shortfalls. We should look for and model after, programs that help children and seniors living in poverty.</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><b>Kym L. Worthy (D)</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> P.O. Box 07225 Detroit,, MI 48207</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> ctekymworthy2020@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Education:</b> B.S., economics and political science, University of Michigan, J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School</p> <p><b>Campaign Website:</b> www.kymworthy.com</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ProsecutorKymWorthy/">http://www.facebook.com/ProsecutorKymWorthy/</a></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><b>Daniel Ziemba (Lib)</b></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

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<p><b>Cathy M. Garrett (D)</b></p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>
<p><b>Dylan M. Gomula (R)</b></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

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<p><b>Eric R. Sabree (D)</b></p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>
<p><b>Anthony Wozniak (R)</b></p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

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<b>Bernard J. Youngblood (D)</b>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
<b>Parker Burns (R)</b>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
<b>Richard J. Secula (Lib)</b>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

**WAYNE RESA PROPOSAL  
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 raise 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.

VOTE YES or NO

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<p><b>Glenn Anderson (D)</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 34300 Parkgrove Dr. Westland, MI 48185</p> <p><b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Wayne County Commissioner, Realtor</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (734) 458-1991</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> GlennAndersonForCommissioner@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Campaign Website:</b> <a href="http://none">http://none</a></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Wayne State Univ., Univ. of Michigan-Dearborn</p>	<p>Ford Motor Retiree, UAW member &amp; former Union Committeeman, Realtor. Wayne County Commissioner 2016-Current, Michigan State Senator 2007-2014, Michigan State Representative 2001-2006, Westland City Councilman 1991-2000 I truly enjoy public service as my 28 years would indicate. I have always supported efforts to improve the role government can play to improve our lives and reforms to better deliver services to those that depend on them. In the Senate I sponsored legislation that created the Breast Cancer Awareness license plate which provides funding for screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer. I also was instrumental in the approval of Medicaid Expansion in Michigan, known as the Healthy Michigan Plan, which resulted in providing insurance for over 100,000 Michiganders who were previously not insured or under-insured. I also worked to stop bullying legislatively.</p>	<p>Budget issues due to Covid-19 which will likely create a \$150 million shortfall, county roads and infrastructure as well as the recent court ruling on tax foreclosures which could amount to \$10 million or more are the most pressing. All this as we are speeding forward on completion of the new Criminal Justice Center. The county must tighten its belt and focus on services which we're already doing. Aggressively applying for available state and federal grants and working leaner and smarter are underway, but need greater focus.</p>
<p><b>Andrew Chadderdon (Lib)</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 30005 Malvern Street Westland, MI 48185</p> <p><b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Senior System Engineer in Automotive Industry</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (248) 518-0711</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> andrew.chadderdon@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Campaign Website:</b> <a href="http://ChadderdonForLiberty.com">http://ChadderdonForLiberty.com</a></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan</p>	<p>I have lived in southeast Michigan for my whole life. I attended Milford High School, and then the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and currently live in Westland. I began following politics very closely while in college and over time began to see that neither political party was representing my views. I decided to get involved in the Libertarian Party earlier this year, and got heavily involved very quickly. After attending local, state and national conventions, and joining the local and state leadership, I am currently running for County Commission for District 12 of Wayne County in order to get involved in my community and to try to provide the representation that I felt I was missing to my neighbors.</p>	<p>RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>

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<p><b>Chandra W. Baker</b></p> <p><b>Occupation/current position:</b> Lead Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. I head the Wayne Arson Reduction Unit.</p> <p><b>Campaign website:</b> <a href="http://bakerforblindjustice.com">http://bakerforblindjustice.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email :</b> <a href="mailto:chandrabakerforjudge@gmail.com">chandrabakerforjudge@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Education:</b> 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 experience judges on the bench who are experienced trial attorneys. I have been a trial attorney for nearly 20 years.</p>
<p><b>Nicholas John Hathaway</b></p> <p><b>Occupation/current position:</b> Wayne County Circuit Court Referee</p> <p><b>Campaign website:</b> <a href="http://hathawayforjudge.com">http://hathawayforjudge.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email :</b> <a href="mailto:hathawayforjudge@gmail.com">hathawayforjudge@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign phone:</b> 248-631-7925</p> <p><b>Education:</b> 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>

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<p><b>Shakira Lynn Hawkins</b></p> <p><b>Occupation/current position:</b> Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney</p> <p><b>Campaign website:</b> <a href="http://Hawkinsforjudge2020.com">http://Hawkinsforjudge2020.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email :</b> <a href="mailto:Hawkinsforjudge2020@gmail.com">Hawkinsforjudge2020@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign phone:</b> (313) 221-0945</p> <p><b>Education:</b> B.A. Univerisry of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan J.D. Univerisry 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><b>Mary Beth Kelly</b></p> <p><b>Occupation/current position:</b> Arbitrator at JAMS-Detroit Visiting Judge at Wayne County Circuit Court</p> <p><b>Campaign website:</b> <a href="http://marybethkellyforjudge.com">http://marybethkellyforjudge.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email :</b> <a href="mailto:info@marybethkellyforjudge.com">info@marybethkellyforjudge.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign phone:</b> see website</p> <p><b>Education:</b> 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>

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<p><b>Brian D. Broderick</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 10374 Red Maple Dr Plymouth, MI 48170 <b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Executive Director - Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools <b>Campaign Phone:</b> (734) 634-3204 <b>Campaign Email:</b> bdbroderick@yahoo.com <b>Education:</b> B.A. University of Notre Dame J.D. University of Detroit School of Law M.P.A, Wayne State University</p>	<p>Schoolcraft College is the preeminent community college in the state of Michigan. It plays a critical role in the community providing a transformational learning experience for all of its students. The college also serves as an economic catalyst for the region and continues to expand its footprint and connections to the entire community. I have served on the Board for twenty five years. I have served as Chairman of the Board for the last 4+ years. We are at a critical juncture for the college. We welcomed a new President in August and continue to combat the global COVID pandemic and all of the education delivery and finance issues that accompany it. I will bring needed stability and experience to the Board during this transitional time. I welcome continued support from the community so that we can keep Schoolcraft the number one college in Michigan.</p>	<p>The primary issue facing the College is finances and enrollment. Both go hand in hand. As a Board member I will push Schoolcraft to be student-centered and to expand its reach into not only the college district, but also outside the district. Schoolcraft must continue to identify educational and economic trends and address them in a fiscally responsible manner to advance the college's mission and vision. Other issues that Schoolcraft must address in the coming months and years include employee satisfaction, diversity, equity and inclusion issues and student mental health issues. My role as a Trustee is give support and direction to the college on all of these important issues. It is critical for Schoolcraft to have experienced and committed leadership as it traverses uncertain times.</p>
<p><b>Joan Gebhardt</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 39468 Village Run Drive Northville,, MI 48168 <b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Secretary of the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees <b>Campaign Phone:</b> (734) 306-3998 <b>Campaign Email:</b> Jgebhardt2018@gmail.com <b>Campaign Website:</b> http://None <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, Eastern Michigan University Additional hours Doctoral Program at Wayne State University</p>	<p>My entire career has been in public education from pre-K to 6th grade. I have served on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees since January 2007. I am an adjunct in the college of education at Madonna University supervising student teachers. As a firm believer of lifelong learning and volunteering for your community, I continue serve on the college board and my community. When both my son in Culinary Arts and my daughter got her nursing degree, I knew that Schoolcraft was the place for me. It is my way of giving back to my community and changing people's lives.</p>	<p>During the COVID pandemic it is paramount to keep our students and faculty/staff safe. While keeping our costs down, we must still offer the best quality education. We have an opportunity to change people's lives for the better, and I want to see that legacy in our community. I will also continue to vote negatively for useless spending and encouraging wise data-driven budgeting.</p>

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- See updated candidate responses and pictures + responses from federal and state candidates
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- Find your polling place





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><b>Terry A. Gilligan</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 34761 Navin Ave. Livonia, MI 48152</p> <p><b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Pipefitter/Business Manager</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (248) 939-2636</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> tgilligan09@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Some College, also completed a 5 year Apprenticeship program with Pipefitters Local 636.</p>	<p>I originally ran for the office of Schoolcraft College Trustee in 2012. Which I was elected to complete the remaining two years of a vacated six year term. I then ran for a six year term in 2014 in which I was successful in getting re-elected. My wife and I have lived in Livonia for 25 years. We raised our two children Joseph and Allyson who are both products of Livonia Public Schools. My son Joseph is a graduate of the Culinary Arts Baking and Pastry program at Schoolcraft College. I completed a 5 year Apprenticeship Program in 1993 through Pipefitters Local 636 where I have worked for the last 32 years. I enjoy working with my fellow Board Members and giving back to the community.</p>	<p>As may or may not know we recently selected a new President of Schoolcraft College (Dr. Glenn Cerney) with this new president comes new programs, curriculum and ideas that the Board of Trustees will play a role in selecting along with Dr. Cerney's cabinet. If re-elected I look forward to applying my professional experience to the implementation of new skilled trades programs at Schoolcraft College. Continuing to provide a reasonably priced education in a safe and friendly educational environment is of paramount concern.</p>
<p><b>Bill Irving</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 22077 Garfield Rd. Northville, MI 48167</p> <p><b>Occupation/Current Profession:</b> Attorney</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (313) 333-8080</p> <p><b>Campaign Email:</b> whirling@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Education:</b> B.A., Michigan State University J.D., University of Detroit-Mercy</p>	<p>I have been employed as an attorney in the public sector for over 25 years. I have experience in serving on and leading boards of directors. Public education must be made a primary focus of the state's budget and I will work as a trustee toward that goal. I am also running to give voters a choice; the voting public deserves meaningful elections. Michigan voters clearly supported that concept when they passed redistricting reform, which I supported. My candidacy gives the voters of the Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Garden City, and Clarenceville school districts the chance to select someone who will have a fresh perspective. The timing is perfect for voters to select a new trustee with new ideas because the college has a new president with whom I pledge to work closely. Thank you for your consideration and your vote of support!</p>	<p>The Board of Trustees must work to ensure that opportunities for female and minority students are strengthened. To that end, I would push for the appointment of a Chief Diversity Officer. More progress can be made to attract and support minority students. There is also a clear need for better mental health support for young people. They face so many challenges in this pandemic, on social media, and as students. Therefore, I will push to reinstate the student counseling services that were eliminated. Additionally, the safety of students, faculty and staff in the face of the pandemic is of paramount importance. I will review the safety protocols that are in place to ensure that the college is following the science. I will work with my fellow board members, the new college president, and the administrators to put the college on the right path. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.</p>

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