



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE
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Michigan House of Representatives,
District 11 and District 19
Wayne County Commission District 8 and
District 9
Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk,
Treasurer and Register of Deeds
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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>CANDIDATES</p> <p><i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i></p>	<p><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></p>	<p><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></p>	<p><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>
<p>Jewell Jones (D)</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/unitedforjewelljones/ Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 11th House District Michigan House of Representatives Education: Bachelor of Arts - Political Science & Business (Degree expected) University of Michigan - Dearborn Qualifications and Experience: 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 & 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 & inequality in health care & educational opportunities. I am committed to more financial support for policies & 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 & 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 & expand college & job training for disadvantaged youth.</p>
<p>James C. Townsend (R)</p> <p>Facebook: http://jim@drmm.org Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Management- Spring Arbor University Qualifications and Experience: 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>

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Michigan House of Representatives, District 19 - 2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

(District 19 covers most of Livonia except for those living between Joy and Plymouth Roads, between Merriman and Middlebelt)

<p>CANDIDATES</p> <p><i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i></p>	<p>Education: <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>Economic Security: <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>Social Justice: <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>Laurie Pohutsky (D)</p> <p>Website: http://www.lauriepohutskyformichigan.com</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/lauriepohutskyhd19/</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/lpohutsky19</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: I currently serve as the Michigan State Representative for House District 19.</p> <p>Education: I graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's of Science in microbiology.</p> <p>Qualifications and Experience: Prior to being elected, I worked in the fields of toxicology, health care, and food safety. I also have experience in environmental testing.</p>	<p>The funding of public education must be a top priority in our state. Improving educational outcomes requires that we equitably fund our public schools so that all children can access a quality education regardless of their socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, increases to the School Aid Fund have barely kept up with the cost of inflation. We must increase funding to the School Aid Fund and prioritize making pre-K available to all children. Studies have shown that children who participate in pre-K learning have overall better educational outcomes.</p>	<p>One way to increase the availability of jobs in Michigan is to require that any company who receives tax incentives hires Michigan workers. Additionally, emphasizing the availability of jobs in the skilled trades will also help direct young people towards these careers. Increasing the minimum wage, re-establishing protections for workers' unions, and strengthening paid sick time policies will further help Michiganders improve their economic positions.</p>	<p>Michigan needs to focus on policies that promote equity, not just equality. Not everyone in our state starts at the same point, and equitable policies work to offset that. We need to prioritize addressing the disparity between health outcomes for black and white mothers and newborns. Equitable education funding will address some education disparities. While not a complete solution, repealing the pension tax will partially address the poverty some seniors are facing. Addressing prescription drug pricing and health care costs will also help combat the poverty we see across our state.</p>
<p>Martha Ptashnik (R)</p> <p>Website: http://www.marthaptashnik.com/</p> <p>Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/marthaptashnik2020/</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/marthaptashnik</p> <p>Occupation / Current Position: Mathematics Department Chair and High School Math Teacher - Livonia Public Schools</p> <p>Education: *Masters - Madonna University *Teaching Certificate - Eastern Michigan University *Bachelors - Michigan State University</p> <p>Qualifications and Experience: *Mathematics Department Chair - Livonia Public Schools *Middle/High School Math Teacher - Livonia Public Schools *Corporate Retail Buyer: Marshall Field's, Dayton-Hudson's, & Montgomery Ward's</p>	<p>We must end using Livonia tax dollars to subsidize Detroit Public Schools. Currently 43 cents of every dollar collected from the Wayne County RESA millage goes to fund Detroit Public Schools, and if the millage renewal passes in November that number will exceed 50 cents of every dollar. Livonia tax dollars need to stay in Livonia. I know what needs to be done to ensure that all our kids receive a quality education. Whether, a student wants to enter a skilled trade, or attend college our schools must assist them in achieving their goals. We also need to focus on training, recruiting, and retaining our teachers.</p>	<p>With the COVID 19 pandemic, we will need to get to work right away to rebuild our economy. As our State Representative, I will work to ensure that as we rebuild our economy, we must make it a priority to provide opportunities that will keep our kids in Michigan. We must attract world-class talent and investment in our healthcare, automotive, manufacturing, and technological sectors to help all our citizens thrive. Governor Rick Snyder and the Republican State Legislature laid the foundation for a strong and prosperous future; we need to use that foundation as we work to rebuild our economy.</p>	<p>Far too many people in our state are hurting. 1.3 million people have lost their job during this pandemic which will only further the inequities. The state government has not been able to answer the call and support them. We must find a way to work together in a bipartisan approach to find solutions.</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>

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

Unopposed (Uncontested) Races. Candidates for this list of Wayne County, Judicial and (Clarenceville) School Board races have no opposition on the ballot. Responses from those who answered the League’s questionnaire can be found by visiting the online version of the Voter Guide at VOTE411.org.

- Wayne County Sheriff: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- 16th District Court: 1 candidate running for 1 position
- 3rd Circuit Court Judge Incumbent, 6-Year Term: 15 candidates running for 15 positions
- 3rd 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 position
- Clarenceville School District: 4 candidates running for 4 positions

**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

Wayne County Commissioner - 8th District - 2-year term

VOTE FOR 1

(District 8 covers only the SE corner of Livonia: those voters south of 5 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt)

<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>David Knezek (D)</p> <p>Address: P.O. Box 867 Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 Occupation/Current Profession: Wayne County Commissioner Campaign Phone: (313) 473-7158 Campaign Email: info@davidknezek.com Campaign Website: http://www.davidknezek.com Education: BA, UM-Dearborn, 2012; MBA, University of Michigan, expected 2022</p>	<p>Earlier this year, the members of the Wayne County Commission unanimously appointed me to fill a vacancy on the board. Prior to serving in this role, I served as a State Representative and State Senator as well as the Director of Legislative Affairs at the Michigan Department of Attorney General. I am proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps and twice deployed to Iraq. I am running for this office because I want to give back to the community that has supported and raised me since I was born. While I am proud of the many successes we have shared throughout the years, I want to continue fighting for issues that affect us all: creating good paying jobs, ensuring healthcare for all, developing a world-class system of education, improving the quality of our cultural and recreational opportunities, and repairing our roads and bridges.</p>	<p>Constituent relations and helping people navigate government are always my top priority. I am also prioritizing senior services, infrastructure, parks and the environment, and veteran affairs his campaign. I support additional funding for Meals on Wheels, cracking down on elder abuse, and ensuring seniors have access to the healthcare, recreational opportunities, and support systems they deserve. Investing in our infrastructure will strengthen our community for families and businesses. We need to protect and clean up our Wayne County parks and fight even harder to solve systemic flooding problems and I believe every man and woman who serves our nation deserves to thrive in the community they fought to protect. It's tough to boil this down in just 900 characters but at the end of the day it's about rolling up your sleeves and fighting every day to put results over rhetoric.</p>
<p>Marc Joseph Sosnowski (UST)</p> <p>Address: 8488 Kinloch St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 Occupation/Current Profession: Expert in Mortgage Protection. Also substitute teacher in South Redford and Garden City schools. Campaign Phone: (313) 319-8676 Campaign Email: marc.sosnowski@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://MarkdownMarc.com Education: MBA, Cornerstone University, summa cum laude; BA, U of M-Dearborn, Environmental Studies; Diploma, Catholic Central HS.</p>	<p>At 64 years old now, I have more than 30 years of sales experience in the Insurance Business, Environmental Remediation, and Property Management. Outside of work, I have 40 years of experience in the field of Bio-Ethics as a Board Member of Lifespan in Livonia, and I am also a 40-year member of Msgr. Hunt Knights of Columbus in Dearborn Heights where I've been Chancellor for six years. I joined the US Taxpayers Party of Michigan in 2008 when I came up with my plan to solve the mortgage crisis, The Option To Recover, in my Masters Degree program, and the Party nominated me to run for State Rep to promote my plan. I've been nominated again, as the USTPM continues to challenge the status quo to make the government follow the Constitution, and Just Say No to career politicians, and that is why I am running for Wayne County Commissioner.</p>	<p>We see that the Wayne County Commissioners have no hesitation in offering parcels of Hines Park and Warren Valley Golf Course for sale for questionable prices without competitive bidding. Could it be that proper business practices are overlooked when career politicians become too comfortable in their lofty positions? My position on the Commission will always be to preserve our resources such as Hines Park, notably historic in connection with the Underground Railroad. In the area of Law & Order, I will support to the greatest degree the efforts of the Wayne County Sheriff to confront the tragedy of human trafficking. I support the 1st Amendment Right of Assembly and the 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms, yet I will always move to provide our Sheriff and Deputies the safety and equipment their work requires.</p>

Wayne County Commissioner - 9th District - 2-year term

VOTE FOR 1

(District 9 covers most of Livonia except for those in the SE corner - south of 5 Mile and east of Middlebelt)

<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>Nancy Darga (D)</p> <p>Address: 516 N Center St Northville , MI 48167 Occupation/Current Profession: Former Mayor Pro-Tem City of Northville, registered Landscape Architect State of Michigan #0950 Campaign Phone: (313) 682-7577 Campaign Email: nancyandarga@ gmail.com Campaign Website: http://votennancydarga.com Education: BSLA Landscape Architecture Michigan State University</p>	<p>I am the former Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Northville and served on the City Council for twelve (12) years as well as the Northville Recreation Commission for over twenty (20) years. I retired in 2019 from being the Director of the Ford Piquette Plant after helping to transform the once-abandoned factory, the birthplace of the Model T, into a National Historic Landmark attracting visitors from around the world. I am one of the founding members and former Director of the Motor Cities National Heritage Area, which is an affiliate of the National Parks Service from 2008-2013. A licensed Landscape Architect, I served as the Chief of Design for the Wayne County Parks System for twenty-five (25) years. I was also one of the founding members of the Friends of the Rouge dedicated to the cleanup of the Rouge River. I want to use my experience to build a healthy and prosperous Wayne County.</p>	<p>I have a vision for revitalizing Wayne County, which includes strengthening our Health and Safety Departments, rebuilding our aging infrastructure, protecting our parks, and re-energizing our economy. Building a healthy, safe, and prosperous future for Wayne County will require additional funding through grants, foundations, and joint programming. Rebuilding our infrastructure will involve expanding Act 51 funding for roads and working with the State to increase sources of revenue for infrastructure. Protecting our Parks will require establishing policies to stop the current sale of parklands to private developers. Energizing our economy will involve coming up with creative solutions to expand educational opportunities, support mass transportation, and build upon our rich historic fabric to fuel future development.</p>
<p>Terri Marecki (R)</p> <p>Address: 16519 Ronnie Lane Livonia, MI 48154 Occupation/Current Profession: Wayne County Commissioner for District 9 Campaign Phone: (734) 709-1612 Campaign Email: tagmarecki@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://FB Re-elect Terry Marecki for Wayne County Commissioner Education: BS in General Dietetics, Madonna University</p>	<p>I am a life long resident of Livonia, a product of Livonia Public Schools, and a graduate of Madonna University. I have served on the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia City Council, as the Livonia City Clerk and now running for my 4th term as Commissioner for Livonia and the Northville areas. I am married, a mother of four children and a soon to be grandmother of 5. I recently retired as a Registered Dietitian. I am running again because this County has come a long way in the past 5 years The CoVid pandemic has put our budget into distress at this time. Working again with my colleagues and the administration I know we can get back to budget surpluses, road projects, park improvements, all without raising taxes. Northville Twp., the City of Northville and Livonia are huge assets to Wayne County and I will continue to work at getting our fair share of resources.</p>	<p>When I took office in 2015 the County was in terrible financial straights. After significant hard work with my colleagues and the County administration, we were able to get out of state oversight, balance a budget each year with surpluses, begin significant park improvements and finally rectify the failed jail problem. The Covid crisis has put a halt to some of these plans. I serve as the Chair of the Committee on the Public Services, a member of the Ways and Means, Health and Human Services, and the Criminal Justice Committees. Now that businesses are opening up, the County is here to serve businesses in many capacities. I serve on the Wayne County Workplace Re-entry Group, The County needs to build our tax base up again so we can return to improving and planning for a bright Wayne County future. What a privilege it is to work with the citizens of the Northville areas and Livonia.</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>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 experience 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>

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<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. 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>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>

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<p>Brian D. Broderick</p> <p>Address: 10374 Red Maple Dr Plymouth, MI 48170 Occupation/Current Profession: Executive Director – Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools Campaign Phone: (734) 634-3204 Campaign Email: bdbroderick@yahoo.com Education: 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>Joan Gebhardt</p> <p>Address: 39468 Village Run Drive Northville,, MI 48168 Occupation/Current Profession: Secretary of the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees Campaign Phone: (734) 306-3998 Campaign Email: Jgebhardt2018@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://None Education: 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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<p>Terry A. Gilligan</p> <p>Address: 34761 Navin Ave. Livonia, MI 48152 Occupation/Current Profession: Pipefitter/Business Manager Campaign Phone: (248) 939-2636 Campaign Email: tgilligan09@gmail.com Education: 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>Bill Irving</p> <p>Address: 22077 Garfield Rd. Northville, MI 48167 Occupation/Current Profession: Attorney Campaign Phone: (313) 333-8080 Campaign Email: whirving@gmail.com Education: 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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<p>Madeline Acosta</p> <p>Address: 16432 MARSHA ST LIVONIA, MI 48154</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Long-term Substitute Teacher for Livonia Public Schools, Stevenson High School PTSA President</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 237-7801</p> <p>Campaign Email: acosta4lps@gmail.com</p> <p>Campaign Website: http://acosta4lps.com</p> <p>Education: BA in Psychology from The University of Michigan, BA in Spanish from Wayne State University, and MAT coursework for Spec Ed</p>	<p>I have been serving the Livonia community in a range of capacities from classroom parent, PTA member, PTSA President, and as a Substitute Teacher for the district since 2018. Previously, I was employed as a Special Education Teacher and Community/Homeless Liaison for over 10 years. The sum of these experiences shapes my views on educating our children while respecting the tireless work of educators. Having sat on a Board as a VP of Collegiate Operations and Risk Manager, I am no stranger to the consideration and adoption of policies, and demands of accountability. As a parent, I am invested in the success of our schools--the quality of education, as well as maintaining high expectations for all students. The empowering interactions with community members and administrators propelled me to seek this office as a way of sharing my perspective while continuing to advocate for ALL students.</p>	<p>Maintaining a high quality education where students are graduating with the ability to proficiently read, write, and solve math at a grade appropriate level is of utmost importance. Regardless of future career paths, college or trade school, our community benefits from having highly educated residents. Considering all the budget cuts that continuously derail the efforts of administrators in providing every resource to our students, I am interested in reviewing the efficacy of the programs we do have in order to maximize their outcomes. This plan of action should also aid in attracting more new families to our district, eliminating the need for school closures.</p>
<p>Tammy Bonifield</p> <p>Address: 19723 Liverpool Ave Livonia, Michigan 48152</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Accounting</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 612-9280</p> <p>Campaign Email: tammybonifield@gmail.com</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an Accounting option, Michigan Tech University</p>	<p>I am pleased to be running for re-election as a Trustee of the Livonia Public School Board. I have been an accounting professional for 30 years in both public and industry accounting. This gives me the unique prospective in relation to District finances and understanding the complexities of Michigan's school aid funding. We continue to advocate for adequate school funding, and now have added the complexity of COVID. Experience matters now more than ever. With my eight years on the board and being a Michigan Association of School Board certified Board Member I have the necessary experience to make informed decisions to continue moving the District forward. Every day is a new challenge and an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.</p>	<p>The greatest priority we have is our students. We have an immense responsibility to provide the very best education to each and every student in our care. While education is the primary goal, children need a safe and welcoming atmosphere. I plan to continue working to create a culture of inclusion and understanding. This is not a quick-fix, or a one size fits all issue. The key is to take advantage of every opportunity and continually move forward</p>

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<p>Karen M. Bradford</p> <p>Address: 35401 Oakdale St Livonia, MI 48154 Occupation/Current Profession: Administrative Assistant at Corrigan Moving Systems Campaign Phone: (734) 788-3165 Campaign Email: Livoniaschoolboardreelection@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://livoniaschoolboardreelection.com Education: BA Elementary Education Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN MA Reading Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI</p>	<p>I am running for re-election to the LPS School Board because I am passionate about education. Having held various leadership positions in the LPS PTSA, been an active LPS parent, as well as a former LPS substitute teacher, I possess the leadership qualities necessary to examine various school issues and make sound decisions. As a current trustee, I have established myself as a solid board member, being recognized as an Award of Merit recipient from the Michigan Association of School Boards. I listen, learn and work collaboratively with my fellow trustees and attend and participate in all meetings. I am and always will be an advocate for ALL students. Students deserve a school district which promotes excellence in learning and demands high expectations for achievement. LPS provides these opportunities. I am proud of my work on the board and look forward to continuing in my role as trustee.</p>	<p>One issue is getting our students back to school in person along with getting them back on track academically, socially, and emotionally in the wake of COVID-19 obstacles. Our District must continue on its path to ensure our students are successful in obtaining a quality education. We all must work together to achieve this. I can assist by working collaboratively and respectfully with my fellow board members. I will also continue to make difficult decisions when called upon which will effect and benefit ALL students. The other issue deals with public school funding challenges. Continuing quality educational programming while remaining fiscally responsible is a must. In addition, keeping a watchful eye on Lansing and the School Aid Fund will be a priority. We must continue to have our voices be heard in Lansing that proper public school funding is essential to ensure student success.</p>
<p>Dan Centers</p> <p>Address: 29826 Linda St Livonia, MI 48154 Occupation/Current Profession: Chief of Staff: Michigan Senate Campaign Phone: (734) 237-8602 Campaign Email: dan4lps@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://dancenters.com Education: BA Madonna University (Elementary Teacher Certificate), +22 MBA Madonna University</p>	<p>RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION</p>	<p>During my time on the board we have faced several challenges. With the cuts to state funding we needed to make difficult decisions to balance our budget. Our district went from a financial early-warning district to fiscal stability. Along the way we have found ways to expand programs, sports offerings, and negotiated multi-year contracts with our employees. However, we are currently facing our biggest challenge yet with COVID-19. As a result, we have provided two options for families. First, students who would like to be virtual have the ability to do so. Also, those students who would like to return to in-person instruction will have the opportunity to do so as well. Those who choose to return will have to wear masks and follow safety protocols. We are hopeful that opening schools will go successfully. However, we will have to continue to be flexible and diligent as we go forward.</p>

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<p>Crystal Frank</p> <p>Address: 18792 Vanderhaven Lane Livonia, MI 48152 Occupation/Current Profession: Customer Service Campaign Phone: (248) 752-5400 Campaign Email: Livoniaschoolboardreelection@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://livoniaschoolboardreelection.com Education: Bachelor's Degree from Miami University in Organizational Communication</p>	<p>I am running for re-election because I believe in our schools and we need strong leaders right now! As a parent of four children in three schools, I have a unique voice to bring to the Board table. I've been a volunteer in this district for over 10 years in 7 of our buildings. Because of my involvement in the schools, I have a different perspective of LPS that can provide wisdom and invaluable insight to Board discussions and decisions. As a district with over 14,000 students, there are many complexities to LPS and I am honored to be able to represent a deep knowledge of the daily issues facing our schools. As a current Board Member, I have been certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards as an Award of Merit recipient for my hours of training. LPS needs strong, experienced leaders to navigate these difficult times and I believe I have the qualities to be that leader.</p>	<p>The biggest issues facing School Board Trustees is navigating COVID-19. I believe we are at a crucial time in the educational landscape in Michigan. Student performance and increasing achievement gaps are priorities that are vital to the success of LPS and I will continue to focus on them but for now, returning to school safely is the biggest issue. I fully support face-to-face learning; there is nothing that can take the place of the classroom learning experience. We need Trustees who are able to lead not just as a parent but as someone who is responsible for ALL students in LPS as well as our staff members. My experience on the board, along with my strong leadership skills, will help lead our schools to resume safely and provide an option for virtual learning for students who prefer that option. I ask for your support on November 2, 2020 to be able to lead LPS during these times.</p>
<p>Nichole Hoskins Goudreau</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Human Resources Professional Campaign Phone: (734) 560-8400 Campaign Email: nhgoudreau@gmail.com Campaign Website: http://nichole4lps.com Education: BA - Wayne State University JD - Widener University LL.M.-Temple University</p>	<p>I'm a Livonia resident. I graduated from Wayne State University, Widener University School of Law and have professional certifications in Human Resources Management. I currently work as a director of Human Resources, where I spend a great deal of time working to create an inclusive environment for a highly diverse workforce. Previously, I taught criminal justice and business management courses to college students. I'm passionate about learning, about equity, and about service, and I look forward to working on behalf of my community. As a parent of school-age students, it's important to me that we have a consistent standard across the district for providing every family and every child with the tools they need to be successful. I want to ensure that each school is working to understand the needs of every student, and we need a diverse set of ideas and experiences for that to happen.</p>	<p>The primary issue facing every district is the safety of the school community in light of the continuing challenges presented by COVID-19. The district did a good job of facing an impossible situation and trying to create solutions that satisfied as many families as possible. However, more resources could have been directed toward developing a robust online learning platform. If elected, I would use my experiences creating curriculum to recommend ways in which to strengthen that program. I also believe another seminal issue is creating an inclusive environment that recognizes and understands the unique needs of every student. It's my feeling that embracing the diversity that exists in this school community has not been a priority and, if elected, I want to ensure that all school professionals participate in professional development that teaches strategies for creating equity & inclusion.</p>