

LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 3, 2020 WAYNE & WESTLAND

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 and 16

Wayne County Commissioner District 11 and 12

Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk,
Treasurer and Register of Deeds
3rd Circuit Court Judge – Non-Incumbent
Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees
Wayne-Westland School Board
Livonia School Board (part of Westland)

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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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(District 11 covers the NE Corner of Westland)

CANDIDATES

(Visit <u>VOTE411.org</u> for responses to additional questions) Education: What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?

Economic Security: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pan-

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

Jewell Jones (D)

Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/unitedforj ewelljones/

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative 11th House District Michigan House of Representatives

Education: Bachelor of Arts - Political Science & Business (Degree expected) University of Michigan -

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.

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.

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.

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.

James C. Townsend (R)

Facebook: http://jim@drmm.org Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Management- Spring Arbor

Qualifications and Experience: 20 years working at the Country's largest Rescue Mission, working with the

homelses

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.

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.

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.

(District 16 covers Wayne and most of Westland)

CANDIDATES (Visit <u>VOTE411.org</u> for responses to additional questions)	Education: What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?	Economic Security: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?	Social Justice: How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan's 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?
Kevin Coleman (D) Website: http://housedems.com/coleman Facebook: http://Facebook.com/KevinColemanf orStateRep Occupation / Current Position: State Representative Education: Bachelors of Fine Arts, Western Michigan University 2005 Qualifications and Experience: Westland City Council 2014-2017 State Representative 2019-2020	Education funding is a critical need for our state. Districts with lower funding should be brought in line with higher-funded districts. Your zip code should not determine your child's quality of education	We need to reopen our economy as soon and as safely as possible. The current health crisis is improving as we see infection numbers fall. Allowing businesses to reopen and thrive is essential. Making sure that conditions are safe and sanitary within those businesses are also crucial to protect those vulnerable to COVID-19 and prevent any further tragedy.	A thriving workforce coupled with legislation that eliminates discrimination by age, race or any other factor would create a more fair and equitable society. I will continue to work towards improving access to opportunity and increase the chance to thrive for all people in our state.
Emily Bauman (R) Website: http://www.emilybauman.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Emily4MIs taterep/?modal=admin_todo_tour Occupation / Current Position: Business and Strategic Planning Qualifications and Experience: Business owner, consultant, and strategic planning, campaign manager	Our educational system must be available to all children regardless of economic status. We must provide access to subjects and support our stu- dents to achieve their highest potential.	I will support opportunities for small business to thrive and increase job opportunities in addition to increased education in the skilled trades.	I believe in a true diversity meaning coming to the table as equals, with equal voices and equal value. I believe it means sharing and listening to the different experiences and wisdom that each of us has had. We need to understand each other and use those experiences and wisdom to produce great results in whatever we were doing, including the solu-

Unopposed (Uncontested) Races. Candidates for this list of Wayne County and Judicial 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 <u>VOTE411.org</u>.

18TH District Court (Westland) 1 candidate running for 1 position
19th District Court (Wayne): 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 Sheriff: 1 candidate running for 1 position

Wayne County Probate Court Judge, 6-year Term: 3 candidates running for 3 positions Wayne City Council Wards 1, 2 and 3: 1 candidate running for 1 position in each Ward.

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Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney	4-year term	VOTE FOR 1
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CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
Kym L. Worthy (D) 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/	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)	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.
Daniel Ziemba (Lib)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

Wayne County Clerk VOTE FOR 1 4-year term

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

Wayne County Treasurer 4-year term VOTE FOR 1 Please provide biographical information What are the priority issues facing **CANDIDATES** and experience, and explain why you are this office and what actions would

running for this office you take to address them if elected? DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR Eric R. Sabree (D) **PUBLICATION PUBLICATION** DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR **Anthony Wozniak (R)**

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Wayne County Register of Deeds 4-year term VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical infor- mation and experience, and explain why you are running for this office	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
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 4-year term

VOTE FOR 1

District 11 covers Wayne and the SW corner of Westland

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical infor- mation and experience, and explain why you are running for this office	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
A. Haidous (D)	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Jami VanAlstine (Lib) 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)	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 grand-daughters. 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	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.

District 12 covers Inkster, Garden City and most of Westland

CANDIDATES

Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Glenn Anderson (D)

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Occupation/Current Profession: Wayne County Commissioner, Realtor

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Ford Motor Retiree, UAW member & 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.

Budget issues due to Covid-19 which will likely create a \$150 million short-fall, 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.

Andrew Chadderdon (Lib)

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tive Industry

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Campaign Website:

http://ChadderdonForLiberty.com **Education**: Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan 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.

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Chandra W. Baker

Occupation/current position: Lead Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. I head the Wayne Arson Reduction Unit.

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chandrabakerforjudge@gmail.com **Education**: Wayne State University Law School - JD University of Michigan BA

gan - BA

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.

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.

Nicholas John Hathaway

Occupation/current position:

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campaign website.

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School J.D. 2005

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.

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.

Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.

What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Shakira Lynn **Hawkins**

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Hawkinsforjudge2020@gmail.com Campaign phone: (313) 221-0945 Education: B.A. Universary of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan J.D. University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan

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.

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

Mary Beth Kelly

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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.

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.

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical infor- mation and experience, and explain why you are running for this office	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
John P. Rhaesa	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION
Anthony Wayne Miller	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

CITY OF WAYNE PROPOSAL NO. 1

Amendment to Sections 4.2, 4.3, 5.1(a) and 6.2 of the Wayne City Charter to return the city to a single voting district. Note: This is the first of two competing proposals regarding the election of city council members. In the event both proposals are approved by the voters, the proposal receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall prevail. This amendment deletes the provisions added in 2014 for six voting districts, each of which is represented by a district resident who is elected by all city voters, and returns the city to a single voting district for the election of council members in 2024.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

CITY OF WAYNE PROPOSAL NO. 2

Amendment to Sections 4.2 and 6.2 of the Wayne City Charter to provide that a district council member (who must reside in that district) is to be elected by the voters of the district rather than by all city voters. Note: This is the second of two competing proposals regarding the election of city council members. In the event both proposals are approved by the voters, the proposal receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall prevail. The proposed amendment provides that a district council member is to be elected by the voters of the district to be represented by that district council member rather than by all city voters.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

Wayne-Westland School Board

6-year term

VOTE FOR 3

CANDIDATES	Please provide biographical infor- mation and experience, and explain why you are running for this office	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
John Albrecht Address: 38512 Loruss Westland, Mi 48186 Occupation/Current Profession: Retired Campaign Phone: (734) 679-2164 Campaign Email: albrechtjohn01@gmail.com Education: Masters in Education: Marygroce BS Mathematics	I have been married to my wife, Esther for 49 years. We have 5 children and 11 grandchildren. I spent 25 years in education prior to retiring. I was a secondary math teacher in Detroit Public Schools and Wayne-Westland Community Schools. I have served as an assistant principal and principal in high schools withing Wayne-Westland Schools. I also held the position of Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs. And for the last 4 years of my time in the district, I held the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. I have lived within the community of Wayne-Westland Schools since 1980. All 5 of our children received their education here. I have a deep desire to continue to build upon the strengths of the district and to help to move it to a 21st century educational entity.	The greatest priority for a trustee for WWCSD is the responsibility to move the district more toward an education that utilizes technology to individualize education for each student. The world in which we were all educated utilizing scope and sequence in addition to pacing charts is no longer applicable in a 21st century world. Children need to be prepared for careers and jobs that do not even exist today. We need to provide adaptable curriculum, assessments, and tools that motivate children to explore things and test ideas. We need to move toward a process that encourages imagination rather than quash it. Next, we must find ways to influence the populace to return to a time when education was funded adequately. Educators are professionals who will need to adapt to new ways of teaching and learning, and they need to be compensated as professionals.

our current board members. I just recently in the past two weeks turned

it over to law enforcement.

Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Melandie Yvonne Hines

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Management/ Human Resources
Management Bachelor Degree of Behavior Arts and Science

My name is Melandie Hines and I am running for re-election for the Wayne Westland Board of Education. I have served as the Vice President of the Wayne Westland Board of Education and the Board Secretary for two years. I have enjoyed my six years on the Board of Education and I am seeking another 6-year term. I have been a lifelong member of Wayne Westland Community Schools and I graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1997. My son is a Junior at John Glenn High School. I come with a strong business, insurance, financial services, banking, human resources, law enforcement, sales, and marketing background. I received my Bachelor Degree in Behavioral Arts and Science from Saginaw Valley State University. I also received my double Master's Degree of Business Management/ Human Resources Management from the University of Phoenix and graduated with honors. I am a certified Board Member.

The priority issue of this office currently is to keeping our staff and students safe during Covid-19. We must make sure that our students have one to one technology and access to computers and internet. We also have a 100% free and reduced lunch in the district and we must be able to still provide food to our students during this epic pandemic. We must also tackle inequity in education for the students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools. Per pupil funding will always be a priority. We must also make sure that are children are career ready, life ready and college ready. We must prepare our students to be productive members of society. My accomplishments as a Board Member was; able to get a \$158 million bond passed, give teachers and staff a long overdue pay raise, and approve millions of dollars in technology to provide chrome books to every student in the district during Covid-19.

Angela Jackson-Irving

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Westland, MI 48185

Occupation/Current Profession: I am a Business Education teacher in Livonia Public Schools with a focus on computer education.

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weebly.com/

Education: I attended Eastern Michigan University and earned my Bachelor's (1995) and Master's Degree (2000) in Business Education

My husband Mike and I have been married for 26 years. We were both Wayne-Westland students and we chose to bring our kids up here as well. My son Nathaniel is 23, has a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from Saginaw Valley and works at Pfizer. My son, Christiaan is 21, has an Associate's Degree in CAD from Ferris and is finishing his Bachelor's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering. I started teaching in 1995 and have spent the last 20 years in Livonia Public Schools. I am running for School Board because I believe that the district is full of great leaders and that we have the potential to restore our district to what it was not that long ago. I find the people who are invested in our children's education to be kind, caring individuals. I am a mom, educator, an involved member of the community and I want to help the district rise up again.

The school board members will need to work for continuous improvement with communication and keeping the families involved in what is happening in their children's schools. The public should be aware of our successes and challenges. Financial responsibility is also an area that must be addressed. We need to spend money effectively and in the right places. Priorities will change along the way and making informed decisions is our responsibility. It has to be about the kids first. I am also of the belief that transparency should be a top concern. We should have nothing to hide! I feel it is a responsibility of the board to check in and find out what is going on in the schools. We need to be informed and be present wherever possible. If you don't talk to those involved, to see how things are working, I don't feel that you would be doing your job as a school board member.

Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Susan Lachhman

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Occupation/Current Profession:

Special education teacher working in

a public school.

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Campaign Email: Sllteacher75@gmail.com My name is Susan Lachhman and I am running for Wayne-Westland school board. I am a mom to three teenagers. I am a special education teacher that just started my 7th year of teaching. I feel that my current teaching position gives me a perspective that is important for the school board. I also feel that being a parent to current WW students is an important perspective to have on the board.

We have a district with a lot of potential that needs a fresh voice to help move towards being the best in the area. We need someone that can represent current teachers and parents and fight for our students. We need someone with a current, personal stake in the success of the district. We need to strengthen our offerings in the areas of academics and extracurricular activities. We also need to focus on attracting and retaining the best and brightest teachers.

Kimberly R. May

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Central Office Certificate

I am a resident of Westland, and have been for twenty years. I have a son who is a senior within the Wayne-Westland Community School District. I am a graduate of Wayne State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership, and Educational Specialist degree in Reading. As an educator of 24 years, I have served in the capacity of classroom teacher, Title I Coordinator, Reading Coordinator, Academy Director, Principal, and Central Office Administrator. I have worked in both public and charter schools as well as urban and suburban school districts. I am running for this office to ADVOCATE for children in a different capacity in the field of education. It is my responsibility as a member of this community to give back using my education and expertise to improve the school environment for all stakeholders.

Currently, the priority issue facing the district is educating students during a pandemic. This includes caring & providing for the whole child. Many issues such as food insecurities, trauma, & academic inequities have been magnified during the pandemic. As a board member, I would not shy away from difficult conversations and resolutions to ensure ALL children are receiving what they need in order to have a successful school experience. Funding is another priority issue. As a board member, I will work with district administration to ensure funds are being spent wisely to provide support for both students & staff. My experience as the Director of State & Federal Programs allows me to share a wealth of knowledge regarding the use of funding to enhance educational opportunities for all students. I will also lobby for equitable funding for public education with state legislators.

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Gayle Nicholson

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Education: Western Michigan University: B.S. in Earth Science, Environmental Studies, Secondary Education

I have been involved in education for most of my life. Starting as a substitute teacher for Wayne-Westland & Livonia Schools in 1977, I went on to teach for many more years, including at NMSU-Carlsbad. I have been a teacher, a teacher of teachers, a school volunteer, & supported schools as a volunteer by providing supplementary science programs. Moving back to Michigan in 2001, I entered the corporate world as a Customer Service Manager, & later as General Manager of a company doing marketing, graphic design, & publishing two local community publications. I am also the V.P. of the Westland Library Board. I believe that my unique combination of skills & background will be a tremendous asset to the District, with the goal of guiding our schools into the future.

Covid-19 and the aftermath is going to provide the greatest challenges. How do we make sure that all students have the proper access to the tools they need during this time when instruction is occurring remotely? When is the correct time to return to in-person instruction? How do we facilitate this safely? How do we get students back up-to-speed after leaving online instruction? In addition, we need to look at the things we've learned during the online instruction process. There must be ways to use the lessons & tools from that time to enhance instruction in the future. This is a great opportunity to enhance the educational experience. Additionally, with all of the financial turmoil that has occurred in 2020, there are going to be financial issues to deal with. My first goal will always be students & teachers, as they are the reason we are here. They must never be shortchanged.

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Madeline Acosta

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Education: BA in Psychology from The University of Michigan, BA in Spanish from Wayne State University, and MAT coursework for Spec Ed

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.

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.

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Tammy Bonifield

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an Accounting option, Michigan
Tech University

I am pleased to be running for reelection 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.

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

Karen M. Bradford

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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.

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.

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(Livonia School District covers the SW corner of Westland) Please provide biographical information What are the priority issues facing this and experience, and explain why you are office and what actions would you take to CANDIDATES address them if elected? running for this office. RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR During my time on the board we have **Dan Centers PUBLICATION** faced several challenges. With the cuts to state funding we needed to make Address: 29826 Linda St difficult decisions to balance our budget. Livonia, MI 48154 Our district went from a financial early-Occupation/Current warning district to fiscal stability. Along Profession: Chief of Staff: the way we have found ways to expand Michigan Senate programs, sports offerings, and negoti-Campaign Phone: (734) 237ated multi-year contracts with our em-8602 ployees. However, we are currently Campaign Email: facing our biggest challenge yet with dan4lps@gmail.com COVID-19. As a result, we have provided Campaign Website: two options for families. First, students http://dancenters.com who would like to be virtual have the Education: BA Madonna ability to do so. Also, those students who University (Elementary Teacher would like to return to in-person instruc-Certificate), +22 MBA Madonna tion will have the opportunity to do so as University 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. I am running for re-election because I The biggest issues facing School Board **Crystal Frank** believe in our schools and we need Trustees is navigating COVID-19. I bestrong leaders right now! As a parent of lieve we are at a crucial time in the edufour children in three schools, I have a cational landscape in Michigan. Student Address: 18792 Vanderhaven unique voice to bring to the Board taperformance and increasing achievement Lane Livonia, MI 48152 ble. I've been a volunteer in this district gaps are priorities that are vital to the Occupation/Current for over 10 years in 7 of our buildings. success of LPS and I will continue to fo-Profession: Customer Service Because of my involvement in the cus on them but for now, returning to Campaign Phone: (248) 752schools, I have a different perspective school safely is the biggest issue. I fully 5400 of LPS that can provide wisdom and support face-to-face learning; there is Campaign Email: invaluable insight to Board discussions nothing that can take the place of the Livoniaschoolboard and decisions. As a district with over classroom learning experience. We need reelection@gmail.com 14,000 students, there are many com-Trustees who are able to lead not just as Campaign Website: plexities to LPS and I am honored to be a parent but as someone who is responhttp://livoniaschoolboard able to represent a deep knowledge of sible for ALL students in LPS as well as reelection.com the daily issues facing our schools. As a our staff members. My experience on the Education: Bachelor's Degree current Board Member, I have been board, along with my strong leadership from Miami University in Organcertified by the Michigan Association of skills, will help lead our schools to reizational Communication School Boards as an Award of Merit sume safely and provide an option for recipient for my hours of training. LPS virtual learning for students who prefer needs strong, experienced leaders to that option. I ask for your support on navigate these difficult times and I November 2, 2020 to be able to lead LPS believe I have the qualities to be that during these times.

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Education: BA - Wayne State University JD - Widener University LL.M.-Temple University 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.

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.

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.

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