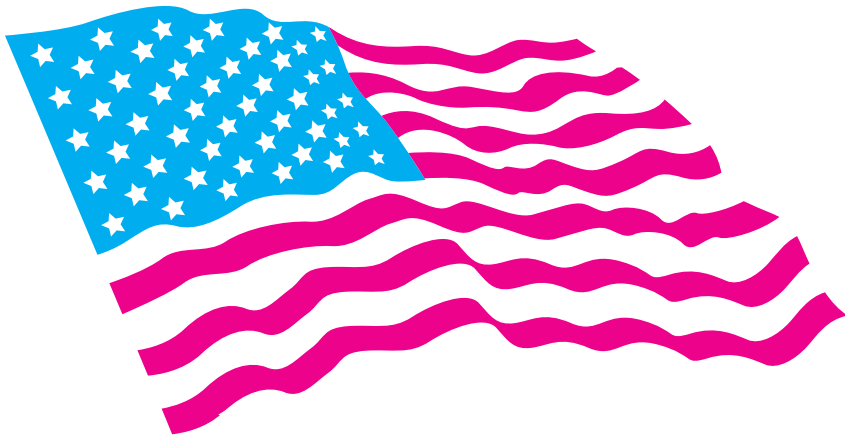


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VOTER GUIDE

for residents of **OAKLAND COUNTY**

2018 GENERAL Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

Information about election contests is also available online at VOTE411.org or on the League of Women Voters Oakland Area website: LWVOA.org.

Federal and state election information also available at the state League's website: LWVMI.org.

On the PARTISAN SECTION of the ballot, you may vote for candidates from different parties in different races. Be sure to also vote the NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot.

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

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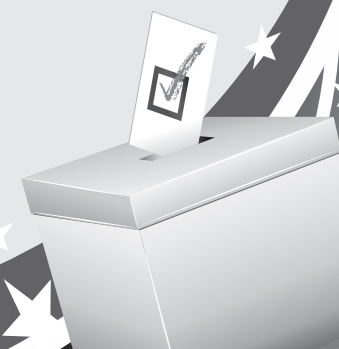
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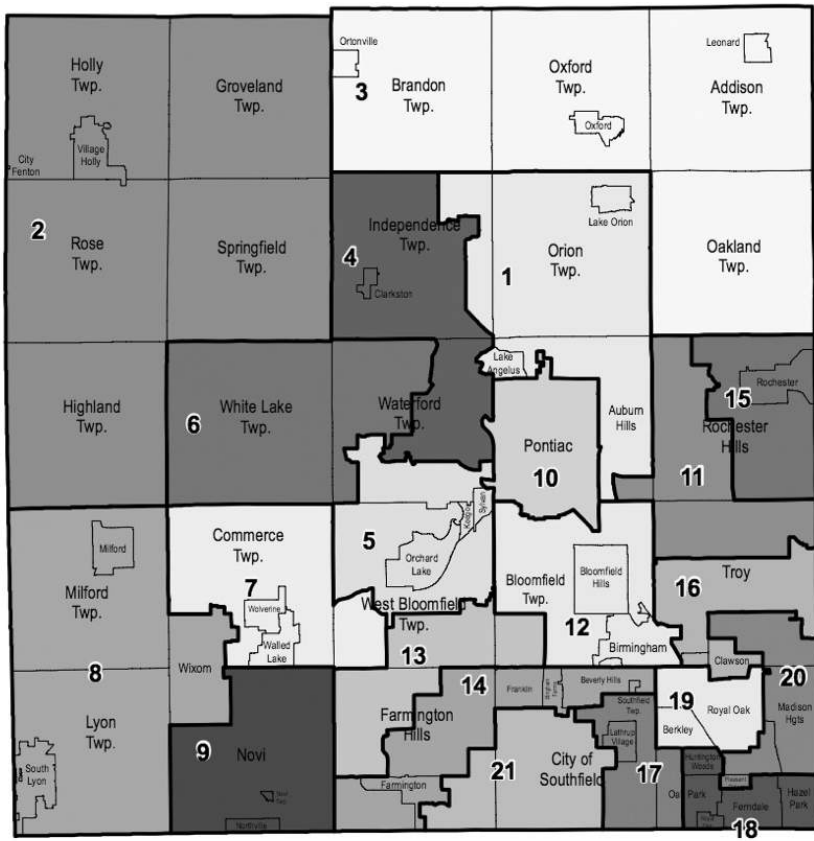
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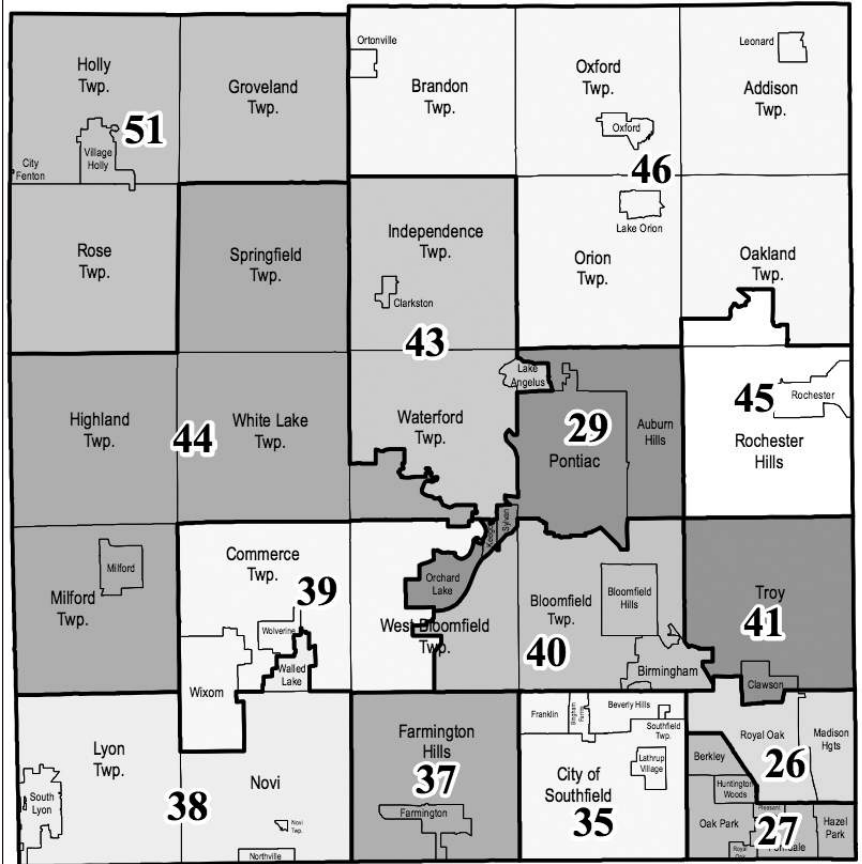


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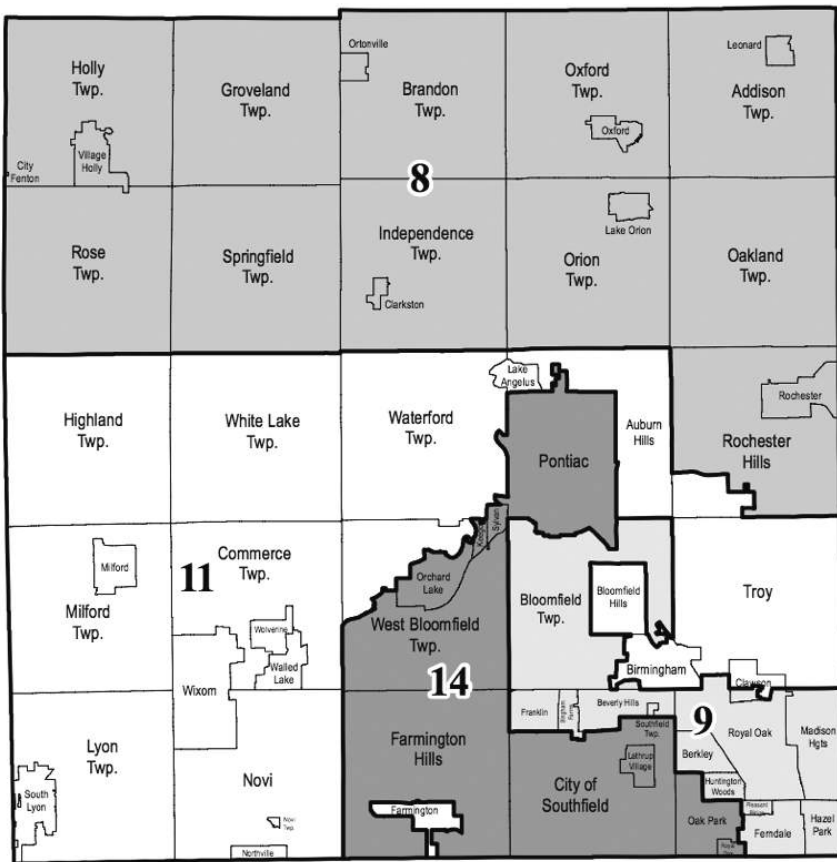


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Who Can Apply?

Registered Voters who are in one of the following categories:

- Age 60 years or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to go to polls due to religious reasons
- Election worker in a precinct other than yours

A person who has registered to vote by mail must either vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates, or, if an absentee ballot is necessary, application must be made in person at the City or Township Clerk's office. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 years or older.

Where and When?

Apply to your Township or City Clerk by mail or in person by 2 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2018.

Emergency requests may be made until 4 p.m. on the election day Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

What is the Return Deadline?

By 8 p.m. on election day.

Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may vote in person at the Clerk's office until 4 p.m. on the day preceding the election. For more information, call your City or Township Clerk.

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<p>Bill Schuette, Republican Running Mate: Lisa Posthumus Lyons Website: www.billschuette.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BillSchuette/ Twitter: twitter.com/SchuetteOnDuty Occupation / Current Position: Attorney General of Michigan Education: I am a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and studied at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. I received my law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Qualifications / Experience: Before becoming Michigan's 53rd Attorney General, I served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, a State Senator representing the 35th District, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and as a United States Congressman. My experience means I understand our state and know how to work with the legislature, local leaders and other partners on needed reforms to advance Michigan.</p>	<p>My top priority can be summed up in one word: growth. Michigan needs a growing population and growing paychecks to become one of the leading states in the country economically. I want to cut taxes and regulations at the state level. Additionally, I will focus on cutting auto insurance rates and fixing our 3rd grade reading scores, which are some of the lowest in the nation. My "GROW" (Great Readers On the Way) plan will prioritize literacy with a cabinet-level literacy director and more. Together these things will make Michigan more attractive to job creators and people, allowing our state to grow again.</p>	<p>I support policies that give families more great educational choices and make wise use of taxpayers' \$15 billion annual investment in our schools. My "GROW" plan will reverse Michigan's 15-year decline in reading scores with a cabinet-level literacy director, reading coaches in every elementary school, tutoring and summer reading programs. My "Paycheck Training Plan" will restore a balance between career and college preparation in our schools and foster apprenticeships in skilled trades and other fields. We should grade our schools A-F and reward high performing and improving schools with grants and incentives.</p>
<p>Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat Running Mate: Garlin D Gilcrest II Website: gretchenwhitmer.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/gretchenwhitmer Twitter: twitter.com/gretchenwhitmer Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Governor Education: Michigan State University College of Law Michigan State University, BA Communications Qualifications / Experience: Michigan State Representative from the 69th District 2000-2006 Michigan State Senator from the 23 rd District 2006-2015 Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate 2011-2015 Ingham County Prosecutor July 2016-December 2016</p>	<p>Fixing the roads by investing \$3 billion per year in the Rebuild Michigan Infrastructure Bank to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, including water pipelines and expanding access to broadband. Making health care more affordable for families, like when I worked across the aisle to expand Medicaid to cover over 680,000 Michiganders. I'll take on Trump and Republicans who threaten our health coverage and protect people with pre-existing conditions. Making the first two years of college debt-free and funding more trade schools and skills training programs so Michiganders can get a good job and support their families.</p>	<p>The key to a good job is a good education. My Good Schools Now education plan will: put Michigan on a path to universal preschool; triple the number of literacy coaches in our schools; respect our educators and treat them as professionals instead of attacking them for Lansing's policy failures; expand career counseling and skilled trades training so every student has a path to a high-wage job, whether college is right for them or not; hold all schools to the same high proficiency standards – traditional and charter schools alike.</p>
<p>Bill Gelineau, Libertarian Running Mate: Angelique Chaiser Thomas Website: ComeTogetherMichigan.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Gelineau4Governor/ Occupation / Current Position: Owner and Licensed Title Agent for a Grand Rapids based real estate title insurance agency. Education: Attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Pre-law student majoring in English and Michigan History. Extensive professional certifications and currently hold a state license. Qualifications / Experience: Read personal biography at: https://liberty4gov.org/about-bill/ This provides extensive personal background from growing up in Downriver Detroit to my long professional and political career in Michigan. All of that training provides a balanced perspective needed to develop cooperation in Lansing.</p>	<p>1) It is no accident that I chose the domain ComeTogetherMichigan.org as my campaign website. I believe that the election of a non-Democrat/Republican would send a strong message to the legislature to develop non-partisan consensus. 2) I would work diligently to reform the spending priorities in our state. I've identified several large areas - these include prison reform - where tremendous assets are wasted. Also, the elimination of corporate subsidies - which squeeze out necessary funding for roads, schools, and other priorities. 3) Mental health initiatives to ensure stable opportunities for all citizens.</p>	<p>The core of making changes is recognition of limited resources. Prison and business subsidy reform is an essential component of developing the resources to make other planned improvements possible. There won't be massive new revenues available. My priorities would include funding to return to 70/80's levels of student/counselor ratios. We need these objective "ombudsman" for students to provide perspective, support, and a safe place for students to reveal obstacles to success. Counselors would also become a key asset in our battles with suicide and opioid use. Also, expand parental engagement from K forward.</p>
<p>Todd Schleiger, U.S. Taxpayers Running Mate: Earl P Lackie Website: checktodd.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/toddschleiger Twitter: twitter.com/toddschleiger Occupation / Current Position: Driver/ Fleet Manager Education: High School Online Business classes Qualifications / Experience: I manage equipment under federal guidelines along with 23 drivers. I deal with customers on daily basis, whether good or bad I have settle their complaints with compromises or a remedy of other sorts. Such as a refund or credit towards their next load of product.</p>	<p>I would have to say exactly what I have been saying for the last 3 years. Lowering Auto Insurance up to 70%. I have a plan to lower Health Insurance Premiums by up to 50%, and creating 500,000 new jobs in Michigan. Between infrastructure, legalized cannabis, solar and wind generation, roads, and environmental this all in 4 years.</p>	<p>I am the only candidate that comes to the table with a 20 billion dollar budget. Broken down as the following 1.2 billion towards bringing 2 years of community college into the public school realm, this would include trade schools and vocational schools. 17.8 billion into pre-k and k-12 bringing a minimum pay to any teachers through out the state of 60,000 dollars, putting more money to the classrooms than the administrations. That leaves 1 billion to bring our schools into a more efficient and safe standards, such as protecting our children by hardening our school buildings and more police on site.</p>

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<p>As governor, I will implement growth-friendly policies that make Michigan attractive to job creators and families and help rebuild our population. I will cut taxes and regulation at the state level I want to eliminate the Granholm income tax hike that has cost Michigan taxpayers \$8 billion. There isn’t a problem facing Michigan today that couldn’t be made better if we had more people living and working in Michigan. We need more people filling jobs and contributing the growth that will allow us to invest in better roads and improved infrastructure.</p>	<p>Our Great Lakes are the crown jewels of Michigan and their safety and security is etched in the DNA of every Michigan resident. I support building a 4.5-mile-long utility tunnel in the Straits that puts all existing utility connections into one underground concrete tunnel which would protect the lines from hazards and would also contain possible spills. Michigan must maintain a regulatory climate that provides reliable and affordable energy. I support a review of energy policy to provide a mix of nuclear, clean coal, natural gas, renewables and to encourage more choices for businesses, consumers and families.</p>	<p>As attorney general I have established a strong record as being a voice for victims of human trafficking and sexual assault. I helped secure funding to test thousands of abandoned rape kits in Detroit and across the state and set up a special unit to prosecute human traffickers. I prosecuted Larry Nassar and he is behind bars for life. I also prosecuted Kevin Beverly, who threatened and intimidated his ex-wife from prison. As governor, I will continue this legacy of seeking justice for women.</p>	<p>As attorney general, I have consistently been a voice for victims, consumers and all Michiganians, because I believe everyone should be treated equally under the law, with dignity and respect. As governor, I will ensure such policies are practiced within my administration, and I will approach the laws and budgets I sign with the same standard in mind.</p>
<p>My Better Skills, Better Job plan focuses on raising household incomes by expanding education and skills training, investing in our infrastructure, aggressively pursuing economic development and supporting small business growth so that everyone has a path to a good job and a secure future. We must also raise the minimum wage to \$15 and enact strong paid family leave policies to help working families get ahead. My administration will also adopt strong Buy American, Buy Michigan policies to ensure more of our tax dollars go to Michigan businesses that hire Michigan workers.</p>	<p>Diversifying Michigan’s energy generation portfolio is good for our environment and our economy. I support increased investment in the renewable energy sector of the economy and the 92,000 Michigan jobs it supports. Michigan is home to 21% of the Earth’s fresh water, and we’ve got to protect it. An oil spill in the Great Lakes would be an absolutely devastating blow to our environment and our economy. My administration will immediately file to enjoin the easement and begin the legal process for shutting down Line 5.</p>	<p>I have always been on the front lines fighting for women’s rights. As Senate Democratic Leader, I shared my own story of surviving sexual assault to fight Republican efforts to erect more barriers for women in their health care. As Ingham County prosecutor, I established a new domestic violence unit, and I recently released a plan to combat sexual assault on campus. As governor, I will fight for equal pay and end pay disparities for women of color, enact earned paid sick leave, and ensure quality, affordable childcare, because the average cost of infant care in Michigan is too high.</p>	<p>We’ve got to level the playing field so the amount of money in your bank account does not determine the level of justice you receive. That’s why as Prosecutor, I prioritized rehabilitation programs for nonviolent first-time offenders. As governor, I’m committed to building a diverse cabinet that represents every community in Michigan so every voice is heard. I support universal voter access, so everyone who is approved for a driver’s license or state ID should be automatically registered to vote, and any registered voter should be able to vote absentee or by mail.</p>
<p>1) My Drop-the-Cap initiative: https://liberty4gov.org/drop-the-cap/, is widely agreed by economists to provide confidence to investors to bring their companies to Michigan. It is vital to tell companies they won’t be overtaxed. 2) By ending corporate welfare, we have the resources to invest in students to fill the high-skill positions available. 3) Legalization of cannabis. There are massive opportunities in the agricultural and industrial sectors in which our farms and business can provide leadership and high-margin success.</p>	<p>These intertwined issues require more than 625 characters. A good starting place is the position paper on our website: https://liberty4gov.org/environmental-policy/. I’ve outline the creation of an Evaluation Board which could recommend areas forever “off limits”, such as the Straits. However, the most important matter is finding the revenues to clean up all the toxic sites in Michigan. Nobody else in the race has proposed a plan such as the IFT expansion explained on my site. I’m also the only candidate putting the “HOW” into a clean energy future. Again, with limited space, you should check out my website.</p>	<p>I don’t believe it is the role of the government to provide special status or ensure anything other than equal opportunity to any group. However, as Governor, I will enforce the laws of the State to make sure discrimination or other systemic biases are eliminated. As a father with daughters and grand-daughters, my efforts will always be to ensure a FULL and EQUAL opportunity for them to compete in the workplace, free of institutional discrimination. I believe we should eliminate the income tax on those under 25 and below \$25,000/yer. income to help lift women and children out of poverty.</p>	<p>1) The legalization of marijuana - consequences of which have fallen hard on many minority communities. 2) I’ve pledged to commute the sentences of all drug offenders who have not committed a violent crime. 3) I will work to amend Elliot-Larsen to include transgender persons. Everyone has the right to enjoy the full benefits of citizenship. 4) Investigation and prosecution of abusive police practices - and the elimination of military-style SWAT teams and use of military vehicles as everyday common practice. 5) I will appoint a cabinet of qualified people that reflect all the faces and communities of Michigan.</p>
<p>Between my restructuring of our complete tax system, and the creation of 500,000 new jobs in my four years we will move Michigan forward as a leader in cyber and manufacturing along with renewable energy. By cutting and removing certain taxes that overlap or burden our businesses, creating a three tier income tax that will benefit 80% of the working people of Michigan putting more money back into their paychecks. We all know if we have more money, we spend more money.</p>	<p>The answer to Enbridge Pipeline 5 is simple and straight forward, it has to go. Know amount of insurance or promises can pay for a devastating leak if it were to occur. We are the stewards of the land an must do all that we can to support it, that is why I will mandate an increase in percentages to renewable energy to 33% by 2025. By bringing back the Public Works and forcing the utilities the comply without substantial rate increases, they have profited billions on the people and can afford to spend more of their profits. This field alone will create over 100,000 new jobs. Even more if we include infrastructure needs</p>	<p>This is a hard question to answer, for the issues that are being seen are more towards where salaries are negotiated than at a starting job say at a factory. I would mandate that where a company must start all its employees at the same rates per hour or salary, equal pay for equal work. If the employee has worked at a job equally as long as another employee whether male or female should be making the same wage as long as they have had the same training as the other. Example a skill trades person should make more than John Doe of the street if hired into the same job</p>	<p>I will bring back the Common Law Grand Jury or also known as The Peoples Grand Jury, This will empower the people to literally remove an official who has taken an oath of office to defend our Constitution. Judges, police enforcement, elected officials who abuse their powers granted by the people will think before they act on violating the peoples rights. Judge Antonin Scalia wrote the Peoples Grand Jury is a fourth branch of government belonging only to the people, not to answer to the other three branches in 2005. This will promote social and racial justice in our state.</p>

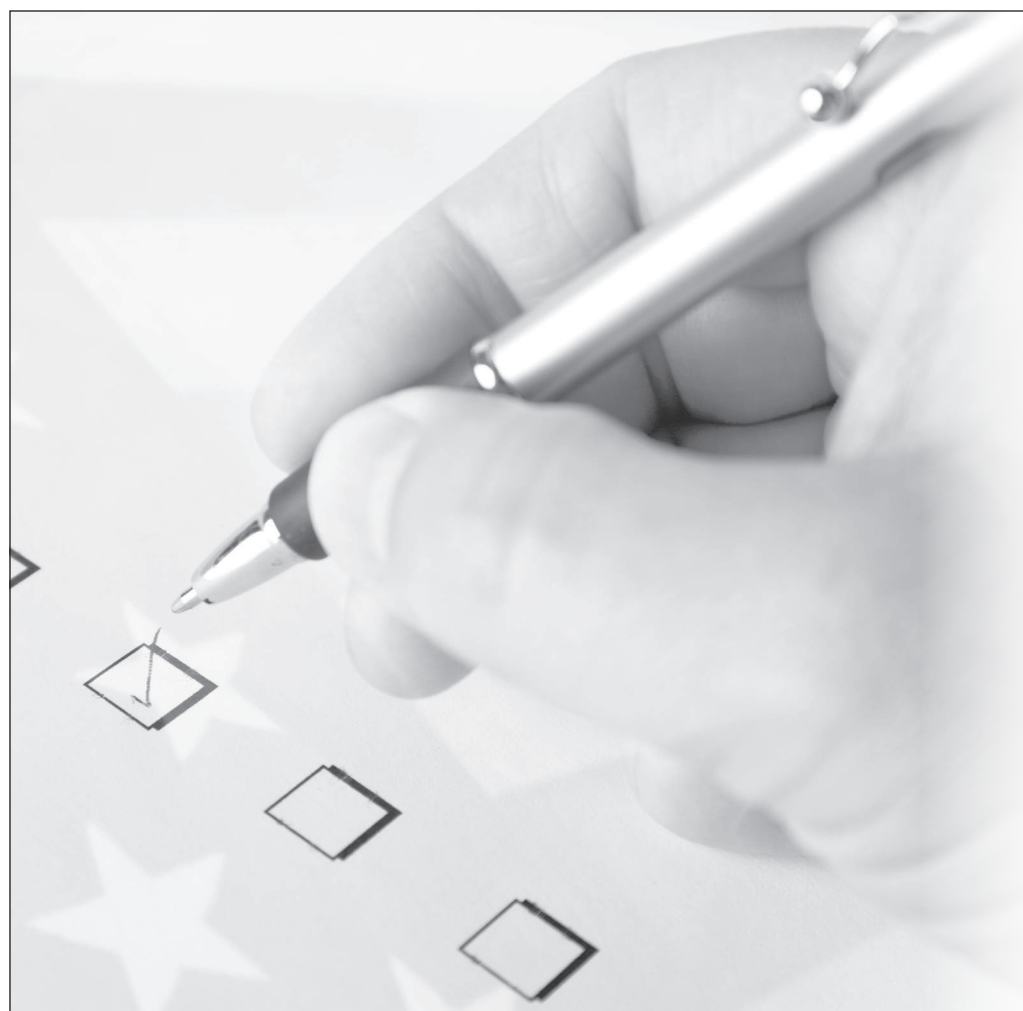
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<p>Jennifer V Kurland, Green Running Mate: Charin H Davenport Website: www.kurland4michigan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/kurland4mi Twitter: twitter.com/kurland4mi Occupation / Current Position: Radio Personality - The Offensive Feminist with Jenny K - currently on hiatus Education: Associate's Degree, Liberal Arts, with Honors - Schoolcraft College Bachelor's Degree, Political Science Public Affairs - Wayne State University Qualifications / Experience: Redford Union School Board elected 2012 term of 2013 - 2018, served as President for 3 1/2 years, current Treasurer. Elections pollworker/chairperson since 2006. Appointed - Redford Township Festival Committee since 2012, served as Secretary for 2 years. Redford Jaycees - multiple executive positions, 60th President. Michigan Junior Chamber - District 4 Director, 2015.</p>	<p>Flint, Public Education, and Prisons/Policing. Flint is the canary in the coalmine for our crumbling water and sewer infrastructure on top of our crumbling roads and bridges. We need to replace all lead water lines state-wide. We must properly fund public education, earmark general fund money for Pre-K-12, and include funding for infrastructure, curriculum, and technology. We must end the war on drugs and mass incarceration. Ending solitary confinement, raising the age for prosecution of minors, requiring community policing, and ending the cash bail system will help fix our broken criminal justice system.</p>	<p>We must bring technology to all classrooms around the state, and fund professional development for teachers. We must properly fund school infrastructure and fund early childhood opportunities. We can make public colleges and then public universities free for all Michiganders while expanding college and trade opportunities to high school students. We must end the for-profit charter school system and school of choice, both of which has been increasing segregation in our schools. We must properly fund a statewide ALICE program, end abstinence-only education, and stop the school to prison pipeline.</p>
<p>Keith Butkovich, Natural Law Running Mate: Raymond Warner Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/butkovichforgovernor Occupation / Current Position: Retail Management Qualifications / Experience: Common sense</p>	<p>Reduce auto insurance costs by eliminating no fault and other requirements. I would also make carrying insurance optional, as the government should not be able to force you to buy anything. Eliminate the income and property taxes, then the sales tax, and other charges. Taxation is theft. Legalize drugs, not just marijuana and alcohol, without taxation. Stop jailing people for victimless crimes.</p>	<p>Part of the problem is the federal Department of Education, which I would constantly lobby to remove their regulations forced upon the state. I would eliminate state regulations, allowing education to return to the local level and the people. Other options, such as online school, home school, etc would be encouraged instead of pushing a government school program. Post-secondary would not be subsidized by the taxpayers. This would force these institutions to cut costs and remove bloated administrations.</p>



Write-in Candidates

To write-in the name of a person not on the ballot and have your vote count:

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

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

To declare yourself as a write-in candidate:

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

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<p>We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr immediately, and permanently fix the minimum wage to other indicators like inflation, housing, and food costs. Climate change is real and green jobs are the jobs of the future. We can put our tradespeople to work making wind farms, solar panels, and becoming innovators of hydro power. We must transition to a more diverse economy by creating grants for Michiganders who wish to start new businesses without personal capital. The legalization of marijuana and subsequent ability for our state to grow industrial hemp will also create new economic opportunities and industries.</p>	<p>We must completely transition over to clean, green, renewable energy. We can fully meet our energy needs with wind, solar, and hydropower. We must charge the full cost of pollution permits to include the health effects to the public, cleanup, and require full disclosure of all chemicals and pollutants released. We must immediately shut down and decommission Enbridge Line 5, and halt all current pipeline projects for future, stringent environmental assessments before future approvals or completion of any pipeline projects. We need to recombine the DEQ and DNR, and create legislation to allow for permit denials.</p>	<p>We must increase the minimum wage to \$15/hr. We need to end abstinence-only education and begin teaching age-appropriate consent to all students. We have the ability to create legislation that will end the wage-gap in Michigan, and we must enshrine equal rights for all into our state constitution. We must fully protect abortion rights as part of women’s health care, and end the “women tax” on items like sanitary products. It is imperative that we treat the LGBTQIA community with equal protection, including housing rights, job protection, adoption rights, and health care.</p>	<p>We must give the Michigan Civil Rights Commission teeth. This includes expanding Elliot Larson to include all LGBTQIA citizens, and the ability to have some level of enforcement capabilities. We must end the drug war, end the cash bail system, and transform our prisons and police policies to those of community policing. We must work to end gentrification by requiring community benefit agreements to coincide with local business tax breaks, create new economic opportunities for those in impoverished communities with a grant program for small business and fix inequities in public education.</p>
<p>Let people keep the money they have earned. Taxation is theft. I would also remove burdensome regulations on businesses. The economy will explode because government will be out of the way.</p>	<p>Common sense. Don’t dump into streams and rivers. The government is one of if not the largest polluters, so reducing government would be a major key in this. The officials involved in Flint, both local and state, should be sued if the people choose to go that route. No immunity. Pipeline 5 needs to be repaired. I would not ban pipelines and drilling, provided they are safe and companies clean up any problems they may cause. The residents would be the ones who could sue. I would not ban nuclear energy.</p>	<p>People should have to stand on their own merits. Sex, race, religion, etc should not be a factor in any hiring. I am against affirmative action. Smart employer realize this, and would not underpay someone just because they are a woman or otherwise, because they know good people are in demand by many companies.</p>	<p>Government should get out of marriage. Adults should be allowed to marry who they wish, and however many people they wish. A marriage license is just another tax. All people should be treated equally in court. Police officers should not be given special treatment just because they wear a uniform. Murder is wrong, no matter who commits it. Self defense must be thoroughly proven in court.</p>

How can I Vote if...?

... I’m homeless

When you register to vote, you may use the address of the shelter where you sleep or the two nearest cross-streets to where you sleep at night.

... I have a criminal record

Unless you’re currently incarcerated after conviction, you can vote. Exoffenders automatically regain the right to vote after completion of a prison sentence. It is recommended that ex-offenders update their voter registration after they leave jail or prison.

... I’m awaiting trial in jail

You can vote by absentee ballot. Your local clerk, if asked, will send you an application for an absentee ballot and you can have your ballot sent to you.

... I’m in the military

If you’re out of state in the military, your last Michigan voter registration is still valid. For instructions and assistance, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program at <http://www.fvap.gov/> If you registered to vote by mail from outside the U.S., you can vote by absentee ballot and the voter registration deadline of October 6 does not apply to you. This provision also applies to spouses and dependents of members of the armed forces.

... I’m a college student living away from home

You must register to vote where you maintain your principal residence in the state. You can register at your campus address or your address where you previously resided if that is still your “principal” residence. If you have a Michigan Driver’s License, your license address must be the same as your voter registration address and changing one of those addresses will automatically change the other. If you want to change where you’re registered to vote, do it 30 days before the election so you’ll be on the list at the polls on election day.

If you register to vote at home and want to vote by absentee ballot, you need to either register to vote in person at the local clerk’s office or a Secretary of State branch office or visit the clerk’s office before you ask for an absentee ballot so that the clerk can verify your ID.

... Can I get a ballot in my language?

If you vote in Colfax Township or in the City of Fennville, you have the right to assistance in Spanish. If you vote in the City of Hamtramck, you have the right to assistance in Begali. Assistance means you are entitled to a translation of all ballot and other materials.

If assistance in your language isn’t available where you vote, you have the right to bring an interpreter with you to the polls or to get assistance in your language from anyone you choose, including a poll worker as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.



Secretary of State – Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term

Duties: Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state's official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal.

Qualifications: Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office.

Term: 4 years - he/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Secretary of State and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What voting reforms do you support?</i>	<i>What are your top priorities as Secretary of State and what actions would you take to implement them?</i>
<p>Mary Treder Lang, Republican Website: https://marytrederlangforsos.com/ Facebook: http://facebook.com/mary-trederlangforsos Twitter: twitter.com/mtlforsos Occupation / Current Position: I have taken a leave of absence from Vista Maria as their Vice-President of Major Gifts Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in both Accounting and Marketing from the University of Dayton</p>	<p>I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 30 years of success in computer security, business development, and executive leadership. I have background in both the private and public sector, most recently working for Michigan's oldest non-profit, Vista Maria, and serving as VP of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. My work has a CPA has given me the opportunity to assist my community and state in a number of ways, including working on Mayor-elect Mike Duggan's Finance Transition Team in 2013. I am confident my career has given me the right experience to manage a department with a \$250 million budget.</p>	<p>I support online voter registration and secured no reason absentee.</p>	<p>To help maintain and clean our voter rolls, I will participate in interstate compact agreements, like ERIC, which seek to identify voters registered in multiple states. As Chief Motor-Vehicle Officer, my plan, Respect Your Time in Line, will enhance and increase online services, including introducing an ExpressSOS for your smartphone. I will expand the appointment making service MI-Time into more branch offices and provide self-service kiosks into Michigan-based business across the state.</p>
<p>Jocelyn Benson, Democrat Website: www.votebenson.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/votebenson/ Twitter: twitter.com/jocelynbenson Occupation / Current Position: CEO & President Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE) Education: Wellesley College Harvard Law School</p>	<p>I have over a decade of experience as a national leader in election law and administration and have authored, "Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process," the first major book on the role of the Secretary of State in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. I have a proven track record running organizations including the Ross Initiative for Sports in Equality (RISE) and the Wayne State University Law School, where as dean I froze tuition for incoming students and increased scholarship funding that led to a 14 percent reduction in tuition for all students.</p>	<p>I believe it should be easier to vote and harder to cheat. My plan includes online voter registration, automatic voter-registration, no-reason absentee voting, early voting, and new laws to prohibit voter intimidation. My election security plan includes risk-limiting post-election audits (RLA); improved poll worker training, recruitment, and accountability; the convening of an Election Security Commission; tough, new penalties for equipment tampering; and strengthening the accuracy of the Qualified Voter File by joining the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC.)</p>	<p>The people of Michigan deserve a Secretary of State who works as hard as they do. No one should have to spend more than 30 minutes to renew their driver's license, register their vehicle or cast a ballot. As Secretary of State I will set a goal for a "30-MINUTE GUARANTEE" for services administered and overseen by the Secretary of State. Additionally, I will fight to BAN FEE INCREASES that have hit families hard in recent years; will implement a plan to SECURE OUR ELECTIONS, PROTECT our sacred RIGHT TO VOTE, and take Michigan from worst to first in ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY.</p>
<p>Gregory Scott Stempfle, Libertarian Website: https://stempfle4sos.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Gregory-Stempfle-for-Secretary-of-State-114624199243815 Occupation / Current Position: I currently work as a Medical Technologist in the Henry Ford Hospital System and live in Ferndale. Education: Stempfle has a BS in Clinical Laboratory Sciences and MS in Molecular Biology, both from Wayne State University.</p>	<p>I have been involved in Michigan politics and the Libertarian Party for over 20 years. In that time, I have run for public office, and been a campaign manager and treasurer. When the Libertarian Party of Michigan qualified for the 2018 primary election for the first time, I chaired the committee that redrafted the party bylaws to bring them up to date with current Michigan election law. This experience has given me a unique insight into Michigan's election and campaign finance laws and how to improve elections to make them more fair and representative of the voting public.</p>	<p>I support expanding the absentee voting program. All voters should be able to request an absentee ballot for any reason, including those who find themselves working long hours or unable to get transportation to the polls on Election Day. I support adopting ranked choice voting, an election reform that requires a winning candidate to receive a majority of support in order to win a primary or general election. Ranked choice voting reduces negative campaigning, encourages the election of candidates that are more representative of their district.</p>	<p>My top priority will be to encourage the Michigan Legislature and Governor to enact voting and election reforms. I would also like to conduct an audit of the state election system to look for potential flaws and increase accountability. As a hospital laboratory technologist, we are always trying to find ways of process improvement and increase accuracy. I will use this understanding to work towards streamlining and automating Secretary of State services.</p>
<p>Robert Gale, US Taxpayers Occupation / Current Position: Self Employed Businessman Education: Attended MCCC and MSU</p>	<p>I am a taxpayer not a professional politician like my opponents I accept no special interest money and I am not obligated to no one I am the owner of a very successful business for over thirty years built from the ground up I will get the job done</p>	<p>This will be put under review</p>	<p>Downsize by closing nonefficient and outdated Secretary of State offices throughout the state and opening new smaller efficient locations and kiosks in high traffic areas such as major box stores and shopping malls with a major emphasis on doing business online from anywhere the current system is all over the map with no definite plan in place lines are to long and employees are to negative towards customers it is time for a complete overhaul by saving taxpayers money in wasted dollars</p>

Michigan Attorney General - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Four Year Term

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan.

Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office.

Term: 4 years. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the office of Attorney General and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?.</i>	<i>What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to implement them?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you make to the Governor and State Legislature regarding the administration of justice and safety in Michigan?</i>
<p>Tom Leonard, Republican Website: tomleonardforag.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/TomLeonard28/ Twitter: twitter.com/tomleonard28 Occupation / Current Position: Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Education: BA, University of Michigan JD, Michigan State University</p>	<p>I have spent my entire career making Michigan safer and stronger, and I can think of no better place to continue that important work than the office of the attorney general. I served as an assistant prosecutor in Genesee County, putting murderers and drug dealers behind bars. I have also been an assistant attorney general, defending taxpayers from frivolous lawsuits filed by convicted felons. If elected, I will be the first attorney general Michigan has had with previous experience working in the office. That gives me the unique ability to hit the ground running and implement my plan for the office on day one.</p>	<p>I have a detailed plan for the office, including an increased focus on fighting violent crime, rooting out sexual predators, and continuing to reform Michigan's broken mental health system. My experience working in the office and my experience working on those issues in Genesee County will allow me to reorganize the department, reallocate resources and manpower and get these new initiatives up and running sooner than anyone else can do it. I am prepared on day one to build new partnerships with local prosecutors and judges on these important issues and begin making a difference.</p>	<p>We have made important progress on issues like criminal justice reform and mental health reform over the past few years, but there is no such thing as good enough. In particular, many of the recommendations from the House CARES Task Force I created have been passed into law to reform our broken mental health system, but there are still many bills yet being written and reforms being worked out. That progress needs to continue in the next year to make sure we continue to implement the changes that our members heard about from parents, law enforcement and health officials at town halls and forums all across the state.</p>
<p>Dana Nessel, Democrat Website: www.dana2018.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DanaMIAG2018 Twitter: twitter.com/dananessel Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner - Nessel & Kessel Law Education: University of Michigan - BA Wayne State University - JD</p>	<p>I began my career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office handling the county's most difficult cases. In 2012 I initiated the precedent-setting case DeBoer v. Snyder, which was consolidated into Obergefell v. Hodges in the United States Supreme Court. We won, legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. I am also the President & Founder of the Fair Michigan Foundation, a task force that investigates and prosecutes hate crimes. I am running to be the People's Attorney in a state that has prioritized corporate interests over the needs of Michigan residents for too long. That ends if I am elected.</p>	<p>1) I will protect our Great Lakes & provide clean water for all. I will close Line 5, fight for justice in Flint in criminal & civil cases, and hold chemical companies accountable for PFAS. 2) I will fight for consumers & seniors. I will prosecute Medicaid fraud, create an auto insurance fraud division, & protect students from aggressive debt collection. 3) I will protect workers and ensure safe workplaces free from discrimination, sexual harassment or environmental hazards. I will take on right to work laws so that all Michiganders have a good paying job with access to affordable health care & a retirement plan.</p>	<p>My recommendation would be simple, put people first. For the too long, the people of Michigan have gone without a champion in the Attorney General's Office. It is my intent to return the office of the AG to one that works for the people of Michigan and protects working families, and I will do that by being the same fighter as Attorney General that I've been as an attorney for the last 25 years. Michigan needs an AG who fights for working families instead of corporations and special interests, and puts the paychecks of regular people ahead of corporate profits.</p>
<p>Lisa Lane Gioia, Libertarian Website: lisaforliberty.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/lisaforliberty Twitter: twitter.com/lisaforliberty Occupation / Current Position: small business owner (translation of patent applications and intellectual property law documents) Education: Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1989); The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama (1990-1991)</p>	<p>Laws created in Lansing are often partisan, short-term solutions devoid of respect for individual rights and consideration of potential ramifications. The Office of the AG is the last line of defense, also against abuses of government and law enforcement. The Office must be set in a direction of prioritizing thoroughness and objectivity – a goal achievable only by a leader who is not beholden to any level of government nor to any special interests, and who has business experience to eliminate inefficiency, complacency and incompetence rampant in government, and whose intent is to serve, not rule, the public.</p>	<p>Top priorities include legalization of cannabis, civil asset forfeiture, occupational licensing, and auto insurance. Further, given the increasing ineptitude of many bureaucrats and the increasing militarization of federal and state law enforcement, the Office must promote a culture of welcoming not only complaints from citizens, but also reports from public servants brave enough to come forward with knowledge of malfeasance in their organizations. The "circle the wagons" approach of fellow officials can no longer be tolerated, and a policy of defending Michiganders against all forms of abuse must be made clear.</p>	<p>Policies/laws relating to prohibition, especially of cannabis with its proven medical benefits including those to opiate addicts and PTSD sufferers, are being applied in a horrifically disproportionate manner to minorities, and create inescapable cycles of violence in our urban areas. All persons incarcerated for non-violent, marijuana-related crimes should be freed, their rights restored, and the records of previously convicted should be expunged. Legalization would end an untold number of crimes, result in savings in incarceration costs, free-up law enforcement resources, and provide an economic boon to our state.</p>
<p>Gerald T VanSickle, <i>US Taxpayers</i></p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
<p>Christopher Graveline, <i>Independent</i> Website: http://cgforag.com Facebook: http://Chris Graveline for Michigan Attorney General Twitter: twitter.com/CG4AG Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Michigan Attorney General / I had to quit my job as a federal prosecutor to run. Education: MA - International Affairs: Catholic University of America; JD: University of New Hampshire Law School; BA - Liberal Arts: Magdalen College</p>	<p>For the last five years, I served as the Chief, Violent and Organized Crime Unit, US Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan. I concentrated our office's efforts in reducing homicides and non-fatal shootings in Detroit. By working collaboratively with our local/ state partners, we successfully dropped these crimes by over 30%. Prior to my work as a federal prosecutor, I was a prosecutor in Wayne County and a US Army lawyer. In the Army, I prosecuted the high profile and politically sensitive Abu Ghraib cases. I am running because partisanship should play no role in the work of the AG's office.</p>	<p>My top priority is to remove partisan political considerations from the AG's office. I would put an end to the practice of using this office to advance the political parties' policy arguments through lawsuit. I would be vigilant in the hiring process to ensure that we build a strong and competent team with politics playing no role in that process. In terms of the work of the office, I would focus our resources on helping our cities and municipalities in curbing violent crime, the opioid trade, human trafficking, and identity theft. I would shift more resources to aggressively pursue consumer protection enforcement.</p>	<p>I believe that the AG should focus on enforcing laws that are already enacted as opposed to actively advocating for specific new policies. With that understanding, public safety demands joint action and the ability to communicate and share information. I would recommend to the Governor that we ensure that law enforcement on the local and state level have the necessary systems in place to ensure efficient information sharing. Also, I would encourage the legislature and Governor to consider additional programs and assistance to citizens returning to society from a period of incarceration to aid in that transition.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

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

Term: 6 years

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?</i>	<i>IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration polices?</i>
<p>John James, Republican Website: johnjamesforsenate.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI/ Twitter: twitter.com/JohnJamesMI Occupation / Current Position: President of James Group International and CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics Education: United States Military Academy, Bachelor of Science Penn State University, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems University of Michigan, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Qualifications / Experience: I spent half of my adult life serving this country. I led two platoons in Iraq and brought all my men home to their families. The other half of my adult life was spent serving my community and creating jobs right here in Michigan. I served on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Board of Directors of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.</p>	<p>1. Economic Opportunity. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs. 2. National Security and Veterans. We also have to take care of our veterans. The toughest fight our forces face should not be in a VA hospital. This in particular is a priority for me when I reach the Senate. 3. Infrastructure. Upgrading the Soo Locks and our roads must become a national priority.</p>	<p>We are a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. Our economy and national identity depend on a workable legal immigration system. But it needs to be tough as well. I oppose sanctuary cities and would work to ensure sanctuary cities are defunded. I also would work to ensure we have secure borders. I will work to support reform of the legal immigration system that provides greater security while supporting our economy.</p>
<p>Debbie Stabenow, Democrat Website: debbiestabenow.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/stabenow/ Twitter: twitter.com/stabenow Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senator Education: Michigan State University, B.A, MSW Qualifications / Experience: As the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Michigan, I have a strong record of getting things done for Michigan families. I will continue to be a champion for Michigan and to work across the aisle to help move Michigan forward.</p>	<p>One of my top priorities is helping create jobs in Michigan. I am focused on growing a diverse economy that includes manufacturing and technology, small business creation and agriculture, education and career training. The first bill I passed into law as a U.S. Senator banned oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that has been successful in cleaning up our waters and led the fight to restore funding after President Trump tried to zero it out. I have been a champion for Michigan agriculture and rural communities and authored the 2014 and 2018 bipartisan Farm Bills.</p>	<p>I have heard from thousands of Michigan citizens about their concerns with our broken immigration system and there is no question that we need comprehensive immigration reform that works for our families, workers, businesses, and farmers each and every day. I support the DREAM Act, the Keep Families Together Act, and comprehensive immigration reform.</p>
<p>George E Huffman III, US Taxpayers</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>Marcia Squier, Green Website: MarciaSquier.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MarciaSquier4Senate/ Twitter: twitter.com/triple_marcia Occupation / Current Position: Instructor, Sales & Equipment Mgr for Tumblebunnies, a mobile, on-demand exercise company for kids Education: Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University on a full academic scholarship, Majoring in Psychology Qualifications / Experience: *2 Terms on the Board of Directors for Ingleside-Grossedale Park Association (2nd Vice President & former Chairman of the Board)* *2016 U.S. House Candidate for Michigan's 14th District* *Lifelong Michigander who cares more about People than Megacorporations*</p>	<p>My top 3 national legislative priorities are: 1- Retroactively ending the War on Drugs. 2- Ending Foreign Interventionism & endless war-for-profit. 3- Giving the People the representation in government that they deserve. I would like to repeal and replace the following pieces of legislation: Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Patriot Act, Controlled Substances Act, DARK Act, Authorized Use of Military Force (AUMF), National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), Telecommunications Act & Federal Reserve Act. I would support the expansion of Medicare & Public Education for All.</p>	<p>If we end the wars on drugs and terror, we would reduce our overbloaded and unsustainable military industrial complex. We would also see a positive shift in immigration patterns, as people from other countries might be more inclined to stay in their homeland, easing the refugee crisis. Drug cartels would see their power and influence diminish, reducing undocumented immigration and crime in general. As for those who are migrating to the U.S. legally, they should have to pass background checks for violence. In addition, if we shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewables, we would benefit the entire world.</p>
<p>John Howard Wilhelm, Natural Law Website: .Upcoming campaign site www.nationalrenewal-party.org and voting reform site www.nationalrenewal.org Occupation / Current Position: Retired Education: Ph.D., Economics University of Michigan 1974 Qualifications / Experience: By training a Soviet/Russia specialist in addition to my training in economics. I have been working with third parties, the most recent the Modern Whig and Modern Whig and Green Parties, on the issue of voting system reform to open up our political processes to third parties.</p>	<p>1. Voting reform at the federal level to open up our political processes to third parties. 2. Promoting a better discussion of the policy issues we face especially in a post peak-oil period. 3. Working to get better Russia and Middle East policies. Get Elected.</p>	<p>My concerns are that we have not had an honest discussion of this issue. Given the impending reality of peak oil we face some troubling issues concerning population sustainability on which the issue of immigration looms large. On this issue I have been much informed by articles published in the Social Contract in Petoskey, Michigan by Dr. John Tanton. It is outrageous that groups like Southern Law Poverty Center have labeled John Tanton a racist for his efforts on immigration reform. Political correctness in this area has done a lot of damage to a much needed honest discussion of this issue.</p>

US Senate - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Six Year Term

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

Term: 6 years

<p><i>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</i></p>	<p><i>ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?</i></p>	<p><i>ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.</i></p>	<p><i>ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</i></p>
<p>We need to look at everything that comes in between a patient and their doctor. We must keep the decision making ability in the hands of doctors and health professionals. After that, we need to look at everything that happens after that patient walks out of the doctors office and has to pay for the care. We need to focus on patient-centered, market based solutions. Mothers and children across Michigan deserve better. Our Veterans deserve better.</p>	<p>Michigan is one of the most innovative states in America. We are home to some of the most innovative manufacturing innovators in the world, and one of the most diverse agriculture sectors in the nation. Both of these important industries are sensitive to government regulation, tax and trade policy. The best thing the federal government can do in many cases is get out of the way. That means reducing regulation instead of increasing regulation. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Our Great Lakes are a national treasure. They support a robust fish and tourism industry here in Michigan. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure such as the Soo Locks to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I will champion policies and programs that protects environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protects them from invasive species like Asian Carp. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in this state and need to guarantee it for future seasons.</p>	<p>As a cadet in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Voting and sharing our opinions and values is how we pass on our democracy to future generations. We must protect the integrity of our elections and protect against voter fraud. It is equally important that we maintain a campaign finance system that is honest, transparent and accessible by every American citizen. When you take away an American’s right to vote or their right to share their views, you hurt our democracy.</p>
<p>Health care is a human right and everyone should have affordable, quality health care. I helped lead the fight to stop Republicans from dismantling our health care system and taking away health care from millions of Americans, and am focused on lowering health care and drug costs for Michigan families. I led bipartisan efforts to increase funding for community health centers and extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which 100,000 children in Michigan rely on, and am working to pass my Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act to provide funding for new partnerships to improve maternity and infant care.</p>	<p>Everyone deserves a fair shot to work hard and be successful. And right now, that fair shot is not available to everyone in Michigan or our country. Work should be rewarded – in our tax code, in our wages, and in our quality of life. If you work full time, you should not be in poverty. I know that not every young person will pursue a four-year college degree. I am working with businesses, building and construction trades, parents, students, and educators to promote job opportunities in skilled trades and technical careers. If we make things and grow things in Michigan, our families will be able to stay in Michigan.</p>	<p>I have lived in Michigan my whole life and understand that our Great Lakes are vital to our economy and Michigan way of life. That is why I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which has been successful in cleaning up our waters. I will continue working to protect the Great Lakes for the next generation. We can protect our environment while creating new clean energy jobs. It’s critical that we reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should continue investing in clean energy technologies – a wind turbine is made with over 8,000 parts, every one of which can be made in Michigan.</p>	<p>All voters must be able to cast their votes without barriers, fear, or intimidation. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, and will continue pushing to make sure elections are fair and transparent. It’s so important that we reduce the influence of special interests in our election. I strongly oppose the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision. I also cosponsored and voted for the DISCLOSE Act that would cut down on dark money. You can count on me to continue fighting for the people of Michigan every day in the U.S. Senate.</p>

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<p>Millions of people are not getting the health care they deserve because of cost. We deserve Medicare for All & access to life saving remedies. We should shift funding away from more death & destruction and towards more worthwhile endeavors like healthcare & education. We are dying from lack of proper healthcare, while millions of people overseas have also died as a result of our weaponry & interventionism. Right now, we offer publicly funded healthcare to minors, seniors, & pregnant women. We need to stop discriminating against everyone else and ensure their rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness too.</p>	<p>I support publicly funded health-care for All people, regardless of age, and education for All, from preK to PhD, plus skilled trades. I support a jobs program focusing on what I call #HIRE, which stands for Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We should be our healthiest, most educated selves in order to reduce income inequality and further civilization.</p>	<p>I want to shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable off-grid energy, which would bring an end to all the leaky oil pipelines that criss cross our waterways and land, causing pollution and environmental damage. We should offer incentives and tax breaks to small businesses that are in the environmental and energy industries. This would be very beneficial to the future of the Great Lakes, as well as the environment as a whole.</p>	<p>I support banning SuperPAC’s and Corporate donations, lowering the voting age to 16 or 17, and having automatic voter registration, up to and including election day. I also support hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, not machine-counted ballots with government oversight. In addition, I’m the only candidate for US Senate in Michigan who has pledged to file for recounts in any and all suspicious precincts in my race, since our voting machines and central tabulators are extremely easy to manipulate in order to produce fraudulent results.</p>
<p>My concerns is that we have done a very poor job of intelligently discussion this issue. If elected I would support a bill putting a sunset on Obama Care, if and only if as part of that effort a hard copy of David Goldhill’s 2009 Atlantic article on health reform were given to every American taxpayer. That would make it much more difficult for the two parties to peddle a lot of nonsense about this issue which is dumbing down our electorate and preventing us to get good health care for all of these categories.</p>	<p>None. There are certain strata whose economic position public policy ought to help. But besides this all the evidence indicates that we are consuming beyond sustainable levels, especially given impending peak oil. On this score, our compelling need is to develop stabilization policies for a sustainable economy. If elected, I would push for the Joint Economic Committee to initiate a discussion of this issue. As Tim Jackson of the British Sustainable Development Commission has pointed out we have virtually no economic scholarship on this vital issue.</p>	<p>A stiff carbon tax with the revenue going towards supporting good public transportation in central cities like Detroit, research on alternative sustainable energy sources and reducing our blooming national debt</p>	<p>Our most important voting right in addition to the right to vote is to have a good voting system not our current plurality voting system which is the worst. I support approval voting (see my website www.nationalrenewal.org) to open up our political process to third parties. On campaign finance reform. We need to repeal all campaign finance laws and start over again. The current ones are very discriminatory against third parties and have done a lot to undermine the effectiveness of our political system. Our focus has been on the supply side, not on the demand side of the problem. I want to change that.</p>

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?</i>	<i>IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?</i>
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1) Create jobs and grow our economy through pro-growth policies like regulatory relief and tax reform 2) Protect the benefits that millions of our seniors rely on. America's seniors deserve to enjoy a peaceful retirement with the assurance that they will be able to rely on Medicare and Social Security 3) Protect the Great Lakes and our environment is another top priority for me. As a lifelong Michigan resident, I believe each of us has a responsibility to ensure our lakes are preserved for future generations

I have seen firsthand that our immigration system is broken. As a nation built on the rule of law, we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of the American people. We must revamp our out-of-date immigration policies by strengthening our border enforcement, implementing merit-based immigration, and adequately addressing those who have been brought here illegally through no fault of their own.

Elissa Slotkin, Democrat

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Education: Bachelor's Degree, Cornell University; Masters of International Affairs, Columbia University
Qualifications / Experience: I am a third-generation Michigander and I have spent my career in national service. I joined the CIA after 9/11 and served three tours in Iraq alongside our military. I worked for both the Bush and Obama administrations at the White House and at the Pentagon. I have significant experience bringing distrustful parties together to develop creative options and negotiate real-world solutions.

I have spent my career protecting our country, and my goal, if elected, is to protect our livelihood here in Michigan. To do that, we must be laser-focused on the issues that impact our pocketbooks and our kids: lowering the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs and fixing our crumbling roads and water infrastructure. But beyond the issues, I have made it a priority to bring a true sense of public service back to our Congress. In my three tours in Iraq, I was never asked about my political party. The only thing that mattered was the mission. I commit to bringing that same mission-focus to Congress.

I believe that immigration is a moral, economic, and national security issue – and right now our immigration system isn't working for anyone. Our elected representatives have failed to address the public outcry for reform. We need to buckle down and pass comprehensive legislation that brings in workers when we need their specific skills; provides a pathway to citizenship to DREAMers; increases border security; and provides safe-haven, as we have since the Founding Fathers, for refugees escaping death in their home countries. And once we pass a comprehensive law, we need to rigorously enforce it.

Brian Ellison, Libertarian

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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Candius Stearns, Republican

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Qualifications / Experience: Small business owner and job creator for DFBenefits and DFB TPA Services LLC, former Executive Committee member for the Metro Detroit Association of Health Underwriters (MDAHU), National Board of Trustees for HUPAC, Macomb County GOP, and treasurer of the 9th GOP district.

America is built on the idea of freedom to govern ourselves with fundamental liberties through self-government. I am running to ensure these principals are upheld in the House of Representatives. I will fight for infrastructure dollars, skilled trade education, lower taxes with tax reform, a smaller more responsive government by reforming and repealing the compliance and tax of Obamacare, a strong defense, and secure homeland, as well as a country that values hard work and responsible behavior.

Just as fair trade matters to our system of government so does the fair movement of people across our borders. We are a nation of immigrants. We also are a nation of laws. The sad truth is that our immigration system is fundamentally broken. We need to secure our borders and protect our citizens as well as those immigrants who come here legally. We need to enforce our laws and defund sanctuary cities which prevent law enforcement and government agencies from notifying federal authorities of a person's immigration status and is a direct subversion of federal law.

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years

<i>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</i>	<i>ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?</i>	<i>ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.</i>	<i>ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</i>
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<p>Regarding child and maternal health, I recently voted in support of a 10-year reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program. This is the longest ever extension of this important program and this will benefit children and their families for years to come. I'm also working to address the rising cost of health care. I'm committed to expanding health care options and improving quality and access for all Americans.</p>	<p>I strongly believe that all Americans should have the full ability to reach their God-given potential. Part of that is ensuring that federal regulations and the tax code don't stifle innovation and entrepreneurship. I'm pleased that tax reform has given this economy a much-needed boost. From the relocation of the production of the Dodge Ram truck from Mexico to Southeast Michigan, to the hundreds of companies giving raises and bonuses, there is no doubt that tax reform is having a positive impact and helping all Americans advance in our economy.</p>	<p>As a lifelong Michigander, I'm committed to protecting our environment and the Great Lakes. I want my children to enjoy the great outdoors like I did growing up. I strongly believe that we can both harness American energy while also protecting our environment and the Great Lakes. I have consistently supported legislation to fully fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Earlier this year I also introduced the Great Lakes Oil Spill Prevention Act which would strengthen pipeline standards to ensure that our Great Lakes are protected.</p>	<p>I believe transparency in campaign financing is paramount. To that end, I think it is good public policy that donations to all campaigns, including PACs, must be reported to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), and any donation of \$1,000 or more to a candidate must be reported within 48 hours. These donations then become publicly searchable on www.fec.gov. With that said, this is an issue that continues to be strongly debated, both nationally and in Congress.</p>
<p>Healthcare is our generational challenge to fix. It's also a personal issue for me: my mom died of ovarian cancer after struggling with healthcare her whole life due to her pre-existing condition of breast cancer. While the Affordable Care Act made important strides, it desperately needs reform. One thing I would do is push to create a buy-in to Medicare, which would bring down costs for individuals and provide relief to businesses. The government should have the authority to negotiate drug prices under Medicare, and we must work to curb the predatory price increases we've seen on EpiPens, insulin, and other drugs.</p>	<p>Between stagnant wages and rising prices, it's become harder to get ahead. And the very American idea that if you work 40 hours a week and play by the rules, you'll do well and your kids will do better is out of grasp for too many. It doesn't have to be this way; we have vacancies in cyber jobs, advanced manufacturing, and skilled trades. We need to make sure our schools are preparing kids for these jobs. In Congress, I will work to provide federal support for earn-while-you-learn programs at local universities and community colleges to make sure businesses are hiring Michiganders for the best jobs in the state.</p>	<p>Protecting our Great Lakes, inland waters, and drinking water must be a top priority. As a former national security analyst, I believe we need to think of environmental security the way we do about homeland security: it's about the safety of our kids. If elected, I would help reinvigorate the Great Lakes caucus; push for a comprehensive, ten-year environmental plan for Michigan; and work to manage and mitigate the impact of warming temperatures. Line 5 is decades old, it gets shut down when the waves are too high, and enormous concerns have been raised by Republicans and Democrats - it should be shut down immediately.</p>	<p>Political gerrymandering and our current campaign finance laws are two of the clearest factors contributing to political dysfunction today. Much of this can be traced back to the U.S. Supreme Court decision that allowed corporate money to flood into our system through political action committees (PACs). That's why I made a commitment to not accept corporate PAC money, and if elected, I will work on campaign finance reform legislation within my first year in Congress. Voting rights are fundamental to our democracy. We should be making it easier to legally vote, not harder. This should never be a partisan issue.</p>

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<p>Maternity and children healthcare are both crucial for hundreds of thousands of Americans. These programs were put in place to help people with the ever-increasing cost of medical care. All government programs need oversight for fraud, waste and abuse controls. Our priorities need to be reducing costs, increasing access and quality to medical care. To obtain this most of the ACA policy must be removed and replaced with a free market system that produces price transparency. Consumers deserve to know how much a procedure cost prior to having it and the price should not depend on your insurance coverage.</p>	<p>I believe we must continue the current path of lower taxes and removing regulation. I support making the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act permanent. One of the many benefits is the child tax credit of \$2,000 per child. Money is returning to the hands of hard-working people. Additionally, I support our skilled trades programs that assist students in learning vocational skills that lead to good paying jobs. Due to the scarcity of skilled trade workers, I support imposing zero tax on Social Security Income (SSI) of individuals that wish to work and collect SSI. Fraud waste and abuse in all Gov. programs must be stopped as well.</p>	<p>The U.S. needs to end its dependence on foreign energy sources. I support improving our research and development of sustainable energy here in Michigan and across the country. Michigan has many energy sources, natural gas, solar and wind to name a few. People have asked me if I support coal-fired plants, increased oil production, earth-friendly, renewable solutions like wind and solar, or nuclear power. The answer is yes, I believe in holding nothing back when it comes to keeping America powered up and working. I support the continued funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. We must protect our Great Lakes.</p>	<p>I support the right and access of all citizens to vote. To protect our vote, I support an authorized form of identification to ensure each individual's vote is protected from tampering or misuse and to ensure our laws are followed. I support limiting money in politics and believe in limited terms of government on a federal level.</p>
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Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

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Qualifications / Experience: Deputy Director, Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Acting Director, Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Chief Workforce Officer, State of Michigan Staff Attorney, Presidential Commission on the Future of Worker-Management Relations

Health care: By fighting for Medicare for All and addressing the astronomical costs of prescription drugs. Education: By advocating for universal public education, starting with preschool and including excellent K-12 schools under local control with well-compensated teachers; adequate college funding so students aren't buried in debt; and apprenticeships offering training for middle skill jobs across many industries. Jobs: By supporting our energy, agriculture, transportation and health industries, investing in a skilled workforce, rebuilding our infrastructure, and protecting our natural resources.

We need comprehensive immigration reform. I've been active on this issue for decades, ever since I co-founded a group called Immigration Reform, Advocacy, Training and Education after the Immigration Reform and Control Act was passed. We need a reasonable system where people who have spent "x" number of years living, working and paying taxes here, can become citizens of this country over time. Ripping families with clean records apart simply because they came to the U.S. illegally or overstayed a visa many years ago is immoral and counterproductive. Immigrants embody the American the dream.

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Qualifications / Experience: Accountant, Commercial real estate broker, attorney, research writer, mortgage fraud detection

Priorities: 1) Peace, 2) Economic Justice, 3) Legal Justice. 1) Since the 9/11 False Flag event, USA has participated in attacks on Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria creating the largest refugee crisis since WWII. 9/11 was an inside job. We need to remove our troops from those Nations by repealing the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs and prosecuting the people who actually did 9/11. 2) We have returned to an era of Robber Baron capitalism because we have failed to maintain long established policies which protect economic justice. Re-enact Glass Steagall. 3) We must restore integrity to law enforcement and our legal system.

I am concerned our longstanding Immigration problems are being sensationalized by both Major Parties to divert public attention away from our Government's many other problems, such as the DOJ Inspector General Report on James Comey issued June 14. I prefer a legislative approach (DREAM) rather than an executive approach (DACA). Generally speaking, I support a path first to conditional residency status and then permanent residency for those brought here as children and who satisfy the myriad conditions specified by Washington. Our unsecured southwest border admits \$13 to \$46 billion of narcotics per year.

Andrea Kirby, Working Class Party

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Occupation / Current Position: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan worker for 16 years.

Education: I obtained my Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Baker College in 2015. I have also taken several labor courses through the UAW and Wayne State University.

Qualifications / Experience: For too many years, there have only been two political parties dictating policy for working people. These decisions have not benefited working people like it has the banks and corporations. In 2016, a petition drive gathered over fifty thousand signatures of people who agree that they want their own party, the Working Class Party.

The three top legislative priorities would focus on job creation for all that want to work, healthcare and affordable housing for all. These three issues will have a positive rippling effect on the entire country and even the world. These priorities will not be solved with legislation but rather a collection fight from the working class. The working class needs to realize that they create the wealth and they should share in it.

Since the founding of the U.S, immigrants have come to seek a better life or escape oppression in their home country. They come here to work and provide a safe environment for their children and they should be allowed to do so. Immigrants do not take jobs from U.S. born citizens, which is a myth used to divide the working class. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, unable to speak up for themselves. Immigrants earn money that they later spend, creating more jobs and revenue. If these immigrants were given their citizenship they could stand with other workers for the betterment of all.

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Lena Epstein, Republican

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Education: BA in Economics - Harvard University MBA - University of Michigan's Ross School of Business

Qualifications / Experience: When I took over Vesco Oil we employed 100 people and had \$100 million in annual revenue. Today, we employ over 200 people and exceed \$200 million in annual revenue. I have a unique perspective as a millennial, mother, and business leader. I understand the difficulties that come with trying to run a business in today's economy. And, I believe that Washington, D.C. needs outsiders to clean it up.

1) Reform healthcare 2) Bolster Infrastructure 3) Strengthen the US - Israel relationship

I want to enforce our current immigration laws and secure our border.

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?

ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.

ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

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Health care must be universal. I believe most Americans are sick and tired of talking about health insurance and coverage when we should be talking about quality care. As the father of two sons who live with Crohn's disease, I understand the physical, emotional, and financial toll of chronic illness. Enough is enough. Let us say plainly that as a matter of basic morality, there are things that should not be left to the market to decide. One is that every man, woman and child will have proper medical care from birth to old age, and I believe Medicare for All is the first step in that direction.

Too many of our jobs have been off-shored, contracted out, privatized and made part-time or temporary, and the result is many among us won't be able to enjoy a middle-class life and retirement. It's time to put what's good for hard-working Americans at the center of every policy decision: taxation, education, regulation, economic development. We also need to help our workers transition to the jobs of tomorrow, like we did when, as Michigan's first Chief Workforce Officer, we created "No Worker Left Behind," helping 120,000 get new jobs during the Great Recession.

Stopping global warming is a moral imperative, but it's also an economic opportunity. I created a statewide market to finance clean energy building improvements, creating good jobs while reducing emissions and improving public health, air and water quality. We can speed the deployment of solar, wind, biomass, and other clean energy along with advanced batteries to store the new energy we create. I will work to accelerate the transition to sustainability through many means, and help make our state a leader in clean energy technology, which will create reliable, good-paying jobs and protect the environment.

Our democracy is under attack, from gerrymandering, hidden corporate money, and voter suppression. We have to make sure every citizen can vote; we have to get unlimited money out of politics; and we have to establish nonpartisan redistricting. But we must do more, and turn democracy from a spectator sport in which people simply vote every few years – with ever-lower turnout, it seems – to a sport in which we all participate to debate the issues, defend our interests and demand our rights.

USA spent \$10,348 on health care per person in 2016, highest in the world and approximately double most developed Nations. Approximately 42,000 Americans died of prescription drug overdose in 2016. We are being exploited on cost, yet do not have the highest quality of care and do not have universal access to care. We must harness the thrift and bargaining power of all U.S. health care consumers to successfully battle the drug price-fixing, drug over-prescription, over-billing, unnecessary procedures and unnecessary testing which are enriching the Pharma-Medical-Industrial-Complex.

USA had 49 billionaires in 1999, but has 585 today. However, median income of USA households has only recently returned to 1999 level of \$59k. The Rich have gotten much, much richer. The Rich have paid our politicians to privatize gains and socialize losses. ie TARP Bailout, Quantitative Easing. Our National Debt is \$21 trillion and climbing as a direct result. 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65 every day. The US Dollar may not remain the global reserve currency denominating energy transactions. China, the largest oil importer, and Russia have developed their own reserve currency for energy transactions. Had enough?

We must become competitive in alternative energy development, manufacturing and installation. China's market share of global photo-voltaic(PV) cell manufacturing reached 60% by 2011. China initially provided its PV manufacturers export credits, guarantees and insurance, then opened a \$30 billion line of credit for PV cell and module manufacturing. In 2017 China became the first Nation to pass 100 gigawatts of cumulative installed PV capacity, beside being a huge exporter of PV cells and modules. USA has only 56 gigawatts of cumulative installed PV capacity.

I applaud VNP's anti-gerrymandering ballot proposal. I support the end of straight-ticket voting in Michigan. I oppose Citizens United. Critical Sections of the Voting Rights Act have been overturned by USSC because VRA has been neglected. The VRA must be updated to reflect modern election rigging. The DNC 2016 Primary collusion which unfairly favored Clinton over Sanders and involved Podesta, Brazile, Rep. Wasserman-Schultz, HRC and Mr. Comey ought to be fully investigated and prosecuted. Give every voter a \$100 campaign voucher which can be given to any candidate who accepts only money from those vouchers.

Health care in the U.S. is a dream to many and financial burden to others. Everyday hard-working individuals have to make decisions between seeking medical care and other basic needs such as food. This takes place at the same time as health-care companies are reporting record profits and CEOs are making million-dollar salaries. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your pocket. A community of healthy individuals able to contribute to society will benefit us all. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

In order to improve the lives of all strata of the American public we need to take back our money from corporations and banks. Money that should be used for needs of the working class. These funds should be used to provide our teachers and schools the tools they need to educate our youth. Create trade programs to train individuals that want to work. The funds can also be used to provide free early childhood education and open local community centers. This is not going to be happen without a fight from the working class to protect its own interests and the future of generations to come.

Science has revealed different ways to produce sustainable energy without destroying the planet but decisions are being made based on profit not humanity. Energy producing methods such as fracking are obviously destroying the planet but more sites are popping up all over Michigan. Corporations are polluting the Great Lakes for their own profits, while taxpayers are paying the price. Human lives need to be placed in higher regard than the profits to a few wealthy individuals. The changes that are needed to protect working class are not going to come through legislation but rather a fight from the working class.

The U.S Supreme Court's Citizens United, like other ruling and legislation will not change how elections have been run. Money has always been a huge part of the election process and the wealthy will find a way to push their agenda, regardless of what the laws says. The only way to combat these types of ruling and other laws are for workers to create their own political party that will advance worker's issues.

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I want to bring healthcare costs down by instituting market based solutions. I support health savings accounts (H.S.A.'s) from which patients will pay for services. This will make the consumer more price conscious and incentivize providers to advertise, and work to lower, their prices. Price transparency and lower costs come with free market principles.

I support school choice. I do not want young people to be forced into failing schools simply because of their zip code. Middle and lower income families should be afforded the same educational opportunities as high-income families.

I support federal funding for cleaning up the Great Lakes.

I support federal policies like FECA that promote fair elections and campaigns.

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

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Occupation / Current Position: Digital manufacturing advisor and candidate for Congress

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Qualifications / Experience: Chief of Staff to President Obama's Auto Rescue that helped save over 200,000 jobs

My priorities in Congress are clear: help create jobs, lower health care costs, and fix Michigan's roads. I remember 2009 – economists were singing Detroit's swan song. The auto industry was in crisis. Analysts wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt. I disagreed: I believed then, as I do today, that Detroit hustles harder. So I went to Washington and hustled, serving as chief of staff for President Obama's auto rescue that helped save more than 200,000 jobs. Today we face a different kind of crisis – his name is Donald Trump. I'm running for Congress to stand up to his reckless agenda and fight for Michigan again.

For generations families have come to America seeking a better life for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. We are a nation of immigrants, but sadly our immigration system today is broken. It can and must be fixed without tearing apart families who come here in pursuit of the American dream. Let's pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes increased border security and a long term solution for our DREAMERS. I do not believe Congress should be in the business of punishing children brought to America through no choice of their own.

Leonard Schwartz, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired professor of business law & economics

Education: BA, U. of Chicago; MA, Johns Hopkins U.; JD, Wayne State U. Law School

Qualifications / Experience: My opponents think they can spend your money & manage your life better than you can. I'm not a busybody. I don't want to spend your money or manage your life. I don't & won't have any experience wasting taxpayer money, invading your privacy, or meddling in your life.

(1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. (2) Repeal civil asset forfeiture laws, which allow the government to confiscate your property without even accusing you of committing a crime. (3) Oppose foreign quagmires & trade wars.

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

Cooper Nye, Independent

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Education: B.A. in Political Theory and International Relations from Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Cooper spent three years in Washington D.C. where he interned for The Heritage Foundation, and worked for public relations agencies handling communications for Fortune 500 companies, federal agencies, and national nonprofits.

I want Congress to serve citizens instead of special interests. It will be done by three reform-focused bills: The American Anti-Corruption Act to stop bribery by lobbyists, block politicians from fundraising during working hours, close the revolving door, outlaw secret money, and end gerrymandering. The Fair Representation Act (HR3057) to abandon winner-take-all elections and adopt ranked-choice voting, giving voters more choices and electing several winners reflecting the real views of all constituents. The Comprehensive American Audit Act to eliminate waste, fraud, and corruption across all departments.

My main concern on immigration is the breakdown in sensible debate. It shouldn't be "Build a Wall" versus "Open Borders." Most Americans want a responsible, commonsense solution. Congress should stop kicking the can and start solving the problem. Let's secure our border and reform our broken immigration system. Let's enforce our laws while ensuring that those who arrive legally are addressed in a just and timely manner. Let's be firm and fair by making laws in the best interests of both citizens and immigrants.

★★★ District 14 ★★★

Marc S Herschfus, Republican

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Qualifications / Experience: Member of Congress, 2015 to Present; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee; Senior Whip, Black Caucus Executive Board; Caucus Leadership Mayor of Southfield, 2001 to 2015 Southfield City Councilwoman, one term (served in multiple council leadership roles) Southfield School Board Trustee, one term (served in multiple school board leadership roles)

It is an honor to represent Michigan in Congress and fight for our priorities. I've been able to get results in my first few years. The three biggest issues I'll be tackling in the next Congress are rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure, increasing Michigan's share of federal road funding and transportation investments, and further workforce development and training opportunities. I serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and am a founding Co-Chair of the Congressional Skilled Workforce Caucus – through those roles, I intend to get even more results for Michigan and our workers.

This is an issue I take very seriously. As a Member of Congress, I have ensured that my staff here in Michigan are well-versed and prepared to assist constituents with any difficulties they face with federal agencies, especially those encountering immigration challenges. Our office has helped hundreds of constituents navigate the complex issues related to immigration, which includes passports, and I pledge to keep working to make those resources available. I am committed to supporting DREAMERS remain in our country. I have also vocally opposed the inhumane, unjust White House policy of family separation at the border.

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<p><i>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</i></p>	<p><i>ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?</i></p>	<p><i>ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.</i></p>	<p><i>ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</i></p>
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<p>I believe that health care is a right, not a privilege. Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality health care. We need to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act by fully implementing it. We also must take steps toward lowering prescription drug prices, first and foremost by letting the federal government use the full weight of its bargaining power to reduce costs for Medicare. And it is totally unacceptable that in the greatest country on earth any child goes without health care. We must improve and strengthen the Children's Health Insurance Program.</p>	<p>First and foremost we need to pass an infrastructure bill that allows us to invest in the maintenance and repair of our built environment: roads, schools, bridges, and watermains. We also need an infrastructure package that supports public-private partnerships to modernize and capture opportunities to innovate through energy efficiency, a smart grid, and technologies that improve and build off our current system. Additionally we must raise the minimum wage – by putting more money in working families' pockets we can boost spending power and improve our local economies.</p>	<p>Like it or not, climate change is real and we need to start acting accordingly. During the Auto Rescue we not only helped save GM and Chrysler, we did it while improving fuel efficiency standards and spurring American auto companies to build the cars of the future. We implemented Cash for Clunkers, an incentive-based program that allowed consumers to trade in old, environmentally inefficient vehicles for 21st century models. We can have industry and a clean environment, but only with leaders in Congress who are willing to get the job done.</p>	<p>Our current system is set up to benefit the wealthy and well-connected. We need to fix that or Congress will continue to pass trillion dollar corporate giveaways like the Republicans' abhorrent tax bill. That's why we need to overturn Citizens United so that anonymous billionaires cannot buy our elections. Just as importantly, we need to expand access to the ballot. In a Democracy it is our fundamental right to vote, which is why we need to fully reinstate the Voting Rights Act and protect our citizens' ability to make our voices heard.</p>
<p>(1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. Many people consider herbal medicines gifts from God or prefer herbal medicines as safer or more effective than synthetic drugs. Democrats & Republican care more about drug company profits than your health or prosperity. (2) Simplify laws that make healthcare expensive but not safer.</p>	<p>Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies and other privileges to big business. Oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate voluminous & incomprehensible laws. For example, doctors fear being prosecuted for violating this week's interpretation of this week's healthcare laws.</p>	<p>(1) Protect the Great Lakes from invasive species. (2) Reduce the amount of fossil fuel used by the government by reducing government bureaucracies. (3) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay to rebuild or repair buildings that are repeated damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. I oppose this subsidy.</p>	<p>Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions from individuals (but not political action committees or other organizations) should likewise be secret.</p>
<p>The status quo is killing people. Americans need affordable, patient-centered care because nobody working full-time should be uninsured. Ideally, Congress should pass a revamped Patient's Choice Act, providing a Universal Health Refund, Flexible Savings Accounts, and a Health Insurance Tax Credit for workers without benefits. Realistically, Congress will remain gridlocked and do nothing. Nevertheless, a couple simple fixes—such as letting Medicare leverage its buying power, importing prescriptions from Canada, and paying for outcomes instead of procedures—could do a lot of good.</p>	<p>We need to liberate individuals and communities from the crony capitalism concocted by Big Government and Big Business. We must stop corporate welfare by creating a national commission to identify and eliminate subsidies. We must unleash small business by cutting red tape and busting the trusts dominating our markets in every sector. We must combat inequality by improving access to capital through a National Permanent Fund, fed by rent from untapped federal properties and natural resources. And we must repeal the federal tax on income and replace it with a national sales tax on consumption.</p>	<p>I support accelerating America's clean energy efforts. It's an economic, environmental, and strategic win-win-win that can achieve bipartisan support because it serves our economy by creating jobs, our environment by reducing pollution, and our security by achieving independence from foreign oil. Here's the problem: Less than 2 percent of the federal R&D budget is spent on energy. We need to invest in our nation's energy R&D to unlock abundant, clean, affordable energy from nuclear, hydro, and clean fossil fuel sources. By doing so, we can drive America forward and safeguard the Great Lakes we all love.</p>	<p>I support reducing the power of money in politics, promoting the exercise of voting rights, and implementing a voting system that reflects the real views of voters. The aforementioned American Anti-Corruption Act would change how elections are funded by giving all voters a small credit for political contributions. Voting rights could be promoted by making Election Day a national holiday, implementing automatic voter registration, and allowing voters to vote from home. And, above all, voters can feel like their voice is heard by abandoning winner-takes-all elections and adopting ranked-choice voting.</p>

★★★ District 14 ★★★

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

<p>I support the Affordable Care Act and the Medicaid expansion policies. I have voted numerous times in Congress to defend the Affordable Care Act. My decision on federal spending votes was also greatly influenced by the dire need for Community Health Centers funding for their survival in Detroit. I will continue to fight for them, as well as progressive expansion of the federal health care programs that have had dramatic, positive impacts on Americans' lives: Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act. Preexisting conditions, including maternity, should remain protected.</p>	<p>Michiganders are working harder, yet, still not getting ahead. I support increasing wages, and oppose the state Prevailing Wage repeal. I want stronger worker protections, stronger wage and benefits standards, and stronger environmental protections in a new NAFTA agreement. Having said that, our trade relationships with our allies are a big deal and President Trump's reckless attacks on Canada have me very concerned. Canada is Michigan's biggest trading partner. Attacking economic ties with Canada is attacking Michigan's economy. Our workers don't need that kind of "friendly fire" from our own White House.</p>	<p>Protecting our Great Lakes is a big deal. As a Member of Congress, I joined all of our Michigan delegation in a successful, bipartisan effort to restore budget funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Fund that the White House has zeroed out. More recently, our Michigan congressional delegation has collaborated again to advocate for the funding needed to modernize the Soo Locks in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. That long-overdue infrastructure project has both economic and environmental ramifications. I am an advocate for renewable energy sources and I also oppose the regulatory rollbacks of the EPA Administrator.</p>	<p>Americans deserve better when it comes to our democratic process. In Congress, I have fought for a renewal of the Voting Rights Act, which has expired. We should also make Election Day a national holiday to allow more working citizens the ability to vote. Here in Michigan, I do support the statewide ballot proposal to reform the redistricting process. The citizens should determine who represents them; the legislators should not be able to selfishly scheme to determine who they will represent in their districts. Our state should also modernize by allowing absentee voting for all citizens regardless of their reason.</p>
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US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

★★★★ District 14 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

Philip Kolody, Working Class Party

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Occupation / Current Position: I retired in 2002 from State of Michigan Civil Rights Department.

Education: I was born into working class family. Father and mother worked at auto shops. I went to Detroit public schools, graduated Mumford, graduated from WSU, got my master's degree from U of M in history.

Qualifications / Experience: For 30 years, I worked investigating civil rights complaints, dealing with problems people face. I was active in the union, UAW Local 6000, representing people in grievances as shop steward. I worked on health and safety committee each place I worked. I retired but still keep track of what is happening. Establishment tries to weaken unions with right-to-work laws. It's proof of unions' importance.

The top three problems we face are 1, lack of workers' rights and income inequality; 2, American policy in support of wars and conflicts around the world; 3, gender and racial inequality in the access to what we all need. Domestic politics can only be transformed by the working class asserting its power.

Immigration policy is used to divide the working class – it is the first problem that must be solved. This conflict between workers benefits only the top 1%. Politics have to be transformed for the benefit of all workers, including immigrants.

Michigan Senate— Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term

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Duties: The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

Biographical Info:

PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★★ District 11 ★★★★★

Boris Tuman, Republican

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Education: Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: Diverse experience in technology in the insurance, energy, trucking, leads and printing industries

1. Roads. Michigan's roads are either full of potholes or under construction. I want to change funding allocation to reflect use instead of equal allocation throughout the state. I would also like to see additional requirements for road construction contracts with the state, namely warranties. We should also consider reevaluating the standards we have for our road construction, in particular, Deeper roads 2. Insurance. Michigan has absurd insurance rates. We need to reconsider the unlimited medical, fraud penalties and 'no fault' to lower prices. 3. Education. We need to restructure funding and student allocation.

We need to reexamine what the state government can do to increase student success, particularly where/how to fund most effectively. Prop A has been a good step, but it is not clear that increases in per student funds have directly lead to more student success. Spending money in the most efficient verticals is the first priority, followed by more funding once we understand where it should go. I would like stricter standards on opening charter schools, including insurance policies on the schools if they fail to stay open for the whole year or if the students fall below certain proficiency standards.

Jeremy Moss, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

Education: BA in Journalism and Political Science, Graduated with High Honors from MSU / Studied Race Relations in South Africa / Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship through MSU

Qualifications / Experience: Experience in Public Service: Michigan House Democratic Whip, 2017-Present / State Representative, 2015-Present / Southfield City Councilman, 2011-2014 / District Director to State Rep. Rudy Hobbs (D – Southfield), 2011-2012 / Political Aide to Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, 2008-2010 / Legislative Aide to State Rep. Paul Condino (D – Southfield), 2005-2006, 2007

We must find ways to boost wages, fix roads, and fund schools but we won't achieve those goals while state government is broken. That's why I introduced bills to: Increase government transparency - I wrote 10 bills that passed the House to expand our open records law so you can shine a light on the money and influence in politics. End gerrymandering - I sponsored legislation to create a redistricting commission to stop partisan games that manipulate elections. Hold charter schools accountable - I introduced legislation in the School Fact Act to hold for-profit schools accountable for the tax-dollars they use.

I have been working to reverse the State Legislature's trend of investing in for-profit education, including charter and cyber schools, which operate with little to no state standards or measurements for student achievement. Michigan public education system must enable all students to acquire advance skills and knowledge needed to compete for jobs in the ever-changing global economy. I've been working to ensure learning standards are competitive globally, while also ensuring that schools get the support they need to improve, not just to label them when they have missed academic goals.

US Representative - Vote For Not More Than 1 - Two Year Term

<p><i>HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?</i></p>	<p><i>ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?</i></p>	<p><i>ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.</i></p>	<p><i>ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</i></p>
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★★★ District 14 ★★★ (Cont.)

<p>We all need unrestricted access to health care for the whole population. Domestic politics should not interfere in the rights of everyone to have the health care they need.</p>	<p>Today, only the top 1% gets any support and it gets all the support it wants. The rest of us don't get what we need. That must change. And it's the working class that has the power to change this when it organizes.</p>	<p>The degradation of the environment, including the Great Lakes is ongoing and will continue until there is a transformation of energy policy in favor of renewals and getting rid of fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Today, the major political parties use the mechanism of law to deny access to voting. They try to fragment the working class by race and political programs. It's up to workers to answer these divide-and-rule policies. No one else can do it for us.</p>
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Michigan Senate— Vote For Not More Than 1 – Four Year Term

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★★★ District 11 ★★★ (Cont.)

<p>James K. Young, Libertarian Occupation / Current Position: Retired Chemical Technician—I worked for Dow Automotive as a Glass Bonding Technician in R&D. Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering, Wayne State University. A.S. Chemical Technology, Lawrence Tech University B.S. Business Management, Ferris State University Qualifications / Experience: I have many years of experience in the working world, so I have handled numerous social and professional situations. Also, I am a Past Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County (2011-2015)</p>	<p>First, I would like to work on eliminating the Michigan Income Tax. I know it seems radical, but we must realize that a number of states are already functioning without state income taxes. Furthermore, our State of Michigan was functioning without a state income tax a number of years ago. So, why can't we do it again? Second, I would like to encourage more new business start-ups in Michigan, by making the process easier. Third, I would like to go through our state budget to see what we can do more efficiently, and trim altogether. Who knows? Maybe we could find the money to do a good job fixing the roads.</p>	<p>First, I think that we should get out of common core. Students should be evaluated individually, and we must remember that these will be the future leaders of our world. With respect to financing, I don't think that a teacher should have to buy supplies for their classes. In that case, I think that they would need more money. At the same time, I think that we should keep our spending on education to only what is necessary.</p>
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★★★ District 12 ★★★

<p>Michael D. McCreedy, Republican</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>Rosemary Bayer, Democrat Website: https://www.rosemarybayer.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/RosemaryforMSenate/ Twitter: twitter.com/rosemarybayer Occupation / Current Position: Software Engineer and Business Owner Education: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Math from Central Michigan University MBA with Distinction from Lawrence Technological University Qualifications / Experience: Computer software engineer and engineering / business manager for 30 years. Led global automotive division for Sun Microsystems; then co-founded ardentCause, L3C, a small company, providing innovative data systems and technology services to nonprofit sector. Co-founded the Michigan Council of Women in Technology (www.mcwt.org); serve on multiple nonprofit and local government boards.</p>	<p>Equitable Education -Non-legislative experts -Sensible testing -Leverage technology -Restructure funding Healthy Communities -Affordable healthcare: Expand Healthy MI; senior support; build addiction and mental health programs; eliminate Medicaid work requirement -Stop Gun violence: background checks, red flag laws, storage requirements, fix licensing loopholes -Community revenue-sharing for public safety -Environmental protection Trustworthy Infrastructure: roads, bridges, pipes (water, sewer, oil, etc), broadband & electrical grid. Multi-year goals and plans with new technology to stop high cost all-crisis</p>	<p>-Listen to Michigan education experts i (ie. Funding Collaborative) and states who have come back; cease listening to those with no educational expertise -Eliminate excessive testing (schools lose 3-4 months teaching time to testing) -Set effective goals; patiently assess outcome changes before pivoting -Leverage new technology for content delivery and evaluation and to reduce costs through systemic efficiencies -Ensure equitable access to free quality public education (pre-K through post-12th grade) enabling career level, degree/certification achievement and job attainment at a living wage (one job per person).</p>

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What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★★ District 12 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

Jeff Pittel, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Engineer

Education: B.S. Mechanical Engineering - Univ. of Michigan M.S. Mechanical Engineering - Univ. of Michigan

Qualifications / Experience: I have worked in Private Industry in a number of roles including Engineering Management, Plant Management and Program Management. In these roles I have been responsible for setting and maintaining budgets, authoring and implementing procedures and policies, delivering products within a prescribed timeline, and determining appropriate staffing and personnel levels.

Education funding constitutes the majority of the State budget and our State ranks near the bottom of educational outcome and attainment in the Nation, I would advocate solutions as outlined below. The State's infrastructure is an impediment to business, quality of life and tourism, therefore I would propose that user fees (e.g., tolls) be implemented to fund and maintain the infrastructure. As the center of the Great Lakes, environmental stewardship is a critical State function and the State should determine and monitor the level of permissible contaminants in the water, air and soil.

Parents and Legal Guardians should be free to determine the educational path of their children via Public schools, Charter Schools, Parochial Schools, Home Schooling, Apprenticeship programs offered by Skilled Trade Groups, or any combination thereof, and should be provided Educational Vouchers to use for this purpose. The State's role should be to define the standardized testing regime at appropriate Grade levels to quantify the effectiveness of these educational entities and certify the eligibility of said entities to receive the Education Vouchers.

★★★★ District 13 ★★★★★

Marty Knollenberg, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Senator; Owner, Sedona Taphouse (Restaurant); Owner, Knollenberg Insurance Agency

Education: BA History, Albion College

Qualifications / Experience: Four years as a State Senator, six years as a State Representative, four years as a county commissioner, long-time local business owner and job provider, community volunteer for over 20 years, community resident for over 50 years, deep family ties to area

EDUCATION: As vice chair of the Education Committee, I increased our investment in education by over \$1 billion a year. I also wrote legislation to keep classrooms safe. As the senior member of the Education Committee, I can do more for our schools. **AUTO INSURANCE RATES:** I own an insurance agency. I know why rates are too high and what to do about them. I introduced legislation to lower rates and I will keep fighting for lower rates. **SENIORS:** I wrote legislation to give seniors more housing options and also to make it easier for them to obtain disabled parking placards. I voted to eliminate the tax on senior pensions.

Each child has a potential. It's up to us to help them reach that potential. As vice chair of the Education Committee, and chairman of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, I have advocated for more customized curriculum for students, and greater flexibility for for educators. I believe there is too much emphasis on standardized tests, and too much classroom time is spent teaching for the test, instead of helping students learn how to learn. I support empowering local parents, local teachers and local educational experts with greater decision making powers, and to reduce Lansing's one-size-fits-all approach to education.

Mallory McMorrow, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner / Creative Director Candidate for State Senate

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Industrial Design - University of Notre Dame

Qualifications / Experience: I bring a fresh new approach to politics and an unwavering belief in the potential of Michigan and Michiganders. With a ten-year career in industrial design and creative at Mattel, Mazda, and Gawker Media my approach to policy-making will be collaborative and innovative. As a small business owner I understand the importance of involving real people in the solutions.

EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE Treat teachers like professionals. Hold charter schools to the same rigorous standards as public schools. Offer universal pre-kindergarten. Enhance education options. Increase funding for higher education. Create a tuition reimbursement program. **LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE** Stop paying for band-aids and start forwarding real, long-term solutions to our roads, bridges, tunnels, and pipes. **CLEAN WATER, PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT** Lead on water policy and conservation. Protect the quality of our land, water, and air. Ensure local economies can rely on natural resources.

I will fight for universal early childhood education to ensure that every child is given a fair chance out of the gate to succeed. We need to adequately fund all schools to ensure all students have access to quality teachers, appropriate class sizes, resources and supplies. My method centers on bringing the community in on the decision-making process, so I will absolutely support school board members, administrations, families and educators to fully understand and support their funding needs.

“NO STRAIGHT-PARTY TICKET VOTING”

Note there is no straight-party ticket voting in Michigan in November.

This is the first time in 127 years and may result in longer lines.

Consider the following:

- Be prepared by using our voter guide to learn candidates views before you go to vote.
- Plan to vote during slower times such as between 9 a.m. and noon and between 1 - 4 p.m.
- Vote absentee if you are eligible.
- Remember local clerks are required to hold office hours till 2 pm on Saturday, Nov.3, to accommodate absentee ballots on the weekend prior to the election.

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★★★ District 14 ★★★

Ruth Johnson, Republican

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Renee Watson, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce -Procurement Counselor and Shared Services Coordinator

Education: Masters of Public Administration, Central Michigan University Bachelors of Science in Family Science, Central Michigan University Mayo Clinic Medical School Wellness Coach Reiki Master Teacher

Qualifications / Experience: Grand Blanc Community Schools Board of Education/Treasurer May 2009-July 2011 Michigan Certified Board Member 2010 Campaign to Elect Rick Snyder for Michigan Governor, Regional Director Genesee County Poll Watcher and Election Challenger Precinct Delegate

My top three priorities for Michigan and for District 14 are Education, Infrastructure and Economic Development. I support providing an education in which all students have the resources needed to thrive in the classroom. Infrastructure improvements are at a critical time. My experience working in Flint, driving down any road and crossing crumbling bridges, we demand results. In Michigan, companies are having difficulties finding skilled employees. As State Senator, I will foster an environment where businesses can grow and families will thrive. Citizens are demanding better results.

In areas of reading, Michigan is below proficiency, ranking last in reading and math. In 2015, 4th grade students ranked 41st in the United States. As a previous school board member, I support public education and a shared vision. Schools are underfunded and are subjected to a broken system. Student-teacher ratios are high while the K-12 investment is low. More student and teacher/staff support is needed for the proficiency ranking to improve in our state. I support individual learning, professional development and additional support in the classroom.

Jessica Smith, Green

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Occupation / Current Position: Clinician, Lindamood-bell learning process

Education: Mott college Current Oakland Community College in Winter for sign language interpreter.

Qualifications / Experience: Every job I've had has been in Human services. Waitress, daycare, etc. I have always want to help people, and go out of my way to try. This is just the next step in trying to make the world a better place.

Supportive the legalization of Marijuana on the ballot this fall, and also expunge those charges from the records of current and past incarcerated people. Expand the bottle deposit to include all 1 use drinking containers (water bottles, etc) and increase the recycling program. Encourage legislation that would mandate a uniform gun purchasing process nationwide, with standard background checks.

Better pay, training, and materials for teachers and schools.

★★★ District 15 ★★★

Jim Runestad, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Current State Representative for House District 44

Education: Graduated from Central Michigan with a B.S. in Education with a concentration in History, Economics and Politics.

Qualifications / Experience: I have owned my own business, Runestad Financial Associates, for 13+ years. I am a former three term Oakland County Commissioner and I am the current two term State Representative for House District 44.

Fixing our roads by re-prioritizing our budget and moving infrastructure funding to the head of the line. I believe a thorough review of PA 51 must be conducted to see if there is a more equitable way to fund our roads. After 67 years, PA 51 is no longer a fair or equitable way to fund our roads. Workforce and talent development. There are so many unfilled jobs in our state that don't require a traditional four year education that we must look for ways to train and teach our students to meet the needs of employers. K-12 education and making sure our students have the best resources to compete in a global society.

My father was a principal, my mother was a teacher, and I graduated with an education degree from Central Michigan University. My background taught me that nothing is more important than investing in our kids. This is what I've done since I've been in the legislature, having voted for more public school funding than ever before. We must also promote skilled trades and vocational job training. College is a great option for many of our kids, but it's not for everyone. And finally, we need to restore local control to our hometown schools because ultimately, our great teachers know the best way to reach their students.

Julia Pulver, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner, HPS Consulting, LLC

Education: Bachelors of Nursing

Qualifications / Experience: I am a registered nurse, small business owner, organizer and mother of four. I know how to take multiple needs into account and get things done!

My top priority is healthcare. I'm proposing a Michigan Public Healthcare Option be offered, and the people be given the right to opt into a public system. (#MIPublicOption) My next priority is education. My next priority is education. In general, Michigan's public schools are in dire straits. Kids are not getting the education they once did, and it's getting worse every year. We need a major shift in our educational priorities. We need to prioritize children over corporations. My third top priority is updating our crumbling infrastructure with a focus on long term, sustainable systems that will last.

Ban for-profit charter schools. (Like New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and New Mexico.) Protect kids by enforcing minimum standards (academic achievement, minimum number of school days offered, safe, accommodating environments, adequate notice of school closure, adequate record keeping and storage of student records) for all schools Demand truth in advertising for charter schools. Reimburse public schools that accept displaced students when a charter school closes. Honor all contracts and pensions for current and retired teachers. Maintain a minimum funding amount per student.

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Term: 2 years

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★★★★ District 26 ★★★★★

Al Gui, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Mathematics instructor
Education: Master's degree, major mathematics Master's degree, major school administration Bachelor's degree, mathematics + Courses in system engineering, Master level.
Qualifications / Experience: About 30 years teaching experience college level and high school level combined. taught at Oakland community college and Macomb community college

a. Unrig The System a 1) Make sure the tax dollars that were collected for roads are actually being used to fix the roads. a.2) Stop the financial burden on the people of Michigan (high taxes, No-fault insurance scheme, driver responsibility fees, rising vehicle registration costs etc.)
 b. Education b.1) Stop college tuition hike b.2) Career tech high schools where students who are not interested in any college degree can register after 9th grade or 10th grade and get a degree in carpentry, plumbing etc. c) The burden of standardized tests must stop.

a. Support: a.1) Career tech high schools. a.2) Help school districts hire more student discipline officers so that teachers can have a chance to address academic skills. a.3) Raise the standards and teach more critical thinking starting from 3rd grade. a.4) More transparency and accountability in higher education institutions' budgets. b. Oppose b.1) Oppose college tuition hike b.2) Oppose public universities that favor out-of-state student registration. b.3) Oppose those failing non-profit k-12 public schools run by hidden for-profit businesses that suck money from public education.

Jim Ellison, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, 26th District
Education: Graduate, Royal Oak Public Schools
Qualifications / Experience: State Representative, 2017-Present Mayor of Royal Oak, 2003-2016 Royal Oak City Commissioner, 1991-1993 Construction Cost Estimator, Ronnisch Construction Group Construction Cost Estimator, Barton Malow Company Chairman, Royal Oak Planning Commission, 2002 to 2003 Founding Chairman, Woodward Dream Cruise Former President, Royal Oak Housing Commission Past President, Stagecrafters Community Theatre

1. Fixing our crumbling roads and infrastructure. It's time to cut our truck weights in half and work together to put a real plan in place. The cost of repairing our roads increases every day. 2. Investing in our communities. While other states have been investing in their local communities, Michigan is the only state to have actually reduced funding for local governments since 2002 and done so little for its major cities. 3. Stop the senseless tax breaks and raid on K-12 education funding. I've been leading this fight as a member of the Tax Policy Committee and will continue to hold my colleagues accountable.

Stop the senseless tax breaks and raid on K-12 education funding. I've been leading this fight as a member of the Tax Policy Committee and will continue to hold my colleagues accountable. It's time to invest in universal preschool for all in Michigan. Learning starts at birth, and we need to be doing everything we can to help our children realize their dreams.

★★★★ District 27 ★★★★★

Janet Flessland, Republican

Occupation / Current Position: Production Artist at Epsilon, in Auburn Hills, MI.
Education: Bachelor's of Arts degree from Michigan State University. Major: Elementary Education. Graduate work in education at the University of Illinois and Eastern Michigan University.
Qualifications / Experience: I have lived in Huntington Woods for over thirty years. I have been a Republican precinct delegate for many years and attended state conventions as a delegate. As a member of Cana Lutheran Church in Berkley, I have taught Sunday School for 25 years, and have had various leadership positions such as Endowment Chair, and Youth Group board member. I am asking for the privilege of representing you.

Infrastructure: We need to fix our failing infrastructure. Michigan spends less than many of our neighboring states. Ohio and Indiana spend 5% of their budgets on transportation as compared to Michigan's 3%. We either have to raise more revenue or reallocate funds to get the job done. Public Act 51 needs to be rewritten to update the method of allocating transportation funds. **Education:** We are failing our students. We need to strengthen leadership from the Governor's office. We need more effective teacher preparation. **Environment:** Enbridge Pipeline 5 needs to be replaced immediately. We can't risk its failure.

Only 1 in 4 students are ready for a career or college upon completing their K-12 education. Michigan ranks in the bottom for reading and math skills. We MUST set the bar higher, not accept the status quo. We need to promote skilled trades/apprenticeships as a viable path to a successful career. More effective teacher training and professional development is needed. A coalition of business leaders need to be engaged in educational reform—what curriculum will make our students employable in the future? We need to adopt best practices from successful programs in other states. Technology must be utilized early on.

Robert Wittenberg, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative for the 27th District
Education: Graduated from Berkley High School. Attended Indiana University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management.
Qualifications / Experience: 3 1/2 years serving as a state representative. 13 years as a licensed Life & Health insurance agent.

Tax equality - I introduced legislation & I'm leading the charge to implement a graduated income tax in MI. It would cut taxes for 94% of taxpayers and create \$1.18 billion of new annual revenue **Gun Safety** - I'm founder & chair of the Legislative Gun Violence Prevention Caucus. Introduced Universal Criminal Background Checks and Red Flag laws amongst others. Investing long-term in our state: - Making sure we are properly funding our public schools - Investing in our roads, infrastructure, & public transit - Changing the way our legislative lines are drawn. People should pick their politicians, not the opposite

First and foremost, properly funding our schools. Our schools are woefully underfunded and there have been multiple studies done recently proving that. Additionally, I introduced legislation to mandate smaller class sizes and offer better incentives for educators so we can hire/retain the best and brightest educators. I am part of the BOLD Education Bill Package to promote better outcomes in early childhood literacy and development. I also serve as the Chair of the Better Classroom Caucus and we introduced a package of bills to develop high performing schools by promoting healthy school environments.

Benjamin Carr, Libertarian

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★★ District 29 ★★★★★

Timothy D Carrier, Republican

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Brenda Carter, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: President - Pontiac School District Board of Education

Education: Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in organizational design. Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Local Government

Qualifications / Experience: President – Pontiac School District Board of Education President – Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) - Certified Grant Writer Graduate – Grantsmanship Training Center Certified Fiscal Financial Manager Graduate– Michigan State University Michigan Political Leadership Program Graduate– IPPSR - MSU Ambassador to Kusatsu, Shiga Prefecture, Japan, for the city of Pontiac

The entire education system in Michigan and the U.S. needs to be overhauled to be competitive with our global economy. We need to examine equitable funding for the vast array of school districts in our state. Our infrastructure is on the verge of collapse. I support research-based focus groups with the expertise to access the current state of deterioration and propose realistic strategies to address the findings. Finally, research shows municipalities that provide growth opportunities for businesses and their residents are the most successful. We should encourage economic and community development collaboratively.

I support the development of research and focus-based groups from all sectors of the state to implement strategies to address the disparities in our funding system. We need to expand geographic access to career and technical education and fund it equitably. Past equity funding analyses did not include marginalized representation. The current study by the School Finance Research Collaborative has been the most accurate depiction of the need to address the issues of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. I support fairly evaluating the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to ensure the appropriateness of its intentions.

★★★★ District 35 ★★★★★

Theodore Alfonsetti III, Republican

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Kyra Harris Bolden, Democrat

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Education: Southfield-Lathrup Senior High School, Diploma Grand Valley State University, B.S University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, JD

Qualifications / Experience: -Court Appointed Criminal Defense Attorney, Staff Attorney Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, Civil Litigation Attorney -Second Vice Chair of the Southfield Total Living Commission, Program Chair of the Southfield Photo Prize Organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Wolverine Bar, National Congress of Black Women

1. Michigan's crumbling roads are a long-standing, ongoing, persistent problem. Our roads continue to deteriorate at a rate faster than repairs. A step toward addressing this issue would be to increase the fines for overweight trucks. 2. Education is critical to the success of our communities and our state. I support the recommendations included in the School Finance Research Collaborative study released in 2018. 3 No-Fault Insurance premium rates should be based upon your driving record not factors such as your credit score or address.

Michigan students are falling behind the rest of the nation. In recent years there has been an effort to provide additional funding; however, initiatives have been limited. A comprehensive revamping of school funding is needed based on the needs of students. I support the recommendations included in the School Finance Research Collaborative study. The study provides a strong foundation for the review, dialogue and revamping of Michigan's education funding system to move to an adequacy-based funding system.

★★★★ District 37 ★★★★★

Mitch Swoboda, Republican

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Christine Greig, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative Education: University of Notre Dame, BA American Studies and Computer Applications

Qualifications / Experience: State Representative 2015-present, House Democratic Floor Leader

My top legislative priorities are to develop comprehensive policies for public education, infrastructure and reducing poverty. My priorities will boost economic growth by creating jobs, improving public services, developing our workforce, and reducing reliance on government subsidies. Education policy starts with developing a strategy for the opening and closing of schools and modernizing our funding formulas. Infrastructure improvements begin with fixing the roads that we have but then addressing the great need for mass transit. Finally reducing poverty starts with education from preK-14.

We must continue to invest in early childhood education & invest more in wrap around services. We must make sure that our kids can get to school as well - transportation continues to be a barrier, particularly in rural and urban areas. We must also empower our teachers & treat them as the professional they are. I would also reduce testing & class size. Finally, we must improve workforce readiness and opportunities through job training programs, public/private partnership for apprenticeships, and address college affordability. I support tuition free community college to increase access.

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EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★ District 38 ★★★

Kathy S Crawford, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: 2-term State Representative (38th District); Small Business Owner: Kathy Crawford Communications

Education: High School Graduate; Professional career (before politics) was in the field of aging for more than 30 years; Served as OLHSA (Oakland/Livingston) Director of Programming for 35 senior citizen centers

Qualifications / Experience: After my professional career, I've been a public servant and political advocate for more than 10 years: spearheaded the development of the Novi's Senior Center (Meadowbrook Commons); founding member of Michigan Association of Senior Centers; assisted state in writing rules to certify professionals in field of aging; appointed by former Michigan AG Mike Cox to conduct senior citizens workshops.

1. Roads; 2. Education; 3. Health Care: Michigan must continue to cultivate a thriving and globally competitive economy, so that new jobs are created in southwest Oakland County. To help accomplish this goal, I will continue to support additional road funding, and I will support additional dollars to local municipalities to assist in road improvements. Michigan children are our most important natural resource. I will continue to support additional investments in public education. I am committed to patient-centered (and patient rights) health care solutions, with a special emphasis on the opioid crisis.

I support local control of public schools with locally-elected school boards. We also need to insure a level playing field (including transparency reporting requirements) for both traditional and charter public schools. Michigan schools (and its curriculum) should focus on developing JOB READY SKILLS, instead of qualifying students for colleges/universities. We need to better prepare our students for 21st Century careers (advanced manufacturing, IT, computer services, coding, technology for the mobility revolution, etc.), rather than preparing them for 4-year university liberal arts degrees that aren't marketable.

Kelly A Breen, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney / Novi City Council Member

Education: Northville High School - 1995 Michigan State University / James Madison College - 1999 Wayne State University Law School - 2002

Qualifications / Experience: I currently serve on Novi City Council and sit on three committees. As an attorney, I have represented abused children, injured workers, and large employers. While in school, I worked as a legislative intern, a constituent liaison, and a litigation supervisor at the Free Legal Aid Clinic. I have studied law and policy extensively and have a keen understanding of how we can make it work better.

1. Fix revenue sharing. The state cannot balance its budget on the backs of cities, towns and villages. Local communities know what needs to be fixed in their area, and the money should be returned to them so they can fix local roads and improve public safety. 2. We need to rebuild our infrastructure - Eliminate massive tax breaks for big corporations, insist that they pay their fair share, refigure our tax code and give funds back to local communities. 3. Safety in our schools. With the numerous school shootings and shootings at public places, this has become fore-front on my mind and I hear it from my community, too

Protecting our kids is protecting our future. I believe maintaining our commitment and level of investment in our schools is not just a sign that you care about kids, it shows good business sense. Schools are one of the most important factors a family considers when deciding where to move. I have attended both private and public schools. I am the daughter of a public school teacher and wife of a charter school teacher. I understand there is a time and a place for private education, so commitment at all levels to all students by ALL PEOPLE is one of the most important factors we can engage in as elected officials.

Brian R Wright, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Author, editor, independent publisher, Web columnist/reviewer, medical tech-driver—retired engineer

Education: BSME, Wayne State University

Qualifications / Experience: Have long been active in liberty groups and causes, studied major issues of public policy. Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for several years. Firm understanding of Robert's Rules of Order. I understand and stand for First Principles of our country, esp. for people taking direct charge of public officials via independent people's grand juries—to investigate and indict corruption.

Michigan is the most corrupt government in the union at all levels [Center for Public Integrity, 2015]. My book, The Accountability Project (in progress) shows how to practically end this corruption. 2) The people are pushed around by a corporotocracy who buy public officials and violate our basic rights to 'life, liberty, and property.' I shall see to it the violators are indicted, tried, and convicted for any corruption and crimes. 3) All healthy societies require a grassroots engine of production. Nullify federal trade and production restrictions on agricultural hemp and marijuana. Benefit: 10s of \$billions/year.

Education, like religion, is not the business of the state. The percentage of Michigan state school attendees grades 3 thru 8 with proficiency in math and reading for 2014-15 was a whopping 38.5%. Compulsory factory state schools are NOT going to improve. Home schooled children—now more than two million strong—are 5-10 years ahead in their ability to think. End mandatory attendance laws. As a transition, keep state schools as a last resort for parents who cannot afford anything else. For legacy K-12 schools, form cooperatives of the parents to procure them and run them as they see fit. Let dinosaurs go.

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EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★★ District 39 ★★★★★

Ryan Berman, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: General Practice Attorney
Education: Detroit Country Day High School Michigan State University Wayne State University Law School
Qualifications / Experience: Attorney, Reserve Police Officer, HOA President, licensed and certified in many different areas, volunteer in the community, many board and committee assignments, and multiple honors and awards, etc. I have a very broad background, all focused on using my abilities to help others and better our community.

I'm a fiscal conservative and we need to prioritize our budget and run the government more like a business, with incentives to save money instead of the current system where there's only incentives to spend it. Road funding, auto no-fault reform, and curbing rising health care costs - All three can be solved with Technology and Transparency! We need to get rid of the two tiered system of health provider reimbursement rates (just because you get injured in your car, the rates the car insurance company pays shouldn't be 5 times higher than what your health insurance pays! We all lose that way, through higher premiums).

Bringing skilled trades training and certification to the high schools as another option for those students that don't need to be in the current elementary to college pipeline. We need to realize that not all students are meant to move on to college or want to continue on to higher education, so we need to create more opportunities for vocational training. We need to make these students real world ready when they graduate, so let's keep students in the structured environment of a school and allow them to get trained and certified or licensed in a skilled trade upon graduation, in addition to receiving a diploma.

Jennifer Suidan, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Legal Assistant at Goodman Acker, P.C.
Education: Walled Lake Central High School 1998-2002 Central Michigan University, Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology 2002-2006
Qualifications / Experience: I have worked for the last decade to get candidates elected and on many different election law cases, including the gerrymandering lawsuit and the suit to protect straight party voting. I'm passionate about government transparency & making voting easier for all of our residents to participate.

1. Support and strengthen our public schools 2. Invest in our infrastructure 3. Protect our water. Prioritize our budget to reflect the issues that are critical to our state. A quality education shouldn't be determined by zip code. Michigan needs to adopt strong transparency and accountability for all schools receiving taxpayer money. Regarding roads, we should start by creating user fees so that heavy trucks that cause the most wear and tear to our roads pay their fair share to fix them. Finally, water is our most valuable natural resource and it needs to be protected, not just handed to corporations for pennies.

Start by requiring all schools to hire state certified teachers and hold all schools to the same performance standards. We need to fund pre-kindergarten programs to ensure that all students learn to read, which has benefits for the rest of their lives. Secondary education has long focused on getting students to college and hasn't presented other options to high school students. This includes exploring opportunities in the skilled trades, partnering with apprenticeship programs to help students transition into successful careers. We can do all this while still encouraging students who desire to go onto university.

Anthony Croff, Libertarian

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Occupation / Current Position: Store clerk
Education: Diploma from West Bloomfield High School,
Qualifications / Experience: I have served my community all my work life. I always have and always will submit to the Constitution. My leadership skills will be limited to that of the Constitution only. The People are the leaders in our Republic. If I'm elected I will be subjected to the people of Michigan consent. I have full understanding that the people have 100 percent sovereignty.

1. Citizenship- We are not United States Citizens the 14 Amendment was the citizenship given to persons (a corporation or legal fiction). Persons have privileges and immunities. We are the people of Michigan who have inalienable god-given inherent rights. 2. Economy- Today our economy only exist in the minds of Americans. 3. Article 3 judicial branch- all of our courts are pseudo and are unconstitutional. They are not courts of record, but all are under maritime admiralty jurisdiction. There is no such thing as a victimless crime. All BAR members are foreign agents of the crown(city of London). All judges are pseudo.

I promote homeschooling. Our current school system does not teach our children anything, but indoctrinate them, to be obedient debt slaves to our unconstitutional debt base economy system. The best thing you can teach a child is how to learn, and not what to learn. The Department of Education must be repealed, because of it our children do not know basic authentic American history, basic economics, and basic authentic science. The founder of our school system said and I quote, "I don't want a nation of thinkers, but a nation of workers."

★★★★ District 40 ★★★★★

David Wolkinson, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Business owner, president of Bentzion Properties. Owns and manages portfolio of multi-family apts.
Education: MA, BA University of Michigan J.D. University of Michigan
Qualifications / Experience: Job Creator: Local small business owner of Bentzion Properties Attorney: Fought for the victims of the Flint Water Crisis Former executive at America Works, creating jobs for welfare recipients Former Vice Chair Michigan Republican Party Former Policy Director for Governor Rick Snyder Political Activist

1.) Cut taxes: I believe that we can cut an additional \$688 million and eliminate ALL BUSINESS TAXES in Michigan, starting with the Corporate Income Tax. 2.) Prioritize spending on education, roads and public safety: Rather than simply passing a budget every year, based on a slight increase in funding from the previous year, we need to focus our spending by targeting specific outcomes. 3.) Reduce regulatory burden: Michigan has an anti-competitive nature of Michigan's complex regulatory structure. We need to reform or eliminate regulations that inhibit businesses from operating and investing in Michigan.

We need to be strategic in how we spend our tax dollars on public education. Too often our public dialogue is focused on K-12. While those are obviously critical years in any child's development, we need to adopt a P-20 model which focuses on a child's educational development from pre-school through graduate studies. Studies show that at-risk children particularly benefit from early childhood educational opportunities. Through public-private partnerships we know that we can provide these at-risk children with educational opportunities at a very low cost.

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EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★★ District 40 ★★★★★ (Cont.)

Mari Manoogian, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Foreign Policy Professional/full-time candidate

Education: BA, International Affairs, Security Policy, Journalism and Mass Communications, The George Washington University MA, Global Communication, Public Diplomacy, The George Washington University

Qualifications / Experience: Began her career in the offices of Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI), and U.S. Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power. Mari worked in the Educational and Cultural Affairs and Information Resource Management bureaus at the U.S. Department of State. Mari worked as a business consultant to the International Olympic Committee at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

First, we need to take the profit motive out of our children's education by fully-funding public schools, in our state, and creating an "off-ramp" so for-profit operators no longer administer charter schools. Second, I will prioritize funding local governments, fulfilling a long-broken promise, so we can fix our roads and fund our health departments. Finally, I want to protect our environment, so we all will have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, by investing in quality water infrastructure, and staffing the Michigan DEQ with public servants who will give us honest answers about environmental challenges.

I support fully funding public education from pre-K through 12th grade. To remove the profit-motive from education in Michigan, we should transition charter schools that use for-profit management corporations for administrative purposes to nonprofit operators, and re-examine the validity and cost of all standardized testing at every grade level. I also strongly support expand funding for our world-class public research universities to reduce the burden of tuition costs on Michigan families. Finally, I support expanding programs like Head Start for our youngest learners.

★★★★ District 41 ★★★★★

Doug Tietz, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Owner of a Marketing Business

Education: Graduate of the University of Michigan

Qualifications / Experience: On both the Oakland County Commission and the Troy City Council, Doug has worked with all viewpoints and backgrounds to get results for our community. Solving problems, not endless partisanship is what we need in Lansing. Doug is a husband, dad, and neighbor. He's a member of Oakland County's "40 under 40" and founder of the Troy Community Foundation.

Roads: Michigan's infrastructure is falling apart. Doug has a plan to make finding long-term solutions and overall funding a higher priority in the state budget. Fix the Car Insurance System: Michigan is the heart of the auto industry, but has the most expensive car insurance costs in the nation. We need to root out insurance fraud and over-billing, and prevent trial lawyers from profiting at the taxpayers' expense. **Health Care:** Soaring premiums and long waits. Doug's own family of four has seen health insurance costs spike. Doug's plan increases access to affordable health insurance for Michigan's families.

We need to prioritize education funding, so it gets to the classroom where it can do the most good for students and teachers. Let's also empower parents, teachers, and local school boards to make the best decisions for our kids.

Padma Kuppa, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for State Rep.

Education: Padma Kuppa received a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from REC Warangal, India, in 1988, the first woman in the history of the college to do so.

Qualifications / Experience: Padma Kuppa is an engineer, wife, mother, civic leader and 20-year Troy resident. Professional: Locally owned small business to FCA to Ally Financial, as a Systems Integration Manager, Project Manager, Business Analyst. Civic: Troy Ethnic Issues Advisory Board, Troy Community Coalition, various PTA Boards, Planning Commissioner, ZBA, MI Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion, Troy Historic Society

1. Improve public education. To close the opportunity gap, we must have accessible, affordable, high-quality education. Every student must have access to a public education system that gives them 21st-century skills. 2. Fix our infrastructure with long-term solutions: reduce weight limits on trucks, hold contractors accountable for their work, and increase our overweight truck fines. 3. Protect our environment through science-based policy. On Planning Commission, I've protected green space while promoting development. I've also worked to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices.

I will support legislation to give schools flexibility to get funds to cover required expenses. I will not fund charter schools at the expense of public education, and support the School FACT Act, to hold charters, districts to same accountability standards. I would require all public schools to contribute to the teacher retirement fund and return the School Aid Fund to its intended purpose of funding K-12 schools. I believe in research-based education policy, support reducing class sizes, investing in early childhood education, and creating STEAM (STEM plus the Arts) programs in every high school.

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★★★★ District 43 ★★★★★

<p>Andrea Schroeder, Republican Website: www.schroedervoter.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=andrea%20schroeder%20for%20state%20representative&ref=eyJzaWQ Occupation / Current Position: Partner, Strategic Five Business Solutions Education: Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship, Michigan State University; Graduate coursework in Education, Wheelock College; BS Child Studies/Early Childhood Education, Miami University. Qualifications / Experience: two-term Independence Township Trustee, a former precinct delegate, a gubernatorial appointee to a state licensing and regulatory Board, and the Vice President on a charter school Board.</p>	<p>Continuing to grow and stabilize the economy through creating the proper environment for investment and expansion; focus education on workforce development by advocating for professional skills development and multiple career paths; improve infrastructure through continued investment in maintenance and repairs.</p>	<p>I support a multi-pronged approach that includes competency-based learning, expanding professional trade education, and focusing on giving our students multiple pathways to develop the skills needed to have successful careers.</p>
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<p>Nicole Breadon, Democrat Website: votenicolebreadon.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Nicole-Breadon-for-State-Representative-1580300922089704/ Twitter: twitter.com/VoteBreadonMi43 Occupation / Current Position: I am a community organizer for Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network Education: I have an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Magna cum laude and a culinary graduate Qualifications / Experience: I have spent the last year and a half engaging, developing relationships and holding my elected representatives accountable, researching bills and asking them to support or oppose legislation depending on whether it helps or harms people. I have a strong understanding of the process of how legislation goes from being an idea, written, sent to committee and then brought to the floor for a vote.</p>	<p>My top 3 legislative priorities for Michigan are our improving our roads, schools and job opportunities. Consumers are paying out of pocket on repairs while corporations don't pay their share. Our schools are underfunded which has led to dismal test results. Our teachers are overworked and underpaid. Michigan has a shortage of skilled workers to fill good paying jobs. Changing our tax structure to a graduated system would bring relief to middle class families while creating revenue to help fund our roads, schools and post-secondary training to get workers into good paying jobs.</p>	<p>I support incentives to attract and retain teachers in struggling schools. Longevity is key to good changes in low-performing districts. I support investing in early childhood programs. The foundation for student success starts at 3 years old. Michigan is one of 15 states that doesn't offer state-funded preschool. I support more affordable post-secondary education including free community college and low-cost skill trades training. There's a shortage of adults with skills needed for jobs that require more than a diploma but less than a bachelor's degree. We need an affordable path to train people to fill these jobs.</p>
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★★★★ District 44 ★★★★★

<p>Matt Maddock, Republican Website: www.MattMaddock.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/matt.maddock.96 Twitter: twitter.com/matthewmaddock Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner Education: Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Oakland Community College Qualifications / Experience: 28 years as a small business owner and employer. Conservative Leader. Founder of the Michigan Conservative Coalition. Republican Delegate since 1996.</p>	<p>1. Fight to reduce our auto insurance rates. As a conservative leader, I have already come out against the powerful interests that want to keep the status quo. They are making BILLIONS of dollars off Michigan families' backs by keeping Michigan's auto insurance rates the highest in the nation. I'll fight this battle for you. 2. Lower the cost of electricity. For the last 18 years, the median Michigan family income has remained flat. Meanwhile, the cost of electricity has doubled. This makes us UN-attractive to manufacturing. 3. Fight to reduce our state income tax and eliminate the senior pension tax.</p>	<p>I am in favor of LOCAL control of our schools and more competition within our public education system. Charter Schools are helping create this competition and I believe we need more schools of choice so parents are not stuck in an underperforming school. I am NOT in favor of Common Core and the federal government controlling our local curriculum. Teachers know their students best and we need to give them more individual latitude to teach our kids. I am also a proponent of expanding the trade and vocational training at the secondary and post-secondary levels.</p>
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<p>Laura Dodd, Democrat Website: Dodd2018.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/LauraDodd2018/ Twitter: twitter.com/LauraADodd Occupation / Current Position: Nonprofit Consultant, Self-Employed. Strategic Planning, Operational Strategy, Volunteer Development Education: University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business, Masters of Nonprofit Administration, 2018. Western Michigan University, Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Communication, 1999 Qualifications / Experience: After 20-years of experience in the nonprofit industry, Laura is prepared to take her background in advocacy, strategic development, and business management to Lansing to help strengthen our state, improve the lives of working families, and ensure there are opportunities in Michigan for all people to succeed.</p>	<p>Education: Build an education system in Michigan that shifts our focus from test scores and college entrance. We will focus on leading the nation in producing functional, independent 25-year-olds. Environment & Public Parks: Maintain clean water, clean air, and safe, quality housing and our world-class public parks to make our communities an attractive place to live while remaining open to job-creating business. Small Business: Remove barriers for new and existing small businesses with access to capital, streamlined regulatory processes & world class infrastructure.</p>	<p>The funding structure for Michigan schools is not working for all kids. We need to adjust state funding to respond to the specific needs of the district. This includes a base level of per-student funding augmented with additional funding for special education, transportation, ESL, free & reduced lunch and other variable costs. In addition, we must restrict access to the school aid fund to expenditures that directly affect education. Finally, we should review & revise educational targets to reduce focus on standardized tests and college entrance & move toward a goal of 100% independent, contributing 25-year-olds.</p>
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Biographical Info

PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?

EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

★★★ District 45 ★★★

Michael Webber, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative and also a licensed Insurance Agent.

Education: BA in International Relations from Michigan State University 1996 Graduate of Rochester Adams High School

Qualifications / Experience: Current 45th District State Representative for the Past Four Years. Rochester Hills City Councilman for over Seven Years; Final Three years serviced as City Council Vice President.

1. Roads and Infrastructure improvements - Finally passed a plan in 2015 to increase road funding for the first time in decades. Need to follow through with that plan to invest a full \$1.2 billion a year additional in roads. Have underfunded roads for decades, need to start to catch up and make progress. 2. Education and Talent Development - Need to continue to invest in Education at the K-12, Community College and Higher Education levels. Also need to focus on the skilled trades and preparing students for the careers of the future. 3. Public Safety - Need to get more funding to county and local police, not State.

Work needs to continue in order to reach our stated goal of becoming a Top 10 education state over the next 10 years. The state must settle in on testing and curriculum, instead of constantly changing, in order to have some consistency and an ability to benchmark results. The Third grade reading bills passed in 2015-2016 should help greatly with our future education standings among other states.

Kyle Cooper, Democrat

Website: www.cooperformihouse.wordpress.com

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Education: B.A. History from Oakland University, Minor in Political Science

Qualifications / Experience: Former political organizer and future teacher

It is my steadfast belief that the assault that our public education system is currently under is our states largest problem. This is my reason for running for the state house and what drives me every day. We need more funding and to work directly with educators to craft curriculum to best benefit students. Secondly we need to craft a long term road funding bill that will repair and maintain Michigan's roads for decades to come. And thirdly, I want to work to put more money in the wallets of middle class families in Michigan by lowering health and auto insurance costs.

We need to properly fund our education system on the whole in this state. Education has not been a priority in Michigan for far too long, and I will change that when elected. We need to work with teachers and educators to learn from them, what they and their students need. We must set the bar high but understand that a students intelligence is not based solely on a standardized test score and a GPA. Giving young adults choices is key. College is not the right choice for everyone and the skilled trades should be encouraged as much as college and university. College debt is also a large problem that needs addressing.

★★★ District 46 ★★★

John Reilly, Republican

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Mindy Denninger, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for House District 46

Education: Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: A lifelong resident of Michigan, Mindy worked as an automotive product engineer for over three decades where she used problem-solving techniques that she would like to use in the Michigan Legislature.

1) Quality of Place – repairing, maintaining, and improving Michigan's infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, communications, transit, energy and public health and safety systems. 2) Quality of Life – well-paying jobs, access to healthcare, affordable car insurance, and an effective safety net so that all people can lead good lives. 3) A sustainable future – well-funded education that positions Michiganders success in a changing world, and preservation of our natural resources.

There has been a lot of research into how to improve education in Michigan. Next is to evaluate and act on it, and rework how funding is done. Expanding early childhood education, respecting and supporting teachers, and lowering the costs of higher education are good places to start. All children deserve a quality education and I would not support proposals that create unequal opportunities for some students.

★★★ District 51 ★★★

Mike Mueller, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Deputy Sheriff- Road Patrol

Education: 1992 Linden High School. 1999 B.S. Eastern Michigan University, with honors. 1999 Washtenaw County Police Academy

Qualifications / Experience: I am a husband, father, U.S. Navy veteran, deputy sheriff, farmer and small business owner. My career paths and life experience gives me the ability to relate with many people in the district and state. I make real life decisions that affect peoples lives everyday. This has taught me how to communicate effectively and efficiently. All the qualities needed to be a representative.

No Fault Auto Reform. Reduce the cost for Michigan citizens by creating a fraud authority, place limits on cost of family attendant care, and make sure the settlement of claims gets to the injured party instead of being tied up in legal fees. Opiate Crisis. As a police officer I am concerned with the opiate crises. Making sure law enforcement and the medical community along with community mental health all work together to combat the issue. Roads. More money needs to be spent to fix our roads. Responsible spending and proper revenue sharing along with proper use of the gas tax.

Public education is the number one budget issue in the state of Michigan. Public education is a high priority for the people of my district and will be a priority of mine. Accountability with objective measurement of teacher and school district performance so the parents know how well their child, building and district is performing. Support education policies that empower parents to make choices for the betterment of their child's education. Support career and technical training for students to train them for skilled trades and occupations to prepare them for the work world, regardless if they go onto college.

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<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?</i>	<i>EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?</i>
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★★★ District 51 ★★★ (Cont.)

<p>David E Lossing, Democrat Website: www.votedavidlossing.net Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Lossing51st/ Twitter: twitter.com/Lossing51st Occupation / Current Position: Ph.D. candidate, Indiana State University Education: Ph.D. candidate, Indiana State University Ed.S., UM-Flint M.P.A., UM-Flint B.A., UM-Flint Associates of Arts, Mott Comm. College MPLP Fellowship, MSU Qualifications / Experience: Former Mayor, City of Linden (2004-2016) Former Linden City Councilor, City of Linden (1998-2006) Past President, Michigan Municipal League (2012-2013) Former Director of Government Relations, UM-Flint, 2006-2016 Former Associate Director State Outreach, UM-Ann Arbor, 2000-2006 Former Regional Representative, U.S. Senator Carl Levin (MI) 1991-2000</p>	<p>1. Restore \$8 billion of revenue sharing to Michigan communities that has been cut by the State over the past 16 years. 2. Work with our local school districts to create a voluntary balanced calendar program in partnership with the State. Three phases: planning grant to determine viability, capitol outlay funding to upgrade the school building(s), a per-pupil funding increase to cover transportation costs and intersession programming. 3. A new funding program for Michigan's high school seniors called the "Michigan Commitment" to be used for trade schools, two-year and four-year college degrees.</p>	<p>A voluntary approach to a balanced calendar may assist with student's academic retention between grade levels. There are three phases: 1) a planning grant to determine the fit with a school district; 2) capitol outlay funding to upgrade the school building(s); 3) an increase in per-pupil funding to cover intersession planning programs, transportation costs, and other needed resources. A new funding program for Michigan's high school seniors called the "Michigan Commitment" to be used for trade schools, two-year and four-year college degrees. It would cover the "last dollar" funding gap for students to finish.</p>
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State Board of Education – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

The State Board of Education has eight members and has leadership and general supervision responsibility over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith. It shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<p>Tami Carlone, Republican Website: TamiCarlone.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Tami4ED/ Twitter: twitter.com/T2CPA Occupation / Current Position: CPA, Business Owner, and Process Improvement Expert of 30 years Education: University of Michigan Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting Major</p>	<p>My career lends itself perfectly to a seat on the Board. I am also a National, State & Local Education Advocate of 18 years. As a member of the national network of education advocates, Truth in American Education, I keep the pulse of our nation's schools every day, & we share best practices. I am a member of U.S. Parents Involved in Education & am on the Board of Michigan PIE. I co-authored 2018 HB 4192 to repeal Common Core & give MI students the proven best. I am an award-winning educator of adults & children of all ages, abilities & income levels. I am running so I can return TRUTH & EXCELLENCE to MI schools.</p>	<p>Teachers must deal with way too much these days, like jumping through one governmental hoop after another, excessive paperwork & data collection, meetings & more. We need them connecting with students & focused on teaching in their classrooms. We must make sure what teachers are learning in teacher college makes them ready to meet the demands of the job, like expertise in phonics. Excellent teachers can CHANGE LIVES. We must stop the teach to the test mentality that is killing our children's love of learning. We must get out of Common Core & the related testing & give our students the proven best standards & tests.</p>	<p>All one must do is look at the results to know MI is in trouble regarding education. MI ed spending is up to \$14.8 billion in 2018 (up each year despite declining enrollment) yet school results are on a steady decline. The Wall Street Journal summed it up perfectly 1/2018, "Few state school systems report worse achievement metrics than MI." We are bottom ranked for special education. I am passionate about making MI a POWERHOUSE in education for ALL children. We should be the state others look to as the example. Every ed \$ must have a positive impact on classroom learning. Ed policy makers must be held accountable.</p>
<p>Richard Zeile, Republican Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Richard-Zeile-DRZ-for-State-Board-of-Education-106714412694744/ Occupation / Current Position: Co-President, State Board of Education, 2017-2018 Pastor, St. John's Lutheran, Taylor, since 2001 Education: D.Min. Detroit Ecumenical Seminary; Ed.Spec. Wayne State; MDiv Concordia, Ft. Wayne, IN; MTS Harvard Divinity, Cambridge, MA; MA Rackham, UofM; BA Valparaiso Univ, IN; 2 Unit CPA Detroit Sinai-Grace</p>	<p>I currently serve on the Board, elected Co-President by Democrat & Republican members, where I identify incoherence and true costs of policy choices. I represent us at NASBE, the National Association of State Boards of Education, serving as an officer. I published my doctoral thesis on Detroit school closings in the 1990s and write op-eds regularly on Board issues. I taught in Detroit for 25 years and helped to organize a MEAP award-winning charter school in the city. I was president of another academy there during reorganization after the preceding board mishandled funds. My children attended Detroit public schools.</p>	<p>1) Focus on ends (student achievement), not means (compliance issues). 2) Focus on competence rather than credentials for students. 3) Avoid mission creep: adding to a school's tasks/responsibilities so that the school's mission (literacy & numeracy) becomes unfocused. 4) Beware of policy/programming that supplants rather than supplements parental involvement and responsibility. 5) Develop clear policy that enables local schools to take initiative and responsibility for student achievement. 6) Maximize choices for parents and students in enrollment, program, and philosophy of education. 7) Encourage character values.</p>	<p>1) Select a new Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2019 to succeed the late Brian Whiston. I look for someone who has lived with the policies he/she has put in place and has familiarity with Michigan schools. 2) Identify the factors that enable 3rd grade students to read and be ready for subsequent learning. 3) Clarify the empowering character of basic literacy and numeracy. When one can access others' experiences, and understand the workings of the world around her, that gives meaning to life that was not there before; this is the blessing of education which applies regardless of job status, or role in life.</p>

State Board of Education – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<p>Judy P. Pritchett, Democrat Website: votejudypritchett.com Facebook: http://facebook.com judy pritchett Occupation / Current Position: Retired after over 25 years of public school experience Education: PhD - Oakland University - 2002 Education Specialist - Oakland University - 1997 Master - Oakland University - 1994 Bachelor of Arts - Oakland University - 1988 Associate of Arts - 1971</p>	<p>As a retired educator with more than 25 years of experience – most recently, as Chief Academic Officer of Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) – and as a concerned grandparent of children educated in Michigan’s public schools, I am confident my passion for and academic grounding in public education, practical experience as a teacher and administrator, and commitment to building collaborative relationships with local and state leaders will make me a valuable contributor to the Board.</p>	<p>We have an obligation to the children in the state of Michigan to find solutions to our financial and achievement issues with common sense focused policies. All children who enter the school house door must be treated equally and provided the resources they need. Instead of closure and punishment, we must work together as a community to provide support to improve schools across the state. Financial resources need to be provided based on the needs of the students</p>	<p>One issue facing the Board is the selection of a new State Superintendent of Schools. If elected to the Board, I will make my decision in a deliberate manner considering the background of the individual related to their experience in schools, leadership positions and decision-making ability. Another issue is the reliance on state assessments for judgments about a schools’ overall achievement levels and the performance of teachers. Discussion needs to center on consistency on test format and clear targets.</p>
<p>Tiffany Tilley, Democrat Website: www.votetiffanytilley.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/tiffanytilleyforstateboard/ Occupation / Current Position: Director of the Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition Education: Norwich College (in progress), Master of Arts in International Relations-International Development; and University of Detroit Mercy, MBA 2014</p>	<p>I am currently the Director of the Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition. I have experience working in city and county government. I also have experience teaching K-12 in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties. I was an instructor at Wayne State University in the K-12 SEMAA Program which was sponsored by NASA. Project Management experience in Real Estate Development led to 9.9 MM going towards renovating low-income communities in Oakland County. I also have experience in Contract Negotiations, Financial Analysis and Recommendations on Multi-Million Dollar Entities.</p>	<p>Increasing public funding to the Dep. of Ed and local districts by lobbying the legislature. This is crucial, because per pupil funding is below more than half of the states in the U.S. Many certified teachers leave MI due to low salaries and attack’s on benefits. More funding will allow for special programs to help combat illiteracy, fix the failing infrastructure in many of the districts and help retain teachers in urban areas to reduce class sizes helping to close the Achievement Gap statewide. Lastly, strengthening anti-bullying polices across the state and have each local district adhere to the same standards.</p>	<p>The most important thing the Board will do is to hire a new Superintendent that will implement important policies Statewide. This is important because the Superintendent will be responsible for addressing issues such as overcrowding, failing infrastructure, determining a new method to increasing funds to the districts since multiple mileages to increase funding has been defeated. As a Board Member it will be my duty to make sure that person is qualified, and has a track record of improving educational systems. Most importantly that, that person has a history of putting children first.</p>
<p>Scotty Boman, Libertarian Website: http://scottymboman.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/scottymboman Twitter: twitter.com/boman2012 Occupation / Current Position: Science and Mathematics Professor at Macomb Community College & Wayne County Community College Dist. Education: Wayne State University: Teaching Certificate (1998) and MAT (1999). Western Michigan U: MA in Physics (1987), and BS (1985) Majors: Physics and Philosophy. Minor: Mathematics.</p>	<p>I’ve been a professional educator for over 20 years. I served on the Wayne State University Student Council in 1999. I was Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in 2006. My most important qualification is that I am a professional educator who recognizes the failure of compulsory education run from Lansing. Of course I can’t change that directly, but I can be an advocate for reform. End State control. I support returning the money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes.</p>	<p>Over-specialization is the primary cause of extinction. We need to diversify and move away from the top-down approach that seeks to standardize education. One size does not fit all. Central control caused the downward slide. I support returning the amount of money parents would spend on public schools to parents who wish to enroll their children in private schools. The same for parents who wish to use these funds for home schooling purposes. This is a compromise. Ideally politician would not intervene in the education process and people would not have that money stolen from them by the government for that purpose.</p>	<p>1. Over-standardization: Issue guidelines that encourage schools to be laboratories of innovation. Encourage distance learning opportunities that would be accessible by traditional students and home-schooled students alike. Give schools and families control of curriculum, not politicians. 2. Coercive funding mechanisms: Advise the legislature on initiatives to restore local and parental control. People should not be forced to pay for education they don’t use. 3. Safety: “Gun-Free Zones” are favored by terrorists. Permit people legally qualified to carry firearms elsewhere to carry them in schools.</p>
<p>John J. Tatar, Libertarian Website: johnjtatar.com Facebook: http://johnjtatar Occupation / Current Position: Retired Teacher 31 years, Retired lieutenant colonel, army reserves Education: BS Education WSU, MS Ed Administration, Vocational endorsement, Command & General Staff USAR,</p>	<p>I have spent many years in a classroom and on a construction site where the students built a house. The Home Construction class built 15 homes in Livonia. I also taught Command & General Staff College to officers in the army. I experienced why students learn and have been successful teaching/training for 31 years. I believe that education has fallen off the rails of its true intent, to give our youth a vision of all that life has to offer though critical thinking and what it means be a citizen in our Republic(s). My experience is invaluable to the education of our youth & future of our Republic(s).</p>	<p>Eliminate Common Core, no child left behind, Return to the arts, industrial arts, home and family living, the trades and basic skills etc. Teach the Constitution, civics, what it means to be a productive citizen living in the Republic(s). Teach true and accurate history; for those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Education should be a general study of many areas of life so that students can choose their own pathway for their future. Return to the basic principles of our Declaration of Independence/Constitution and the important part every citizen must play to maintain our liberties. .</p>	<p>Get the federal government as well as the state influence out of curriculum. Return the curriculum back to local boards of education and the parents. Teach the youth of our nation to be self-reliant, self governing, and self controlling, the corner stone of our Republic(s), where the people are the government and we delegate authority to those we wish to govern us- - by the people and for the people. I also feel that the electronic technology, wi-fi, cell towers on school property, 5G etc.being pressed upon us needs to slow down until further investigation/research is conducted to see that it causes NO HARM to us.</p>
<p>Karen Adams, U.S. Taxpayers Facebook: http://kadamsmotherof7@gmail.com Occupation / Current Position: retired Education: Bachelor’s degree from Kuyper College</p>	<p>Lots of experience in the teaching field! Think of me as Laura Ingalls, having taught several different subjects at several different grade levels at one time, only over a 28 year period, and mostly in my home, which functioned as a one room schoolhouse. I have also helped and supervised the education of other students who had been floundering in the system. I have had children in the public school system, in private school, and homeschool. I have taught 4 years as a tutor with Classical Conversations, as well as numerous other enrichment classes. I understand the dynamics of teaching and the classroom setting.</p>	<p>OK, ready to get radical? Greatly reduce the teacher/student ratio! Teachers are put at an extreme disadvantage when asked to actually impart information to 25 or more students at one time. But this is not “new” radical, this is “old, tried-and true” radical. We used to be the most literate nation in the world. Small schools and good student/teacher ratio worked, and it can work again. What is more important–buildings or true learning? Let’s put aside the false security of bigness and get back to really teaching Michigan’s precious souls with personal attention and care that teachers want to give, but can’t.</p>	<p>Apathy–or worse–the feeling that nothing can be done to really improve the education of one’s own community, because the all-important decisions come from the top-down. It is time the State Board of Education quit allocating responsibilities to itself that actually belong to parents and local school boards. Let’s give those responsibilities back where they belong. The State Board of Education has become an octopus, with tentacles reaching in areas that have nothing to do with education. Let’s keep it tight and efficient!</p>

State Board of Education – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term (Cont.)

<i>Biographical Info</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for State Board of Education and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What actions would you recommend to improve our education system?</i>	<i>What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education and what actions would you take regarding them?</i>
<p>Doug Levesque, US Taxpayers</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>		
<p>Sherry A. Wells, Green Website: sherryawells.net Facebook: http://Sherry A Wells for State Board of Education Occupation / Current Position: Attorney, Author, Publisher, Public Speaker, Genealogy Researcher, Community Activist Education: Assoc. Arts, Grand Rapids Jr. College; B.A. Education, K to Jr. High, minors Spanish, Political Science, Michigan State University; J.D. Law Degree, Wayne State University.</p>	<p>Attended public schools in Detroit, rural Kent County. Due to “teacher surplus,” teaching certificate expired. Instructed intro. law classes, wrote a text. Presented Esperanto at foreign language teacher conferences. Involved parent at schools, ran for local school board, elected to city charter commission. I do my “homework.” attend State Board of Education and school board and related meetings across Michigan to listen and learn. “Poverty is the biggest obstacle to education”—children must be our primary investment, with the community not corporations at the forefront. An attorney on the board would be an asset.</p>	<p>Prioritize, not profitize, our public schools—for-profit charter schools need to be abolished and “innovative” schools be authorized by the local school districts. Provide wraparound services so children do not come to school hungry, traumatized. Special education needs to be proactive, not waiting for the “squeaky wheel.” Schools should be cooperative advocates not adversaries with all parents so “Every Student Succeeds,” “No Child is Left Behind,” become realities not slogans. The legislature needs to support education and not lose federal monies, such as that lost for Early Childhood Enrichment by not matching.</p>	<p>Increasingly, corporations control education across the USA—that pressure must be resisted. The Green Party is a progressive party, not a caucus; a stronger, not corporate-bought voice needs to be on the Board and push it to take its concerns to the people and request their active support to insist that the legislature come through for our children—the money can be found. (Search “482 Forward”). The legislature mandated that children be able to read by 3rd grade or be flunked, but it is not funding that mandate. Preschool programs are predictors of success but underfunding keeps women workers poor and turnover high.</p>
<p>Mary Anne Hering, Working Class Party Website: Independent website: www.workingclassfight.com Occupation / Current Position: College teacher, Henry Ford college; Socialist activist in the working class at Ford Rouge plant. Education: B.A. University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) M.A. Ecological Psychology, MSU. Extensive education through organizing in the working class in Detroit Metro area and through ties with co-workers.</p>	<p>As a long-time teacher, I have been a steadfast advocate for students and their families, the support staff of the college, as well as part-time teachers who are the backbone of the teaching staff, with lower pay and no benefits. I have also organized in the working class for decades and can give voice to workers who see their children and grandchildren deprived of a quality education because the state cuts money from public education. I can speak up for teachers and other employees who are deprived of the means they need to educate young people and whose wages and benefits are reduced because of those cuts.</p>	<p>Take a page from history, including recent history, where teachers, students, school employees and people from their communities organized to fight for their right to have better wages, working conditions, and more resources in the schools. I think the educational system would be improved when those most affected organize to demand that public money go for public education. And I would stand with those people and assist in any way I could to help with that social fight. Because that is what it took for the working class to ever have the right to public education in the first place and it’s what it will take again.</p>	<p>Crumbling infrastructure in the schools. The handing over of public money to for-profit charter schools. Abysmal test scores reflecting the tremendous disparity that exists in our public school systems. I would stand up and say, enough is enough! The issue is money: Tax breaks to corporations and money to private schools means public money is being stolen from our public school systems. All school districts need high funding and districts that have more problems, need even more. The actions I would recommend would be to support people in their communities to organize to stop the theft and demand full, high funding.</p>
<p>Logan Smith, Working Class Party Student Website: Independent Website: working-classfight.com Occupation / Current Position: Student Education: High School Diploma - Cass Technical High School, Detroit</p>	<p>I’ve lived in Detroit all my life. I was a student in the Detroit Public Schools where I saw firsthand the problems that children of working people had to deal with. I feel that as a person who has actually had to deal with our education system here in Michigan myself, I am very qualified for this position.</p>	<p>The solutions for the problems that our school system faces are not difficult to figure out: fund poor schools. Provide supplies, fix the broken buildings, hire more teachers, and raise teachers’ pay. Make public colleges and universities free for anyone who wants to attend, so that people can get a degree without going into crushing debt. To pay for this, take the wealth back from corporations that were bailed out with money taken from our schools.</p>	<p>Schools need all the money that’s been stolen back, and much more. Not enough textbooks, underpaid teachers, and huge class sizes are just some of the issues that students of working people face thanks to a vastly underfunded educational system. The State Board of Education does not have the power to fix that; in fact, no politicians have that power. The only way that things are going to change is if ordinary people, teachers, students, parents, organize together and disrupt business as usual to stand for what’s right.</p>

University of Michigan Regents – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

The University of Michigan Board of Regents has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution’s funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

<i>Biographical Info:</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
<p>Andrea Fischer Newman, Republican Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MichiganAndi/ Twitter: twitter.com/MichiganAndi Occupation / Current Position: Director, Borden Dairy Director, Prime Flight Aviation Consultant, Delta Air Lines Education: J.D., George Washington University National Law Center 1983 B.A., with honors, University of Michigan 1979</p>	<p>I care deeply about public education. Through service, I have gained the perspective and the experience to know what it takes to ensure that the University of Michigan continues to be the greatest public university in the country and that it is affordable and available to all Michigan families. My work experience is an asset; I have spent my career in senior management at Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and as a partner at a leading law firm and am currently serving on two corporate boards. My service on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and NACIQI has further prepared me to serve the University.</p>	<p>It is critical that we make Michigan affordable for all Michigan families. The University can improve processes for managing existing resources. It can and should be aggressive about fiscal stewardship – in procurement, public private partnerships, eliminating overlapping functions, and centralizing functions wherever sensible and efficient. The University should also focus on growing the endowment, reviewing its management for best practices and continuously developing new sources of revenue. There are growing opportunities in supporting tech transfer, research and campus startups and other innovative work on campus.</p>	<p>The first is making the University affordable for all Michigan families and students. The University belongs to all of us and must therefore be available to everyone. Growing the endowment and managing resources efficiently are key to succeeding in making sure anyone who wants a Michigan education can afford one. The second is supporting and preparing University of Michigan graduates to lead in this economy. The economy is changing rapidly; the University should embrace it, harness our broad and deep talent to grow the entrepreneurial curriculum and projects at the university which will help graduates succeed.</p>

University of Michigan Regents – Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term (Cont.)

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Andrew Richner, Republican	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Jordan Acker, Democrat Website: www.mgoacker.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/MGoAcker Twitter: twitter.com/JordanAckerMI Occupation / Current Position: Partner and Director of Business Development, Goodman Acker, Southfield Education: U-M B.A., 2006 American University, J.D. 2010	<p>I'm proud to have a range of experiences in the public and private sector: having worked at Homeland Security, in the Personnel Office of the White House, and now in a small business, where I'm responsible for a multi-million dollar marketing budget. But these boards are also in need of fresh perspectives. I would be the first board member (and am the first nominee of either major party) to have graduated from college this century. This is a perspective that is needed in the room.</p>	<p>We must increase the spend level from the endowment, back to 1990s levels. While Michigan's endowment has almost doubled from its 2006 level, to \$11+bn, Michigan has cut the spend toward the general fund (including on student aid, recruitment, and other programs) from 6% of the endowment to 4.5%. The first thing we must do with this expanded pool is to expand the Go Blue Guarantee to all three campuses, finally making a Michigan education within reach in Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn. We must also make transferring credits between campuses easier.</p>	<p>The Regents must work to expand the presence statewide of the University statewide, and to be more affordable and accessible. The Regents must make sure that the University serves Michiganders first, and should work to make sure that Michiganders from underrepresented areas, like Macomb County, Detroit, and the U.P., have access to a University degree. Finally, the University must do better when it comes to transparency. I believe we must make serious changes to avoid some of the issues that have plagued not just other Universities, but also our own.</p>
Paul Brown, Democrat Website: www.GoBlueVoteBrown.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/GoBlueVoteBrown Twitter: twitter.com/GoBlueVoteBrown Occupation / Current Position: Managing Partner at eLab Ventures - We invest in and support new and lifesaving technologies. Education: Petoskey High School University of Michigan, B.A. (history) Wayne State, J.D. University of Michigan, MBA	<p>I have two degrees from UofM and teach a course on finance and business there. I sit on many private and public boards including the League of Conservation Voters and the Michigan History Foundation. I was the VP of Capital Markets at MEDC where I helped build our State's economy by leveraging talent and innovation out of UofM. I am a small business owner and help companies bring UofM research to the public. I'm running because since my opponent has been on the board tuition has increased 600% and African American enrollment has decreased 50%. I want to use my experience to decrease tuition and increase diversity.</p>	<p>There are many things we can quickly to make UofM more affordable. UofM could increase scholarships by over \$50M per year if it went back to taking 5.5% a year out of the endowment. UofM has run an average annual budget surplus of over \$300M the last ten years. The University endowment could refinance graduates student loans at below market terms. These "investments" would be comparable in return and risk to others in the endowment's portfolio. UofM must roll back ballooning administrative costs. Lastly, UofM must help lead the effort to convince the electorate and the administration to increase spending on education.</p>	<p>Public universities like UofM were created to be affordable and accessible to the students of Michigan, no matter what community they came from or the wealth of their families. We must hold down tuition, increase the availability of scholarships and we must construct admissions policies that grant students admission based on their ability and performance regardless of their opportunity. Lastly, UofM must focus on extending its positive economic impact throughout the state both through it's educational and health-care systems.</p>
James Lewis Hudler, Libertarian	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
John Jascob, Libertarian Occupation / Current Position: Associate Managing Editor, Securities, Wolters Kluwer Legal and Regulatory U.S. Education: A.B., University of Michigan (1987); M.A.T., University of Massachusetts Amherst (1990); J.D., Concord University School of Law (2002); LL.M., University of Alabama School of Law (2015)	<p>I am running because I am deeply committed to the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of free academic inquiry in a free society. I will bring to the board a background in the areas of law, finance, and education. I work as a securities law editor at a leading legal publisher, after having spent many years in financial services, and I previously taught Latin at both the university and secondary levels. I am a member of the State Bar of California, Phi Beta Kappa, and American Mensa.</p>	<p>The cost of university attendance has skyrocketed over the past generation, forcing many students from middle and lower income families to incur crushing levels of debt to obtain a college degree. Similarly, taxpayers face the prospect of increasing tax burdens to fund a state-sponsored institution that is largely immune from market forces. As Regent, I will oppose tuition increases, while seeking to reduce administrative costs by privatizing non-essential, non-academic services. I also advocate decentralizing the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses to reduce overhead and increase student and faculty autonomy.</p>	<p>First, the University must zealously protect free speech and open debate on campus and resist attempts to silence unpopular points of view. I strongly oppose speech codes or other attempts at prohibiting expression protected by the First Amendment. Second, tuition costs continue to escalate, foreclosing educational opportunities for many potential students. I will oppose further tuition increases, while advocating privatization, decentralization, and student cooperatives to reduce costs and increase student and faculty participation in university governance.</p>
Joe Sanger, US Taxpayers	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Crystal VanSickle, US Taxpayers	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Kevin A. Graves, Green Occupation / Current Position: Teacher Education: University of Michigan-Biochemistry and Psychology	<p>I graduated with a double major (Biochemistry and Psychology) from the University of Michigan. Then, I went to work at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in research laboratories and earned 5 biochemical research publications. Through the years, I've had my share of problems with administration and have heard complaints from other students and workers. So, because I personally faced discrimination at the University of Michigan I would be an "asset" to protect the rights of students and workers.</p>	<p>I would propose free college tuition for students with family gross income of \$50,000 or less for the previous year before entering college and have student loan forgiveness for graduates with gross income of \$50,000 or less per year. So, for most so poorly paid teachers they would receive student loan forgiveness.</p>	<p>On the most pressing issues facing the University of Michigan is the high cost of going to the University of Michigan and the other most pressing issue is discrimination. My "position" on the high cost of going to the University of Michigan; to college is that the high cost of college is a deterrent to even the thought of going to college: parents know that they can't afford it, so they may not encourage academic excellence as readily. As such, we must lower the cost of college! As a minority, my "position" on wrongful discrimination (sexism, homophobia, and racism) is obvious: I'm against it! I'm for Equal Rights!</p>
Marge Katchmark Sallows, Natural Law	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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Dave Dutch, Republican	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Mike Miller, Republican Website: www.mikemillerformsu.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/mikemillerformsu Twitter: twitter.com/MikeMillerForM1 Occupation / Current Position: Vice Chairman of the Board Orchid Orthopedic Solutions Education: Mike graduated in 1971 from Michigan State University with a BS in Labor and Industrial Relations.	I founded a company twenty-nine years ago. We started with four employees and grew that company to its current size employing two thousand people with thirteen manufacturing plants around the world. We have 900 Michigan employees. Similar to building and succeeding with a large commercial enterprise, leadership of a big university requires exceptional skill and experience in the areas of critical thinking, financial acumen, team building, human resources and corporate governance. These are experiences and skills I can bring to MSU. I have also served on many boards, both for profit and non-profit.	Tuition hikes in excess of inflation are not sustainable. World class businesses and universities face the same cost challenges: salaries, supplies, healthcare, capital, etc... Yet every day world class industries do more for customers without charging more, often by seeking out superior technology. A world class university must do the same or it will cease to be world class. Productivity improvements must become the norm at MSU, not an exception. In the years to come, working class Michigan families must find the price of an elite education at MSU to be more affordable, not less.	A.) Hiring an exceptional new president for the next decade to guide MSU. B.) Healing the wounds caused by the Nassar crisis and creating an environment of safety for all students. Stakeholders deserve a more open and transparent board. As a result of recent events (Nassar) it is imperative that the board more closely comply with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Past compliance has too often meant obeying the letter of these laws. We must do better and adhere to the SPIRIT of these laws, erring always on the side of openness rather than evasiveness
Brianna T. Scott, Democrat Website: www.Brianna4MSU.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Brianna4MSU/ Twitter: twitter.com/Brianna4MSU Occupation / Current Position: Attorney in Private Practice and Business Owner Education: Michigan State University, B.A. Marketing; Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctorate	As a MSU alum who struggled to pay tuition, former Asst. Prosecutor and attorney with 18 years experience, woman of color and parent of a current MSU student, my experiences have allowed me to be able to relate to and understand the struggles of many college students. My unique legal background will be an asset to the Board in dealing with the legal issues at hand. Additionally, my credentials and professional experiences on Boards, as President of the Muskegon Rotary Club and extensive community activism have prepared me to be an effective Trustee with the ability to lead MSU through the current crisis and beyond.	As a parent paying tuition for a current MSU student, in addition to making my voice heard on this issue with our Legislature, my plan would involve providing college Freshmen with a Tuition Freeze for 4 years. This will allow parents and students the ability to budget for their time at MSU, without the concerns of ever increasing rates each year. As well, I'd like to institute a plan similar to what U of M offers through its endowment, enabling families that meet certain income requirements to qualify for free tuition up to four years. I'd also like graduated loan forgiveness for graduates who stay in MI for 10 yrs.	(1) Finding and hiring the next President that has the integrity, temperament and experience necessary to lead MSU forward. I want to have active student, faculty/staff involvement in board activities and decision making to provide important feedback, concerns and opinions to help administrators improve the quality of their decisions. (2) Taking the lead in creating and maintaining a campus culture of care and safety & providing resources that support those efforts. Ensuring departments work collaboratively with each other, off-campus service providers and law enforcement so that all investigations follow protocols.
Kelly Charron Tebay, Democrat Website: www.kellytebayformsu.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/KellyTebayforMSU/ Twitter: twitter.com/KellyforMSU Occupation / Current Position: Relationship Manager, United Way for Southeastern Michigan Education: BA International Relations with Muslim Studies Specialization MS Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis with Certificates in Homeland Security and Critical Thinking	I am a passionate MSU alumnus who is not far removed from my time on campus. I feel the pain that students are facing today and share the frustration with the university's handling of its cultural problems. As a survivor of sexual assault that I experienced at MSU, I understand this pain that many students have gone through. I have 10 years of professional fundraising experience. I currently connect private sector organizations with those in-need at the United Way for SE Michigan. I help those who don't have opportunity gain access to it, and I see how hard life is when you don't have economic privilege or education.	We start by streamlining financial aid to ensure that every in-state student who comes from a household with income of less than \$65,000 is guaranteed free tuition. For students who come from households with income of less than \$120,000, but above \$65,000, we must target grants and scholarships to ensure that their tuition remains proportionately priced. Combined, these two ideas form the basis for my Go Green Guarantee. But we can and must do more than just focus on tuition. We must address housing and meal affordability and access, and also streamline credit transfer from other colleges.	I cannot summarize this in 2 reasons, so I've narrowed it to 3. I have listed 10 of them at kellytebayforMSU.com 1)To rebuild the public's trust that has been broken through holding the board accountable and transparent with decision making, and by making them be as accessible as every elected official should be. 2)To change the culture on campus, from the way the university handles sexual assault to the way it deals with affordability and diversity issues. 3)Making MSU more accessible and affordable to all Michiganders, focusing on reducing financial hurdles, increasing credit transfer and improving campus diversity.
Bruce Campbell, Libertarian Website: http://michiganlp.org Occupation / Current Position: advocate for the poor, leadership in community Education: BA from MSU, post grad work, Paris, FR and Lausanne, Switzerland. charter member Justin Morrill College	Teacher social worker postal clerk/ Master 30 yrs.; union treas. & steward 2 yrs.; curriculum adviser 6 yrs.; Downtown Development, chaired subcommittee 1 yr; advocate for poor (took homeless in) lifetime; fund raiser for charity 15 yrs.; leadership in civic and religious organizations 53 yrs.; various occupations from farm work to assembly, bus driver to lifeguard - managed city pool, reading tutor, working with gifted and talented. With a vast field of experience, being able to listen to all sides, do research and find viable solutions are major reasons for running for Trustee and are valuable assets to this work	Some ideas to help make college education cheaper would include: 1) cut the budget 10% across the board, eliminate duplication; 2) expand work/study program, create with business community apprenticeships, or internships; and 3) allow more credit approval for classes taken at community colleges, AP classes and the 13th high school year (even vocational tech) towards undergraduate courses.	MSU Trustees are in the process of hiring a new university president. This person should have varied experience in business and education. This person should be thoroughly vetted and not political. A person who loves to work with students and is available to all with an open door. How to handle future sexual scandals and avoid "cover-ups" is a major issue that still plagues our school. Policies should be in place and enforced to provide a safe environment for all persons; i.e. zero tolerance for sexual harassment, bullying and hazing. We need to be fiscal responsible, accepting and pro peace.
Tim Orzechowski, Libertarian	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		

Michigan State University Board of Trustees (Cont.)

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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Janet M Sanger, US Taxpayers Website: votesanger.com Occupation / Current Position: Home Educator Education: 1977-1990 – Litchfield Community Schools 1994 - Jackson College – Associates in Aviation Technology, Certified Flight Instructor. Married to John Paul Sanger for 27 years.	<p>I'm the mother to seven children and have been a home educator for eighteen years. I know the importance of education and how that can be delivered through varying platforms. I believe that society needs to be better educated. We need to offer quality education to a greater variety of people. Not everyone can regularly be on campus to attend classes. We are missing a large sector of society that needs an affordable educational opportunity. I would be an asset to the University Board by bringing in a fresh perspective and my ability to think outside the box.</p>	<p>Our society needs to be more fiscally responsible. It is unethical to burden students with large amounts of debt just as they are starting out on their own. We need to look at lowering the cost of education by exploring alternative ways to deliver that education. We could increase our student body by offering more classes via the internet and reduce the need to host all the classes and all the students on campus. Students could have the option to receive instruction in the convenience and safety of their own home, study independently, and utilize testing centers to prove competency.</p>	<p>Student safety is at the top of my list. I believe all reports of assault should be overseen by an outside law enforcement agency, such as the Michigan State Police. After that, fiscal responsibility and quality education go hand in hand. Not only does the university need to be fiscally responsible, but we need to pass that philosophy on to our students. They should not have to take on huge debt to get an education. We can do better for society, and that is why we must explore other delivery methods which would keep student costs down.</p>
John Paul Sanger, US Taxpayers Website: votesanger.com Occupation / Current Position: Technical Service Specialist	<p>I have worked in the Michigan power industry for over 30 years. I take a common-sense approach in all that I do. My wife and I have home educated our children for 18 years, and I am familiar with a variety of educational options.</p>	<p>The university should expand digital platforms that reduce cost and staffing. This would also allow more students to access a college education.</p>	<p>I see the board's most pressing issues as providing affordable, quality education, and ensuring student safety. I believe we need to expand our educational delivery options to reach more students, and at the same time reduce tuition costs. As for student safety, I think that all assault allegations need to be turned over to an impartial law enforcement agency.</p>
Aaron Mariasy, Green	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Bridgette R. Abraham-Guzman, Independent	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

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

<i>Biographical Info:</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
Diane Dunaskiss, Republican Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DunaskissForWSU/ Occupation / Current Position: Public School Educator, Retired Small Business Owner Education: BA Elementary Education - Wayne State University MA Reading & Special Education - Oakland University Educational Administration - Wayne State University	<p>As a graduate of Wayne State I ran for the Board of Governors because of my desire to give back through public service. I have been elected and have served three terms on the board and have held the offices of Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair and I am currently the Chair the Academic Affairs Committee. As a former public school teacher and administrator and a small business owner I bring extensive knowledge of best practices in teaching and a solid understanding of sound fiscal policies. My political background and relationships with elected officials make me a strong advocate to secure adequate state funding.</p>	<p>Wayne has consistently maintained the lowest tuition rates of the three major research universities in the state. It is critical that we strengthen our relationships with our legislators to secure adequate state funding to help reduce the burden on families. We must be strategic in our spending by concentrating on student success. By focusing on academic achievement, our students can graduate in four years, thereby incurring less debt and entering the job market as soon as possible. Encouraging students to utilize the dual enrollment and offering courses in a digital format can further reduce costs to students.</p>	<p>Continuing to attract students to Wayne by engaging in strategic funding to increase student achievement is the highest priority. We must promote continued excellence in teaching and remove barriers to graduation by closely monitoring and revising curriculum, and providing academic support. I have been a strong advocate for our "Finish in Four" initiative to encourage students to complete their degrees in four years. Sustaining our position as a preeminent, Carnegie I research institution is vital to the university, to our urban health initiatives and to our students who engage in research.</p>
David Nicholson, Republican Website: https://bog.wayne.edu/members/nicholson Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/NicholsonForWSU/ Occupation / Current Position: President and CEO PVS Chemicals, Inc. Education: BA in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Madison 1992 MBA - Strategy/Finance from the University of Chicago 1997	<p>In 2014 I was appointed to the board by Gov. Snyder and I've been vigilant in my commitment to the students, staff and alumni. In 1999, I joined the family business at PVS Chemicals, Inc. as CEO of manufacturing assets, recently I was elected to President/CEO. WSU plays a fundamental role in the success of Detroit and vice-versa. My business background, local Detroit roots and my political connections have yielded tremendous results for WSU Warriors thus far through effective advocacy and creating partnership opportunities to develop a stronger, smarter and safer community.</p>	<p>My recommendations would align very closely with the views our WSU President has on this very important topic. Strategic spending focused on student achievement will help to encourage students to finish in four years instead of six years and incur less debt. Additionally, by utilizing my political network and strong relationships with elected officials in the Michigan Legislature I can effectively ensure that WSU fully secures adequate state funding wherever possible to help create more affordable opportunities.</p>	<p>Improving the budget process, increasing public safety, campus wide WIFI upgrades and continued improvement in graduation rates by implementing research driven strategies and programs to increase achievement. Developing innovative academic programs and business collaborations that will thrive in Detroit based markets to benefit the entire state. Additionally, the creation of a centralized community engagement database is a priority. Strategic financial planning will also put WSU on the map as an economic powerhouse and prompt the creation of better paying, high quality jobs for Michigan's future.</p>

Wayne State University Board of Governors Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

<i>Biographical Info:</i>	<i>Describe your qualifications and experience for the University Board and explain your reasons for running. How would you be an asset?</i>	<i>What recommendations would you propose to make university attendance more affordable and reduce the burden of student financial debt?</i>	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today and what is your position on those issues?</i>
Bryan C Barnhill, Democrat	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Anil Kumar, Democrat Website: https://www.kumarforwaynes-tate.com/ Twitter: twitter.com/DrKumarMichigan Occupation / Current Position: Urologist, Asst. Clinical Professor- MSU President - Michigan United Physicians, Education: Bachelor of Medicine- University of Bombay Resident - Wayne State University	Academically, I have been a lifelong teacher. I am a clinical assistant professor for Michigan State University residency program. I have been chief of staff North Oakland Medical Center, Chairman of the Board of Doctor's Hospital, Chief of Surgery at Crittenton Hospital, and Board Member of Oakland County Medical Society. Politically, I have been a candidate for the 11th district US Congress position and I am active in the Michigan Democrat party. As a businessman, I am president of Michigan United Physicians and CEO of a surgical center. My wife, both children and I are all Wayne State Graduates.	This approach is 3 pronged. My first recommendation is to politically maneuver better funding from the state. Currently WSU is the least financially supported amongst the 3 main universities. We have a promising future with great programs in place. My second recommendation is to increase the endowments and alumni donations which could be used to offset financial difficulty of students by increasing scholarships and student financial aid. Thirdly, holding administration accountable to excessive expenses toward administrative costs. Thereby, decreasing expense which can be translated to lower tuition fees.	One of the most pressing issues is promotion of programs. This can be achieved through better funding. With this funding, we would have an opportunity to provide for our local community and attract students across the state who are seeking higher education. The second issue is retention of students to complete their graduation. I believe that we need to have our students actively involved in their education and pursuing opportunities that offer them chances to apply classroom curriculum. I would encourage participation by our local community. Local businesses can offer internships to help keep students engaged!
Jon Elgas, Libertarian Website: www.facebook.com/jon.elgas?ref=br_rs Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/jon.elgas?ref=br_rs Occupation / Current Position: Tester at Refrigeration Reserch Education: BBA from Saginw Valley State University	Since I don't have an education degree, I believe that this will help bring main street solutions to the leadership of Wayne State University. I will also post when/where Board Meetings are taking place, as well as how I voted with an explanation both on my Facebook page. I want to be known as someone who is transparent and as someone with integrity both are qualities that are needed in every elected postion.	First, I would like to have a special tuition rate for people who live in the city of Detroit. Second, I believe having a trade school at Wayne State will be most helpful. By doing this it would allow students into Wayne State, while spending less cash. Third, I believe that students who know what they want their major to be should have the ability to skip the general studies that most collages require, and go into the classes that are required for the major. This would be the most effective way to reduce to the costs of collage.	1) College costs I believe that students who know what they want their major to be should have the ability to skip the general studies that most collages require, and go into the classes that are required for the major. This would be the most effective way to reduce to the costs of collage. 2) Since Wayne State is in the city of Detroit, the view of Detroit has an effect on the perspective of Wayne State. Depending on the feasibility, I would like to see the Main campus stay in Detroit, while having secondary campus in other counties of the State.
John T Hargenrader, Libertarian Website: www.johnhargenrader.org Twitter: twitter.com/JohnHargenrader Occupation / Current Position: Product Applications Engineer Education: B.S.E.E. Catholic University of America	I have experience with campus life, residence halls, tuition costs, and financial planning for college. I have 5 children so far that have attained Masters or PhD level education. I have written articles, including one for the Center for Michigan Studies on the School Aid Fund. I am keenly aware of the Endowment means used by Universities for long term fiscal stability.	The Endowment for Wayne State must be drawn upon in a manner similar to personal IRA's. The total fund must have economic entropy, that assures the funds are used for the good of the Campus community over a reasonable period of time. The concept of Endowments being managed to live in perpetuity defeats the purpose of charity. Endowments must be not become so large that fiscal preservation of Endowment Assets takes precedent over the current and near term mission of the University. Endowments should be used to lower tuition specifically, and to maintain the highest level of academic excellence.	1) Campus Security, in the face of the economic condition of the surrounding Detroit community is key to a positive Campus Life. The Drug and Alcohol culture on college campuses must not be allowed to interfere with the ability of serious academics. Wayne State must be a place where students of integrity are drawn, to meet goals of personal excellence. 2) As one of three Research Institutes protected within the Michigan Constitution, and taxpayer funded, Wayne State has an obligation to Michigan taxpayers to maintain diversity, with priority on admissions given to Michigan Residents.
Christine C Schwartz, US Taxpayers	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		
Marc Joseph Sosnowski, US Taxpayers	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION		

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Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 1

MICHAEL J. GINGELL, Republican

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I have spent the majority of my life in Oakland County. My family are some of the original pioneers and built a town in Orion Township called Gingellville. I was raised with a sense of community, a responsibility to help your neighbor and commitment to lead efforts that improved the lives of others. I have been a County Commissioner for the past 12 years and am currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (Longest serving Chairman in Oakland County history). I have a good understanding of the governmental system and the individuals within the system. I know how to get things done in a bipartisan manner. I also have 25 years of private sector experience including running mature business globally, restructuring business globally and initiating and running start-ups. I have a MBA from Wayne State University, Bachelors in Business Administration from Oakland University and attended Oakland Christian high school.

1. **Balanced Budget:** Ensuring financial responsibility and viability. Making sure we do not spend more than what we have. I will not vote for a budget that is not balanced and responsible.
2. **Investment in People and Assets:** The County needs to continue to invest in its people to ensure they have the wages and benefits to have a quality life. In addition, we need to invest in our assets to ensure they remain viable for the next decade and that they have the appropriate level of security and safety mechanisms in place. I will initiate and support these activities.
3. **Viable Workforce:** Unemployment in Oakland County is low and in order to the economy to continue to grow, we need to ensure we have a consistent supply of labor. We need to work with the schools, colleges and business community to invest in programs that provide the needed resources. I will initiate and support these activities.

MICHELLE BRYANT, Democrat

4912 W. Stonegate Cir., Lake Orion, MI 48359

I am a formal military officer, registered nurse, healthcare executive, presenter, consultant and advocate for access to quality healthcare. My body of work extends from for-profit and non-profit health systems to academic in a variety of geographic locations as well as I am well known throughout the healthcare industry for my expertise with accreditation and regulatory agencies. My experience includes small business ownership, clinical operations, nursing, educator, quality assurance, process improvement, risk reduction, infection prevention and control, patient safety, research, medical staff services and utilization management. I will utilize my skills, knowledge and abilities as a County Commissioner to put the Community needs first by fighting for access to quality healthcare (community & veterans), protection of our water (drinking & recreational) and public education system as well as sufficient funding for our transportation infrastructure.

Access to quality healthcare (community and veterans), improve County's transportation infrastructure and protecting our water (drinking and recreational).
As County Commissioner, a balance budget would be my priority; however, through collaborations and partnerships, I would evaluate revenue loss due to large corporate tax cuts (cost versus benefit to Oakland County community). Corporate tax cuts determine to have no or limited benefit to the community will be challenged. In addition, high sales taxes for gas not being allocated to road maintenance will be challenged with a push to move Michigan from 40th in the U.S. to a top 10 state for investment of tax dollars charged on gasoline to help with updating and maintaining our roads and transit system.

County Commissioner - District 2

BOB HOFFMAN, Republican

1255 S. Hospital, Waterford, MI 48327

I was born & raised in Waterford. I graduated from Waterford Township High School, then attended OCC & Oakland University. I am a proud father of three. At the age of 20, I started Hoffman Nursery & Landscaping. At 24, I started American Recycling and in 1993, I started Hoffman Farms. I am a former Waterford Township Supervisor, founding member of Waterford Chamber of Commerce, member and Vice-Chair of Holly DDA, member of Highland Township ZBA, member & Chairman of Highland Equestrian Conservancy, Oakland County Commissioner from 2010 to present. I am chairman of the Human Resources Committee, Chairman of OC Solid Waste Committee & member of General Government Committee. My 45+ years of experience in government & business make me uniquely qualified to be Oakland County Commissioner. I am an advocate for property rights.

I believe there are only 2 major issues confronting Oakland County, as follows:

1. **Roads-**Although The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is a separate entity than the Oakland County Government, the Board of Commissioners are well aware of the importance of good roads for economic development. Over the last few years, Oakland County has contributed 2 million, to purchase equipment for the RCOC, continued to fund tri-party road improvements & created a partnership with cities & village to match local funds to help with their road needs. Oakland County is an example of how county governments should be run. We are leaders in delivering services to the tax payer in the most efficient way possible. I will continue to support good fiscal management of the county that will maintain our AAA Bond rating.

DANIELLE MCCLUSKEY, Democrat (Formerly: Patti Danielle McCluskey-Schink)

840 Lone Tree Rd., Milford, MI 48380

I graduated with honors from the University of Michigan at age 19, with a degree in Political Science and received my Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School in 1987. I chose to be an attorney because I like helping people and making sure all voices are heard in complex situations. I have been an attorney for over 30 years, with my own law firm in Highland Township since 1998. My law practice has focused on litigation, probate, and estate planning. Early in my career, I was in-house counsel for insurance companies, including AAA of Michigan, Wausau Insurance Companies, and Nationwide Insurance Companies. I have spoken and taught on the topics of political science, insurance, litigation issues, probate, and case management issues. I am also the CEO of Specialized Insurance Services Agency, Inc., a business started by my husband, which we run together in Highland Township. I bring a business knowledge combined with advocacy skills to the position. I am running to help my community.

To improve opportunity for the next generation, we need to make sure we have great paying jobs in our community, which will be my first priority. We must invest in high skills training and recruiting to motivate younger people to move to our region. I will propose policy to create and fund these agendas.

We also need infrastructure, such as roads and internet, to make it easy to work and live in Northwest Oakland County. I will propose and support policy to update our badly aging infrastructure, with a priority on road reconstruction and maintenance.

Finally, Seniors need access to tools and resources as they age. Our population is aging rapidly, and we should be committed to helping them age in place, if that is their choice, and to make sure cost-affordable resources exist. I will propose and adopt policies at the county level to enhance and secure funding for senior needs including transportation, housing modifications and caretakers.

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County Commissioner - District 3

MICHAEL SPISZ, Republican

3661 High View Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

I have been married for 18 years and we have two daughters. I have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Global Business. During the day I work as a Global Director of Engineering for a Tier 1 Automotive supplier with management responsibility for 100+ individuals internationally. Politics has been a growing passion of mine since college and I started my political experience off as a precinct delegate in 2006 to get involved and gain a better understanding of government operations. After 2 years I decided to run for the Oxford Township Board of Trustees and was elected to a 4 year term. I served on many committees during this time and incorporated many fiscal policies and management practices that resulted in hundreds of thousands in savings. I was elected to Oakland County Board of Commissioner in 2012 and have been serving in a leadership role as Vice Chairman of the Board since 2015 and reaching across the aisle to come to a consensus on many issues.

1. Budget. We must continue to maintain Oakland County's financial position and AAA bond rating. The forecasts have indicated a growth rate over the next few years and we must also look forward with a multiyear balanced budget. Of course, we should continue to find ways to save cost within Government.

2. Jobs. We must continue to bring employers to Oakland County communities and the region. As chairman of the Economic Development and Community Affairs committee I will continue to work close with the Economic Development team, and local municipalities, to find alternatives and inventive ways to continue to entice employers in to the area.

3. Transportation. A majority in my district are not interested in regional transit and moved north for a more rural feel. However, the topic will continue to be in the forefront of a regional discussion. We must protect the residents of Oakland County all while engaging in regional discussions. Any solution should be fair and equitable to all.

MICHELLE MCCLELLAN, Democrat

8 Crawford St., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 4

TOM MIDDLETON, Republican

6928 Tappan Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

Life-long Oakland County resident, married to Kathy for 50 years with three grown children and four grandchildren. Active as Oakland County Commissioner serving as Chairperson of Finance and a member of Personnel Committee; Oakland County Employee Retirement Commission; County Drain Board; and on five lake boards. Served as president of Michigan Association of Conservation Districts and the National Association of Conservation Districts' Great Lakes Committee. Involved with Oakland County MSU Extension Leadership Council and Past President of Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Formerly a State Representative serving on the Appropriations Committee, member of Oxford Board of Education and a 4-H leader. I have been a farmer for 50 years with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture & Natural Resources Communications from MSU. I bring to the Commission my experience in business, leadership, active community participation and balancing state and county budgets without raising taxes.

AAA BOND RATING

The county needs to stay focused on a solid fiscal plan to maintain our AAA credit rating. This excellent bond rating helps all units of government in Oakland County save taxpayers' dollars. AAA bond rating attracts businesses that are looking to relocate, giving them the confidence that Oakland County is a fiscally well run county.

CREATE JOBS

Jobs that provide services needed by seniors could make the county more senior friendly and also help reduce unemployment numbers. The County Executive's Economic Development program is a means of identifying those jobs that are needed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE ACT

The County Board of Commissioners has to be ready to make changes to the budget to cover a \$9 million unfunded mandate, passed on to the county by the state, which would provide lawyer services for indigent persons. For Oakland County this cost would not include necessary physical adjustments to facilities and adding prosecutors.

TED VILLELLA, Democrat

5691 S. Aylesbury Dr., Waterford, MI 48327

I was born the third of seven children in a small town near Pittsburgh, PA. I hold a BA in Sociology from Oakland University and a Master of Education with a specialization in Instructional Technology from Wayne State University.

As a County Commissioner, in the beginning, my strongest focus will be on Constituent Services. Senior Services are a high priority, transportation, access to affordable health care including mental health, dental, and vision – the common-sense stuff. Oakland County residents of all ages need access to services like these and the County can be more pro-active in making sure everyone is included.

My second focus is on Legislative Oversight. The County funds various programs and services. An important part of the job is to assess the effects of those programs and services. I have expertise in assessment and evaluation. Oakland County residents need to know how well their government is doing. We cannot manage what we decline to measure.

Roads are first and what I would do cannot be explained in less than 1000 characters - simply unrealistic. All county issues must be addressed. Prioritizing them ensures some will never be addressed. Fix what is broken? No, do sound research to discover what citizens want and how to address it. The board is uniquely situated to be the unit of county government that keeps an eye on the future. Good commissioners must anticipate changes in society. A vision of the future becomes reality is through enabling legislation. I will be working to keep the entire county operation focused on excellence and cost effectiveness, while maintaining integrity and transparency. Being a research based in my endeavors, I will benchmark the best to learn how to improve.

As a nation we are moving into uncharted waters. Polarity has never been worse. Our two-party system is failing under the weight of this polarity. We need fair-minded Commissioners willing to reach anywhere a consensus can be found.

County Commissioner - District 5

TOM J. BERMAN, Republican

2525 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

I was elected in 2016 and am finishing my first term so I am running for reelection. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Republican Majority Caucus and I currently sit on the Public Services and Economic Development Committees (previously Planning & Building). I also serve as a member of the Study Group on Gun Violence and the Technology Study Group. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in these capacities. I have been able to utilize my education, background and experience as an attorney, as well as a proven leader in both business and government administration having held elected office previously as a Member of the Keego Harbor City Council, coupled with my entrepreneurial spirit, dedication and vigilance to help continue to advance Oakland County forward. The health and strength of Oakland County is of the utmost importance to me as a lifelong resident that continues to live, work, play, and most notably, raise my family here. I deeply care about Oakland County.

Our top priority is to maintain our AAA bond rating and sustaining the passage of multi-year balanced budgets through smart, responsible, and fiscally conservative principles. This allows Oakland County to sustain its success and ability to continue to be government trailblazers by being able to invest in advanced technologies and innovative initiatives and solutions to keep us strong. Secondly, strong fiscal management as such allows us to pursue Economic Development opportunities that are mission critical to encouraging businesses and people to stay or locate here. We also need to find a way to improve and participate in mobility to help our residents, including students and seniors to get to where they need to go. This will spur economic development and will improve our economic climate. Lastly, it is incumbent upon us to keep our community safe, specifically our children in our schools. I will continue to work with the Sheriff's Office and the Health and Human Services to do so.

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County Commissioner - District 5 (Cont.)

KRISTEN NELSON, Democrat

3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd., Waterford, MI 48328

I was born and raised in Keego Harbor, and I've been a homeowner in Waterford for the past 10-years. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education from Wayne State University, and I completed BCBA coursework at Florida Institute of Technology. Presently, I work full-time as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with individuals who have Autism Spectrum Disorders. At the age of 18, I started working in public schools as a special education paraprofessional in WBSD, and by the time I was 23, I was teaching in FPS as an ASD special education teacher. In 2016, I stepped out of the classroom after 15-years. As a first-time candidate, I offer new ideas and fresh perspectives from the most diverse generation in history. I'm an energetic leader, passionate problem solver and a forward-thinker, and I'm running for Oakland County Commissioner because I believe we need more younger voices running for elected seats to ensure a safer and stronger future for all.

Protecting Our Future. Our health, local economy and property values are tied to the quality of our lakes in our communities throughout district 5. I will support clean and renewable energy initiatives to ensure a future where we have access to clean air, food, water and the economic growth we need without sacrificing our health and environment. My goal is to make Oakland County a leader in environmental sustainability and conservation. Public Safety. Create a sustainable no nonsense economic plan to upgrade and rebuild outdated and failing infrastructure including community spaces, roads, bridges, dams, wastewater treatment plants, water and sewer systems. Education and Public Health. I'm committed to ensuring all public school students have equitable access to the resources they need, despite disabilities, family income or zip code, to reach their full academic and social potential, and I will work to ensure increased accessibility to quality behavioral health services and support.

County Commissioner - District 6

EILEEN KOWALL, Republican

2333 Cumberland Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

Oakland County Commissioner, District 6 - White Lake/Waterford, 2015-current. Finance & General Government committees, Airport Committee & Human Trafficking Taskforce. Board of Directors, Michigan Association of Counties.

First elected to the County Commission, 2003-2008. State Representative, District #44, 2009-2014, Appropriations Committee & Chair of Joint Capital Outlay and DEQ Subcommittees. Member, Attorney General's MI Commission on Human Trafficking.

Dental Hygienist (1974-1990); Sales/Design, Accurate Woodworking (1990-2004)

Husband Mike (44 years); 2 daughters, Marissa (Tom) & Stephanie; 2 grandchildren, Madeline & Colin.

I have the experience and the leadership to keep Oakland County's momentum going. I have a record of working with everyone & getting things done. It is a priority for me that we continue successful Board initiatives, such as the Human Trafficking Taskforce, Lock-it-up Oakland, and our Live Healthy Oakland discount program.

1.) Infrastructure:

Continued Tri-Party Road & Local Road Funding Programs. Support County Exec's oversight role on Great Lakes Water Authority, maintaining & improving water & sewer services. BOC's Drinking Fountain/Bottle Filling Station Program, funding for 680 stations in county grade schools.

2.) Budget Pressures

Economic downturn predicted by 2020. MI Indigent Defense Act could cost millions annually & require construction of a new building. Plus, millage rollbacks due to Headlee Amendment.

Commissioners need to exercise fiscal restraint & plan for future challenges. Continue 3-year rolling budget & 5-year revenue forecasts.

3.) Public Health & Safety

Opiate epidemic: Continue & expand upon efforts with Sheriff, Health Dep., and others.

Gun violence: Continue BOC's Lock-it-Up Oakland safe gun storage. Support Safe Schools/Safe Streets legislation while protecting 2nd Amendment.

Human Trafficking: Continue efforts of BOC's Human Trafficking Taskforce.

TARRIE A. DUKE, Democrat

3887 Lotus Dr., Waterford, MI 48329

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 7

CHRISTINE A. LONG, Republican

1342 E. Commerce Rd., Commerce, MI 48382

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

KAREN J. ADAMS, Democrat

4539 Ravinewood Dr., Commerce, MI 48382

Native Michigander,

Resident of Commerce Township,

Graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor,

Married 37 years, mother of two daughters,

School Board Director,

Member of the Executive Council of MBIT - Vocational Technical Education Center,

Vice Chair Township Planning Commissioner,

Borough Manager,

Current Beautification Committee Chair, Co Chair Phragmites Eradication, and Area Representative, Lake Sherwood Association, Commerce, MI

I have the ability to bring people together to improve conditions and processes and have been active in my community as an elected and appointed government official and as a volunteer. I have a wide range of experience and a new perspective to bring to the commission to improve the quality of life in Oakland County for all residents. I will represent and be accountable to all residents of the seventh district and not special interests.

Our roads and drains need to be repaired and maintained for public safety. Invasive weeds like phragmites, clogging the road drains and blocking the sight triangle of intersections need to be removed. I will work with the Board of Commissioners, the Oakland County Road Commission and state agencies to improve this infrastructure to bring Oakland County into the 21st century and improve public safety.

One of the greatest assets in this part of the Oakland County are our lakes and streams. I will work with the Oakland County Water Resources Commission and all the state agencies charged with natural resources preservation to ensure the water quality of our lakes, streams and aquifers.

I have over nine years of service on a planning commission. I will use that experience and knowledge to make sure our zoning and comprehensive planning are up to date ensuring the best development for the residents of Oakland County and improving the infrastructure as the projects are developed.

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County Commissioner - District 8

PHIL WEIPERT, Republican

135 N. Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178

Married to Pam and residing in South Lyon 25+ years; Owner-Law Office Philip Weipert; JD-Cooley Law School, B.A. U of M-Dearborn, Catholic Central High School. Chair-Planning & Building Committee. Member HR, Personnel Appeal, Claims Review and Tax Increment Finance Committees. 2018-2019 Chair of SEMCOG. Board Member Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. Chair South Lyon ZBA. Member Wixom, Milford & South Lyon Historical Societies, Huron Valley, South Lyon and Lakes Area Chambers. Secretary-Kiwanis; 2016 Best Lawyer; 2016 Citizen of the Year. Finance Council-St. Joseph Catholic Church, Past Grand Knight K of C Council 7586 & past secretary/scribe K of C Assembly 3099 Milford; Board Member Lyon Events Organization/Kitefest and Pumkinfest Parade Committees, Operation Injured Soldiers, Huron and Clinton River Watershed Councils and War Dog Memorial. I am currently serving as and am qualified for Commissioner because of my background in law, public service and civic leadership roles.

Economy, Job Growth, Roads & Infrastructure. As Commissioner, I have worked on & passed a balanced 3 Year budget maintaining the County's AAA bond rating. My goals are to insure that tax dollars are spent wisely, costs are contained & services are maintained. I supported the recent Pilot Local Road Improvement program and will continue the Tri-Party program making appx. 2 Million dollars available to match and improve local road projects. I support Automation Alley, Main Street and the Emerging Sectors programs attracting and stimulating new jobs. I have experience with all aspects of County operations and have an ability to work with the County Executive to encourage these job creating programs. I will continue to work with the other Commissioners on the pressing economic issues of Oakland County in a fiscally conservative manner.

TONI NAGY, Democrat

49984 Helfer Blvd., Wixom, MI 48393

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 9

HUGH D. CRAWFORD, Republican

46275 W. 11 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

GWEN MARKHAM, Democrat

45540 Violet Ln., Novi, MI 48374

I have been a member of the Novi City Council since 2013. I've served as Chairperson of the Planning Commission, President of Friends of the Novi Theatres, and am a founding member of Sustainable Novi. I serve on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), focusing on improving transportation and regional cooperation for Novi's residents, businesses, and visitors. I advocate for women and children, serving as a board member for Oakland-Macomb NOW, and a member of AAUW-Novi/Northville.

Oakland County Commission should be supportive of regional transit initiatives. Over 50,000 people travel to and from Novi each day for work. 22,000 people work in Novi in retail, hospitality, and health care, at jobs that pay \$10-20/hr. Many do not own cars, and our economy suffers when they can't get to work. Students, senior citizens, and the disabled need better transit options. I will keep working toward regional cooperation on this issue.

Public Health is an area where the Commission sets policy, and provides funding. I expect data-driven decisions to be made that determine how to best use these public dollars.

I'm seeking the office of County Commissioner because I see a need for cooperation on issues that affect more than just Novi. Cooperation between communities on subjects such as environmental quality, road funding, transportation, and public safety is essential going forward if we are to grow as a region. Understanding our similarities and differences helps foster new and innovative approaches to governing.

Southeastern Michigan, and Oakland County specifically, is a hub for human trafficking. I support measures to protect vulnerable populations including mental health services, temporary housing, and other protections for victims, as well as coordinated law enforcement strategies to find the traffickers and bring them to justice.

County Commissioner - District 10

DAVID B. FOSTER, Republican

791 Melrose St., Pontiac, MI 48340

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ANGELA POWELL, Democrat

1044 Williamson Cir., Pontiac, MI 48340

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 11

THOMAS E. KUHN, Republican

1595 Pebble Point Dr., Troy, MI 48085

I am very pro-family; I have been married 24 years to my wife Sherry, who is a retired special ed teacher. We have three adult children and three grandchildren. I have been an attorney for over 30 years. I will provide strong representation for our families and neighborhoods on the County Commission, working to streamline bureaucracy, provide thorough oversight and financial accountability- and cutting taxes. I have had extensive experience in local government, where I have always been very responsive to citizen and neighborhood concerns. I recently served for 12 years on the Oakland Community College Board, including 2 years as Chair. Before that, I served 12 years on city council, including terms on the city Planning Commission, Master Plan Review and Audit Review Committees. I will use my extensive experience to focus attention on improved roads, expanded emergency and dispatch capacities and support for our local communities' law enforcement and crime prevention efforts.

My top priority is to assure County government is financially responsible and accountable to our citizens. I will work hard to streamline county government, to keep taxes low and to eliminate waste and inefficiency. One example of waste is County commissioners' salaries- which are excessive for a part-time position. I will start with cutting my own salary. My second priority is to assure strong law enforcement for our families and neighborhoods. I support improving county dispatch and emergency response- the needed resources and technology to assure rapid police and fire response to protect our citizens. My third priority is to establish oversight and accountability for maintaining major roads. For too long, the county has ignored critical road maintenance and improvement needs. We need strong oversight of the massive amount of tax dollars which go to county roads. I will always display the integrity needed to fulfill my responsibilities to you, the voters of this district.

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County Commissioner - District 11 (Cont.)

ANN ERICKSON GAULT, Democrat

P.O. Box 70973, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Ann Erickson Gault is running for Oakland County Commissioner in the 11th District representing Troy, Rochester Hills, and Auburn Hills. She an attorney, small business owner, Past President of the Women Lawyer Association of Michigan, and a homeowners' association board member. She lives Troy with her husband Tom and their daughter Ellie who will be an Athens High School student in the fall.

In 2017, Ann Erickson Gault led a team of volunteer petition circulators from Troy and Rochester Hills for the nonpartisan group Voters Not Politicians. Her team collected more than 4000 signatures to help put an independent redistricting proposal on the ballot in November.

Ms. Erickson Gault plans to bring new leadership to County government and create an Oakland County that works for all of us. Her background as an advocate will allow her to vigorously represent the needs of her constituents, while her skills as a negotiator and leader will allow her to reach consensus on difficult issues.

Oakland County's suffers from crumbling roads and failing infrastructure. The County budget is \$900 million, yet we spend less than 1% of that on roads. As a County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will fight to increase road spending and ensure safe drinking water.

Another issue in Oakland County is the lack of affordable housing. A recent study found that a person earning minimum wage could not afford a studio apartment in Oakland County. As County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will promote development of affordable housing for working people, seniors, and our vulnerable populations.

Oakland County also lacks the vision to create the economy and job market of the future. At my daughter's Eighth Grade promotion ceremony, a speaker noted that many of the students of the class of 2022 will work at jobs that we haven't even imagined yet. As County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will ensure that our economic development promotes the businesses and jobs of the future.

County Commissioner - District 12

SHELLEY GOODMAN TAUB, Republican

1959 Shore Hill Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

I am running for Commissioner, District 12 to keep Oakland County the best place to live, work, and play in.

LEADERSHIP:

State Representative, Commissioner, Chosen Top Woman Government Legislator by Governing Magazine, President; Michigan Association of Counties, Caucus Chair, Chair of Birmingham Youth Assistance, Business Roundtable

INTEGRITY:

As an elected official, I serve the public. The public DOES NOT serve me. I understand the meaning of, " holding the public trust."

I LISTEN.

I HEAR.

I CARE.

WORK ETHIC:

I get things done by "cutting red-tape." Paving you streets, filling pot holes, keeping Oakland healthy, fighting Human Trafficking

1. ROADS

Franklin, Lahser, Orchard Lake from Middlebelt to Telegraph, Quarton, Long Lake and Telegraph are my newly paved streets. Do you have a main street in need of paving in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills or Bloomfield Township? Call me. (248) 858-8870

2. SENIORS

No wonder we lose our seniors to other states. Where else can you get 3% on your money? The time has come to take a look at the cost of living in Oakland County on a fixed income... water bills, property tax, etc. I plan to do just that working with the BOC and our state legislators.

3. ECONOMIC GROWTH:

Oakland County has been the Economic Engine of the entire region and state and we must continue to move forward with opportunities for our college educated as well as our skilled workforce. We have plenty of jobs now, but not enough people trained to fill the positions. I plan to work with Workforce Development and Education Task Force to bring High School students to a " Hands On " Introduction to Skilled Jobs in November.

CHERIE HORRIGAN-HAPPY, Democrat

2210 Hunt Club Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I have been a resident of Oakland County, District 12, for more than 37 years. I am married to Bob and I'm a proud mother to two grown successful daughters, both graduates of the District's public schools.

I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University. I have been a successful business owner for 9 years, and prior to this, I worked as a Creative Professional in the Advertising business. I currently work for Apple, Inc. as a Technical Advisor 'Apple Care', and have worked in this position for almost 5 years.

I believe my experience as a mother, business owner, creative professional and 'Apple Care' advisor prepares me well for the position County Commissioner.

As County Commissioner I will apply the same principals of integrity, tenacity and morality as have been applied in all of my previous successful endeavors.

One priority issue I would champion as County Commissioner is elder care.

According to the Census Bureau, Michigan is the 10th oldest state, with the largest growing segment of our population being the demographic aged 65 -74. And by the year 2025, 18% of our population will be 65+.

And there are no policies in place to provide for long term care.

As County Commissioner I would reach out to community agencies and businesses to establish partnerships to tackle the needs of seniors.

Secondly, a priority issue I would champion would be mass transit.

Mass transit is essential for the economic growth of Oakland County.

Cited as a major reason why Amazon did not locate a new headquarters in the Metro Detroit area, it is clear that employers need to know that their workforce can get to work.

As County Commissioner I would seek to allocate funding to pay for mass transit. I would partner with business and community agencies to facilitate a successful mass transit system.

County Commissioner - District 13

MICHELLE DINARDO, Republican

37125 Fox Glen, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Michelle is a single mother with 2 children (Emilia 14 and Sebastian 10). Michelle is a graduate from Indiana University in Financial Administration and is currently a shareholder and Client Advisor at Griffin Portfolio Management Corp. Michelle has been employed with this registered investment advisory firm, located in Farmington Hills, for 25 years. My extensive knowledge of investing and financial matters as well as running a small business will help me to best serve Oakland County and its citizens.

1. Assure Oakland County maintains its AAA bond rating by conscientiously working to control spending. This bond rating saves taxpayers millions of dollars in future borrowing costs.

2. As spending needs are increasing throughout the metro area, Oakland County residents needs must come first. Wasteful spending must end.

3. Taxes cannot be raised. This is where diligent spending is a requirement and decision making must be based on ethical principles and comprehensive data.

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County Commissioner - District 13 (Cont.)

MARCIA GERSHENSON, Democrat

5964 Wing Lk. Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I am a native Michigander and University of Michigan graduate. I am running for re-election to continue my work on some great initiatives that benefit our community.

I started a Women’s Alliance for Oakland County and have held seminars for women Veterans and Women in the workforce. We are now focused on vocational jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.

I co-chair a gun safety committee. We have sponsored PSA’s that encourage the use of gun locks or safes to promote responsible gun ownership. We also give free gun locks to local police stations to distribute among residents. We are working to limit violence and bullying in our schools and implementing strong safety standards in our community.

We have established a new fund for the County to match local cities money to repair existing roads.

Oakland County has a budget surplus and I will continue to work to see that money directed into services that benefit our community.

Unfortunately, my top Three issues have not changed over my tenure as Commissioner. Roads, decaying infrastructure and seniors continue to dominate my work.

Because our federal and state legislators do not send enough money to our communities to fix the roads, I have voted for a road fund within the county to fix local roads. I will try and increase those dollars.

Our aging infrastructure must be addressed. We have successfully replaced all the drinking fountains in our schools to reduce the chance of chemical contamination to our children.

Seniors are the fastest growing demographic in our county. I have worked to secure the necessary resources to keep our seniors health and independent. Seniors need services to age in place comfortably and affordably.

County Commissioner - District 14

BILL GALVIN, Republican

35697 Briar Ridge Ln., Farmington, MI 48335

I have been a community leader on the Farmington City Council since 2011 including four years as mayor. I have applicable experiences on regional boards and commissions. This includes the Beaumont Hospital Community Advisory Board, Treasurer of the 8 Mile Boulevard Assn., Farmington Public Schools Building & Site Committee, South Oakland County Mayor Association and the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce Board. I have led our community through budget appropriations, personnel decisions, contract negotiations and community civic engagement planning projects. This has resulted in the most economic development in several decades. I have supported local investment with accomplished results of improved roads and infrastructure. I uphold the importance of maintaining and improving public safety for our citizens. I understand that elected officials must listen to all of our citizens. I synthesize the continual dialogue to represent the community.

I am running for County Commissioner to use my relevant experience for the promotion and support of economic development, road and infrastructure improvements and public safety throughout Oakland County. Last year Oakland County experienced \$1.4 billion of investment. This included over \$46 million of public and private investment into our Main Street communities. I will support policy initiatives to continue job creation and grow our economic base. I will support road and infrastructure investment and repairs for the streets we drive daily. I will advocate for public safety. This includes seeking ways to end distracted driving through policy and technology initiatives. Economic development, infrastructure investment, support of public safety are accomplishments throughout my years of elected community service. I will use those experiences for the continual betterment of Oakland County.

WILLIAM MILLER, Democrat

31621 Lamar Dr., Farmington, MI 48336

I’m a proud father of my teenage daughter who attends Warner Middle Schools.

I’m a skilled tradesman who started out making my living operating heavy cranes and machinery. Today I have the honor of representing hard worker men and women who make our economy run. I’m an active member of my union and I’m dedicated to helping lead our community, and create opportunity for everyone to succeed.

My experience includes:

- Current Business Representative/ Organizer for the Operating Engineers Local324
- Former Farmington Hills Park and Recreation Commission
- Former PTA President for Warner Upper Elementary
- Member, Farmington / Farmington Hills American legion
- 1st Vice

I’m running because we need leaders who understand a strong economy requires all working families have the opportunity to earn a good wages and succeed. If elected, the hard working families and seniors will have a commissioner who is on their side. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for current and future generation.

Together, we can make Oakland County better:

Better Roads:

We must demand resources necessary to fix and repair our local roads. 70% of our roads in Oakland County are in poor or worse condition. This is the result of years of disinvestment and it’s costing all of us. I also think our county road commissioners should be elected and not selected because of political connections.

Better and Safer Drinking Water:

Water we drink must be safe. We should test the water in our schools, childcare and senior centers for lead and other toxins, and make it easier for residents to test water in their homes. I want us to take a serious look at removing all lead pipes, and make sure a Flint water crisis never happens here.

Better Senior Services:

As our county rapidly ages we need to create better senior transit, and increase affordable senior housing. Furthermore, we need to do more to protect vulnerable seniors from scam artist and others who are a threat to their safety or financial security

County Commissioner - District 15

ADAM KOCHENDERFER, Republican

P.O. Box 71123, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

I am currently the County Commissioner for District 15 in Rochester and Rochester Hills. I previously served on the Rochester Hills City Council. Both Oakland County and the Rochester-area community have been ranked as some of the best places to live in America. I am running to continue that trend.

In addition to the County Commission and City Council, I have served in a variety of roles in our community:

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

I am also an attorney who has significant experience addressing municipal government and even drafting ordinances. I’ve helped numerous clients find efficiencies, increase jobs, and develop innovative solutions to complex problems.

1. MAINTAIN ROADS - We must maintain roads in the least disruptive way possible. The County Commission has established a Local Road Improvement Program that offers matching funds for targeted road maintenance and improvement projects. It is essential that we keep our roadways safe for all residents.

2. CONTROL GOVERNMENT COST – Maintaining our strong bond rating is essential to our long-term financial health. It’s easy for innovation to take a backseat to check-writing when the economy is improving. Oakland County must remain focused on areas that matter most to residents while maintaining fiscal discipline.

3. INCREASE JOBS – Oakland County’s economy is among the strongest in the nation. In fact, the county now holds one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state. Now isn’t the time to rest. County regulatory services should be focused on helping businesses grow by quickening the permit process, streamlining filings, assisting compliance, and promoting our talent.

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Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 15 (Cont.)

MARY WARD, Democrat

639 Parkland Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

County Commissioner - District 16

WADE FLEMING, Republican

3820 Victoria Dr., Troy, MI 48083

My wife Paula, and I raised our family in Troy for 36 years. We believe strongly in public service. I am currently in my 4th year as County Commissioner and Paula serves on the Troy School Board. I earned a BBA as an Accounting Major with 35 years in corporate management ending when I retired from my career as President/CEO of a tier 1 automotive supplier. During my 9 years on the Troy City Council and 4 years as Commissioner, I have focused on solutions to real problems and been a voice for all regardless of partisan background. My pledge to you is to be available and willing to listen for all citizens in Troy, Clawson and Royal Oak. I will use the experience I have gained in government, business and community service to make sure we get our fair share of road dollars, provide excellent services and create jobs. I currently serve on the General Govt. and Finance Committees, and Chair the Local Road Improvement, School Drinking Water Station and CZC Committees for the County.

Road Improvements: I will continue to work to improve the quality, timing and efficiency of our road construction. Oakland County must get our fair share of state and federal road funds. Let's fix existing roads before spending on new ones.

Retain and Attract Business; As your Commissioner, I have put my business background to work to attract jobs to Troy, Clawson and Oakland County. With our excellent, safe quality of life, available properties and an aggressive strategy for emerging markets, we can attract new businesses and the professional/ Skilled workers of the future.

Responsible Budgets: I will continue to work for a fiscally responsible county government and insist on a balanced budget plan 3 years in advance. A low county tax rate retains residents and businesses. Savings allow us to deal with crisis situations and unknowns, such as the possible Detroit Water and Sewer Department rate increases and any other unfunded mandates from the state and federal government.

PENNY LUEBS, Democrat

639 Hendrickson, Clawson, MI 48017

Mayor, City of Clawson, 2007-2017

Council, City of Clawson 2003-2007

Zoning Board, City of Clawson 2002-2003

Clawson Youth Assistance Chair, 2005 – present

4th of July Committee Member, 2005 - present

Boy Scout Committee, Secretary, 2012 - present

Optimist Club Member, 2012 - present

Clawson Community Coalition, 2015 - present

First Presbyterian Church of Troy member, 1980 - present

Licensed Master Level Social Worker at Easter Seals

Mother of five children, grandmother of nine

As a public servant, my goal has always been to improve life for youth, families and seniors. Local government has an immediate effect on lives because of decisions made, from budgets to parks to sign ordinances. We need to make smart choices to ensure safe communities and services.

Issues: Fix our roads, restore trust in local government, maintain safe, family friendly cities with great services and events that make our communities a desirable place to live, work and play.

Actions: Prioritize funding for infrastructure, be available and responsive to residents and businesses, collaborate to continue family friendly events.

County Commissioner - District 17

JEREMY MINKIN, Republican

17155 Sherfield Place, Southfield, MI 48075

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

NANCY QUARLES, Democrat

15801 Providence, Apt. 11E, Southfield, MI 48075

BIO INFO: Western Michigan University PhD; I have served as a State Representative. Currently, I am the Oakland County Commissioner, District 17 (Lathrup Village, portion of Southfield and Oak Park); where I serve on the Finance and General Government Committees. In addition, I hold the office of the Vice Chairman of the Michigan Democratic; Former President, Southern Oakland County NAACP; Chairman, Social Justice – Triumph Church; former Board of Directors Member, Metro Detroit Planned Parenthood; and State Director, National Congress of Black Women. I am seeking re-election to continue working on initiatives I have begun and have not completed. Two initiatives I plan to continue to work on during the next term are 'Ban the box' and diversity in appointments to the counties boards and commissions. It is important to have citizens' boards reflect the population of the county. I will introduced the resolution for 'Ban the box', which is a second chance and fairness initiative.

The County Commission should address Economic Development, distribution of resources, and aging infrastructure. There needs to be more collaboration between the cities and the county for Economic improvement. As it relates to District 17, the county must look for ways to keep the economic revitalization strong in the district, as well as, the southern part of the county. It is essential to ensure the County's resources are divided equally among all the communities. I will continue the collaboration of getting the county more involved with working with the cities in this part of the county. Most of Oakland County's population is in the south end, however – the distribution of resources do not reflect this fact. In many of the county's mature communities, their infrastructure needs repair. I will advocate to have the county focus on working with aging cities for long-term solutions, not short-term actions. Comprehensive planning will result in better infrastructure solutions.

County Commissioner - District 18

STEVEN ZIMBERG, Republican

13122 Borgman Ave., Huntington Woods, MI 48070

I graduated from Hillsdale College in Economics and Business, worked as a Certified Paralegal, a Certified Financial Planner and union Electrician (Local 58). I have been a Precinct Delegate for years and at Dads and Moms of Michigan. I held top level positions in each of these fields.

The Oakland County Government and its departments have cut financial corners in some bad ways, which often lead to the breakdown of our families and hurt our children and seniors. We must look at the longer term effects of our actions and not simply the lowest cost. There are many things we can do to correct this and I want to be part of creating the common sense ideas and solution we so desperately need. I have a special gift for spotting and grasping these issues and expressing them in easy to understand words. As a community, we need more citizen involvement and I can surely help in this area as well.

We need mass transit, however we should use smaller buses and not all done at once. We must consider the growing group of bicyclists. And instead of a billion dollar plan that uses a few robots, it would employ new drivers yet save hundreds of millions.

Help citizens spread delinquent property taxes over a longer period and at lower rates. The current penalty and interest rates are criminal. This would generate a smoother revenue stream and reduce family breakups and the problems that causes. The same type plan could help those with student loans who live and work in Oakland County. This would spur economic growth and attract many college educated people into our county.

Create alternatives to child support related incarcerations. This represents the highest sector in our jails – and most received court appointed attorneys. This destroys a family more than the act itself with more money owed to attorneys than child support arrearages. It also saves county millions in legal fees.

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Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

County Commissioner - District 18 (Cont.)

HELAINÉ ZACK, Democrat

8320 Hendrie Blvd.,Huntington Woods,MI 48070

Since obtaining a BA and MSW from the University of Michigan, I have worked to improve the lives of employees and their families in the employee assistance program field. I have also served on numerous community boards and worked for several non-profit organizations. I view service as an elected public official as an additional way to improve the lives of County residents. As a social worker with health and human services expertise, my voice as Commissioner has been uniquely important. I seek re-election for a ninth term to continue to solve resident problems and to make Oakland County a special place to live for everyone.

1. Regional Transit and Mobility-I work closely with the RTA and numerous other elected officials and organizations to champion the latest Connect Michigan plan. Presently, my efforts are focused on urging the Oakland and Macomb County executives to allow citizens the opportunity to vote on a proposed transit plan. I am part of a collaborative effort to bring Detroit's bike share program to five South Oakland County Cities.

2. Affordable housing-Michigan and particularly Oakland County do not have enough affordable housing. I am working with one non-profit to develop a project in my District. Oakland County can and should use its Federal Home funds toward rental assistance and other efforts to change policy to increase more quality rental units.

3. More road investment! The State's road funding is painfully slow and still underfunded. For several years, Oakland County has had a pilot program to match local resources to County. I will work to continue this program.

County Commissioner - District 19

MICHAEL RYAN, Republican

959 Harvard Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

I have been a dentist for 32 years, working both at my own office in Huntington Woods and a classmate's clinic in Detroit. I've been married to Ilene for 18 years and have two children attending Berkley High School, as well as two adult stepdaughters. Having run my own office and listening to my patients' concerns have honed my skills both on the business side of work and the people skills needed to confront and solve a problem both gently as possible but also effectively. I was Grand Knight for seven years and am currently Financial Secretary for the Knights of Columbus Clawson council, where we have to prioritize our financial and volunteer resources to get the most good for our charity missions. Also, operating my office very close to where I live and the 19th commission district would give easy access for someone needing help with a county government matter.

I feel that the county needs to use the input of ordinary people to help make it a great example for others to follow. Both involve doing things the county already does, but in a different way. First is insisting on how it's employees health benefits are managed, so that when a patient undergoes a treatment that has no reasonable alternative, there would be no deductible charged. When they undergo a treatment that has less expensive alternatives, a higher copay with the deductible would be charged, and for all elective procedures, they would know ahead of time their cost and where to have it done for the best "deal". Small random panels of the covered employees would decide which procedures fit in which category. The other issue involves civil asset forfeitures, the county would only accept funds from them if four of six "spare" jurors agreed before the trial that the seizure is reasonable, and they were convicted of a crime. Third advising SMART on better ways to cheaply serve riders.

DAVE WOODWARD, Democrat

2915 Woodland Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

Education: B.S. Mathematics - Wayne State University
Married and father of two young children

State Representative 1999-2004
County Commissioner 2004 – present (current Chairman of the Democratic Caucus)
Former Chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party
Board Director, Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union

Accomplishments as our commissioner:

- Helped raise the minimum wage
- Restored and increased funding to support survivors of sexual assault and help prosecute sex offenders
- Started anti-bullying program currently used by many Oakland County schools
- Protected kids from lead in Oakland County schools by replacing drinking fountains
- Secured new local road repair money for cities across Oakland County (including Royal Oak & Berkley)
- Created a countywide lake-water testing program
- Improved senior services and eliminated wait-lists for essential services
- Started new discount prescription drug program

I will continue to be a strong progressive voice that fights for opportunity and equality for all. We can to create an Oakland County that works for everyone and not just a few.

Fix Our Roads:

- Increase funding for local cities to fix potholes and rebuild roads and bridges
- Make our county road commission more responsive to resident concerns
- Enforce truck weight limits on our local and county roads

Attract and Retain Talent for A Strong Economy:

- Better wages and earned paid sick time for workers
- Dramatically improve regional transit
- Grow the number of skilled workers available to fill good-paying jobs
- Invest in early education, K-12 and adult technical training

Meet the Needs of Our Growing Senior Population:

- Support development of affordable senior housing across county
- Improve senior mobility options in Royal Oak and Berkley
- Increase funding to combat senior scams and elder abuse

County Commissioner - District 20

CHRIS ADAMS, Republican

212 N. Edgeworth Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY, Democrat

926 Tanglewood Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071

As a Madison Heights City Councilman, Mayor and Oakland County Commissioner, I've learned many things about how to get goals accomplished for the benefit of our tax payers. I believe I know the issues where county government can help and where they can't. Diane (my wife) and I as well as my adult children are very active in our community. We all serve on many committees around the city including Madison Hts. Little Baseball (Gary & Diane), Madison Heights Women's Club (Diane) Oakland Livingston Human Services Board, Youth Assistance (Gary, Diane and my daughter Amy) Madison Hts. Memorial Day Parade committee (Diane and my son Andy), Madison Hts. Parks Board and Oakland County Parks Board plus many more. I have done many ,many things to make our community a better place live, work and do business. I hope you agree that my record stands for itself ! Please vote for Gary McGillivray in 2018 as your Oakland County Commissioner.

1.) I will work to get more tax dollars from County Government for the cities in South-eastern Oakland County. I was very involved with a program to get more dollars for Local Roads directly to Cities and Villages. Because of a state law, the Oakland County Road Commission is responsible to maintain all roads in the Townships as well as a few in the Cities. The Cities and Villages must maintain their own roads so we were able to get the cities just a little bit more of your county tax dollars for local roads.

2.) As a member of the Oakland County Parks Commission, I've work hard to get more for southern Oakland County in the way of Parks & Recreation Programming. Oakland County has 13 great parks, but the problem is most are in northern Oakland County. I would believe that most of us do not use the northern parks so we need to get "more bang for our tax dollars" for the southern people.

3.) We must work together both Democrats and Republicans to better Oakland County.

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County Commissioner - District 21

RICHARD A. VAN CAMP, Republican
21601 Collingham Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JANET JACKSON, Democrat
26246 Summerdale Dr., Southfield, MI 48033
Oakland County resident of Southfield for over 30 years. Married mother of two adult children.
Started my community service within my neighborhood, school and park. I am running for reelection to the County Commission to continue the great work that we're accomplishing, helping all residents. Especially those less fortunate and female head of households. I personally have had educational challenges earning my bachelor degree at the age of 36. A married parent then divorced, a single parent, homeowner and then renter, employed and unemployed all experienced since 1985. I personally realize how government can be a stabilizing force for seniors.

The top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address are –
Roads: Ensuring that the County partners with our local cities to maintain and repair our roads. Securing more budget dollars to allocate for Maintenance and repair of not just County roads but also municipal roads.
Business Opportunity: Optimizing County resources to incubate business creation and support. Holding conferences using our Business Ready One Stop resources to facilitate training, creating more events to showcase our cities, and funding the creative class, and facilitating more skill trade training.
Human Trafficking: Continued efforts raising awareness, serving survivor, and fighting this plague by enhancing police work and promoting Oakland County Human Trafficking taskforce's new website resources. Arrests are occurring in our cities being stimulated by the Opioid Crises and Internet. Degrading people's lives and the economic viability of our motels and hotels.

Brandon Township Trustee

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for the Township Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the township should address and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding each of them?

JAYSON W. RUMBALL, Republican
4699 Seymour Lk. Rd., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

MARISA PRINCE, Democrat
191 Presidio Dr., Ortonville, MI 48462
I have 2 children at Oakwood Elementary and one at Brandon Preschool Academy. My degree is from the College of Engineering at Georgia Tech and I have a Wayne State MBA. We are a General Motors family and I spend a majority of my time in and around Brandon Township. I really enjoy living here and I want to participate in making decisions regarding Brandon Township. I am drawn to public service because I really enjoy meeting people, helping people, and I feel that all people deserve quality representation. My strongest skill is my ability to make decisions after doing my own fact-finding. I prefer to verify information that is presented to me and while I don't have all of the answers, I know where to find them. I have a passion for Brandon Township and its businesses and residents. I want to make our Township even better for all residents and since I have lived in so many areas in Southeast Michigan, I have experienced a variety of municipalities and amenities. Brandon Township is where we have chosen to raise our family and I look forward to serving here. I value the safety and security that we enjoy here in Ortonville, while I also recognize that improvements are needed.

I hear about the same issues over and over again from voters and I consider these to be priorities:
1. Infrastructure - specifically, roads and a lack of sewers in the Village and along M15. I hear from residents on unpaved roads that the speed limits are too high, the dust thrown up by traffic is excessive, there are dangerous curves and dips, and the maintenance is lacking (pot holes and wash boarding). I also hear about the lack of retail and restaurants downtown and along M15 due to the lack of sewers. I would use feedback from residents and use accident data to determine where speed limits need to be adjusted. I would also aggressively pursue sewers and seek funding from outside of the Township/Village.
2. We have a lack of middle-class housing which is affecting Brandon Schools enrollment and the health of the district and affects our tax base. I plan to bring a fresh perspective and a new energy to the Board of Trustees and I am open to increasing the availability of affordable housing here for families and seniors alike.
3. I still consider the Iron Belle Trail to be a priority issue here. I am not satisfied with how the trails were handled. I plan to pursue it.

Commerce Township Trustee

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot George Weber

Holly Township Park Commissioner

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot Steven LaPlante

Springfield Township Park Commissioner

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot Ann A. Loncar

★★★ NON-PARTISAN CONTESTS ★★★

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Vote For Not More Than Two – Eight Year Term

The Michigan Supreme Court is the state's highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan's laws. It supervises all other state courts.

<i>Biographical Info:</i>	<i>What educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that particularly qualify you for this judicial office? Why are you running?</i>	<i>Do you believe the current process for electing Supreme Court Justices should be altered in any way - including how candidates are nominated for election or appointed for vacancies and how campaigns are funded and regulated?</i>	<i>What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court respond to them?</i>
<p>Samuel Bagenstos Website: http://www.BagenstosForJustice.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/BagenstosForJustice/ Twitter: twitter.com/Bagenstos4MI Occupation / Current Position: Frank G. Millard Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School Education: B.A. with highest honors and highest distinction, Univ. of North Carolina (1990); J.D., magna cum laude, Harvard Law School (1993) (first in class)</p>	<p>Early in my career, I was a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. I served two stints in the U.S. Department of Justice, first as an attorney in the Civil Rights Division's Appellate Section during the mid-1990s, then returning as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under President Obama and Attorney General Holder. I have argued four cases in the Supreme Court of the United States. I have litigated for voting rights, disability rights, women's rights, and accountability for the Flint Water Crisis. The Court needs justices who have fought for people's rights.</p>	<p>There is no perfect system of selecting judges. Our current system is suboptimal, however, in two respects. First, in our current process, candidates are nominated by political parties, but they appear on a "nonpartisan" ballot that hides that information from voters. Either a purely nonpartisan system or an honestly partisan system would be preferable. Second, campaigns for the Michigan Supreme Court are expensive, and they are largely funded by attorneys and others who might have business before the Court. That corrodes public confidence in the impartiality of the Court. Campaign finance reform would improve things.</p>	<p>First, the Michigan Supreme Court must be prepared to perform the state courts' historic function of serving as the last line of defense for basic rights, such as the rights to liberty, equality, and a clean environment. As the federal courts pull back from protecting these rights, the role of the Michigan courts will grow in importance. Second, the Michigan Supreme Court should use its administrative authority to maintain public confidence in the courts (by addressing such issues as jury diversity) and to promote alternatives to the criminal justice system as appropriate (for example, through problem-solving courts).</p>
<p>Megan Kathleen Cavanagh Website: www.cavanaghforsupremecourt.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CavanaghForSupremeCourt Twitter: twitter.com/megankcavanagh Occupation / Current Position: Shareholder, Garan Luow Miller P.C. Education: B.S. Engineering, University of Michigan, 1993 J.D., Wayne State University School of Law, 2000</p>	<p>I graduated from the U of M College of Engineering and Wayne State University Law School. I have over fifteen years of experience as an appellate attorney, representing people in all levels of state court and handling over 150 appeals. I have held leadership positions with the Appellate Practice and Negligence Sections of the State Bar of Michigan. I am a member of the Attorney Grievance Commission. My experience reflects a commitment to improving the fairness of Michigan's justice system. I believe that each person should stand on equal footing before the Court and receive fair consideration of the issues.</p>	<p>I am comfortable with the people of the state of Michigan judging my experience and temperament and determining whether I am the best candidate for this important office. Spending by interest groups on issue ads (dark money) undermines public confidence in the judiciary because it makes the public believe that Justices are bought and paid for when this branch of government does not operate that way. The job of a Justice is to make decisions according to the law, no matter who likes that decision. Public funding would eliminate the influence of dark money on judicial elections.</p>	<p>The two greatest areas of need are reform of the juvenile justice system and improving access to justice. The Supreme Court should be actively engaged with other stakeholders in considering solutions such as diversion programs, community based detention, and specialty courts. Our current justice system doesn't provide equal access to justice for those most vulnerable among us. Everyone has the right to effective counsel and I will fight to fulfill that promise for all regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability status, geography or income level.</p>
<p>Elizabeth T Clement Website: www.clementforjustice.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/JusticeElizabethTClement/ Twitter: twitter.com/_JusticeClement Occupation / Current Position: Justice of Michigan Supreme Court Education: Michigan State University, Juris Doctorate; Michigan State University, BA Political Science</p>	<p>In addition to the regular Court docket, I serve as liaison to child welfare issues and problem solving courts, including mental health, Veteran's treatment, and sobriety/drug treatment courts. Prior legal experience includes private practice focusing on family and criminal law and government practice as legal counsel in the legislative and executive branches handling legal issues in both state and federal courts. I am running because my experience demonstrates measured deliberation, attentive listening, collaborative decision making and my sincere commitment to equal justice to all and independence of the judiciary.</p>	<p>Many cases before the Court are inherently political, so it seems that the process of having political parties nominating non-partisan justices is counterintuitive to a fair and impartial judiciary. I'd like to see process changes that protect the independence of the judiciary through the removal of partisan politics from the elective process. The election of judges should never be based upon how a judge or Justice rules on particular cases of interest, but rather whether they maintained integrity, applied the law as written and served as a neutral unbiased arbiter.</p>	<p>Our courts have seen improvement in access to justice but two important areas we continue to work on are trial court funding and indigent defense. These issues directly impact the people we serve. The public deserves fines and fees that are fair, reasonable, and affordable. Those involved in the criminal system deserve their Constitutional promise of an attorney if they cannot afford one. I made great progress on these issues before joining the bench and I value the opportunity to continue working towards solutions with the Trial Court Funding Commission and the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.</p>
<p>Doug Dern Twitter: twitter.com/Mich13 Education: Jd from Cooley law school</p>	<p>Life. I have been a lawyer working in the trenches helping everyday people. I have a deep understanding of how rule rulings effect the common Jane. My opinion is that the current justices have lost site of that.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Police corruption is always a concern. The Flint water situation should be a concern. I think the current is light on reviewing criminal appeals. The Flint water crisis is the result of corporate greed</p>
<p>Kerry Lee Morgan Website: https://www.pck-law.com/About-Our-Attorneys/Kerry-L-Morgan.shtml Occupation / Current Position: Kerry Lee Morgan is "Of Counsel" to the law firm of Pentiuk, Couvreur, & Kobiljak, P.C. Education: Regent University, M.A. Public Policy, magna cum laude, 1985. Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1981 Michigan State University, B.A. Political Science and Criminal Justice, with honors, 1977.</p>	<p>The Supreme Court needs Justices who will apply the law as written, not as it ought to be written in the mind of the Judge. My background in the law for over thirty five years has taught me the importance of this purpose. My experience in the practice of law before judges has taught me that judges are sometimes reluctant to simply apply the law as written. I can bring a balanced respect for the written law and the Constitution in particular to the bench, so that Justice may be done.</p>	<p>The nomination and election process for Supreme Court Justices is adequate. Campaigns will always be funded in part by special interest sand those who propose schemes to limit the effect of those interests, have an interest of their own in influencing the outcome of elections. The People are the best check on those interests and funding abuses through the ballot box. Government "solutions" and the snake oil of "bipartisan" support are designed to simply increase major party control of the Supreme Court and should be avoided.</p>	<p>The future of the judicial system is for the People to decide, but that future must recover a solid commitment to the rule of law, not the law of judges. Michigan Lawyers must also be freed from the politicized State Bar of Michigan by elimination of compulsory membership. The Supreme Court should be leading this fight. Instead, it sides with the Bar. It compels lawyers to pay money to the Bar for the propagation of ideas with which they disagree. The Court also tramples down the natural rights of conscience in the process. Securing natural rights is the states only compelling interest.</p>

Kurtis T. Wilder

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Appeals Court, District 2 - Vote For Not More Than Three - Full 6-year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Elizabeth Gleicherl, Kathleen Jansen, Deborah A Servitto

Appeals Court, District 2 - Vote For Not More Than One - Partial term ending 1/1/2021

Unopposed on the Ballot - Jonathan Tukel

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit

Incumbent Seat - Vote For Not More Than Five - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Leo Bowman, Karen D. McDonald, Phyllis McMillen, Denise Langford Morris, Michael Warren

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit

Non-Incumbant Seat - Vote For Not More Than One - Six Year Term

Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.

Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.

Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?

DAN CHRIST

I am fifty-two years old and a life-long Oakland County resident. I have been married to my wife, Ann, for twenty-five years and we are the proud parents of three children. I attended Michigan State University graduating in 1987 and graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law in 1991.

For twenty-seven (27) years I have practiced law, representing individuals, businesses and public corporations. I have litigated cases on my clients' behalf- protecting their interests and making sure their rights are protected. I have prosecuted criminals and protected victims of crime to make sure that justice is served.

For most of my career, I have been with the firm of Beier Howlett, P.C. and my current firm of Hafeli, Staran & Christ, P.C. I am running for the non-incumbent position on the Oakland County Circuit Court to serve the citizens of Oakland County. I am the most experienced, most qualified candidate for this position.

My practice consists of representing individuals, small businesses and cities, villages and townships and other entities in Oakland County and Metro-Detroit. For over a quarter-century, I provide general counsel to my clients and have handled all manner of civil litigation, including business disputes, zoning and land use matters, construction disputes, tort and liability matters, divorce proceedings, criminal matters and have also prosecuted thousand cases of criminal violations and crimes on behalf of my municipal clients.

My twenty-seven years as a practicing attorney with broad ranging civil trial experience and criminal prosecution trial experience distinguishes me from the other candidate who has never tried any type of case and never represented a client. I have integrity and will be faithful to the law. I have the experience and character to make hard decisions after full consideration of the facts. I have a reputation of being open-minded and pragmatic. I have the right temperament to be patient and courteous to the parties appearing before the court. My legal perspective acquired over twenty-seven years and life perspective makes me the most experienced and most qualified candidate for Oakland Circuit Court judge.

JAKE CUNNINGHAM

I received my B.A. from Oakland University, and law degree from Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where I later taught as an adjunct professor. During college and law school, I clerked at the Birmingham law firm of Williams, Williams, Rattner, and Plunkett in addition to working in retail sales. I then began my career at Oakland Circuit Court, clerking in general civil and business courts. I am currently a staff attorney in the court's family division. I have served in leadership roles on Oakland County Bar Association committees including Chair of the Professional Development Committee. I am a member of the American, Irish and Armenian Bar Associations, the Eastern District of Michigan Federal Bar Association, and the Michigan Inter-Professional Association.

I am a judicial staff attorney to Judge Mary Ellen Brennan in the Oakland Circuit Court's family division. I assist in the decision-making process in all family division matters including: divorce, child and spousal support, paternity establishment and revocation, custody, parenting time, adoptions, juvenile delinquency, termination of parental rights and personal protection orders. I have a high pre-trial settlement success rate and am in court every day. Previously, I clerked for Judge Wendy Potts on both her general civil docket and business court docket. There, I assisted in deciding civil matters where \$25,000 or more was at issue, on statutorily-defined business cases, and on felonies. I have assisted the court in deciding thousands of motions of all kinds.

I am the only candidate who has helped decide cases in Oakland Circuit Court, and I now serve as staff attorney in the family division of the court- the very same division where the newly elected judge will sit. Throughout my career I have worked on difficult cases on all our Circuit Court's dockets. I have worked with attorneys and unrepresented persons to effectively resolve disputes without the need for trials or hearings. I have earned a reputation for having the legal acumen, temperament, attention to detail, and docket-management skills required of a first-rate judge. Because of my training and qualifications for this position, I have the endorsement of the entire Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division bench.

Circuit Court Judge – 6th Circuit

New Seat - Vote For Not More Than One - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Julie McDonald

Judge of Probate Court

Incumbent Position - Vote For Not More Than One - Six Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Linda Susan Hallmark

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Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?

District Court Judge, District 35 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 35 includes the Oakland County portion of City of Northville.

Unopposed on the Ballot - Ronald W. Lowe

District Court Judge, District 43 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 43 includes the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park & Madison Heights. Unopposed on the Ballot - Ronald W. Lowe

KEITH P. HUNT

...In conjunction with his association with the Madison Heights Community Roundtable organization, Judge Hunt is committed to an array of professional and community organizations. Judge Hunt is an active member of the American Judges Association, Michigan District Judges Association, Oakland County District Judges Association and Oakland County Bar Association. Formerly, Judge Hunt served as an Oakland County District Court Mediator, Oakland County Bar Association District Court Committee, Oakland Bar Adams Pratt Foundation Education Committee, South Oakland Bar Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 130, Hazel Park Lions and the Madison Heights Rotary.

Judge Hunt attended the Valparaiso University School of Law after graduating from Alma College, cum laude. His continuing legal education efforts include attendance at The National Judicial College and American Academy of Judicial Education.

Not applicable

According to the Gallup Clifton Strengths Test, I exhibit these strengths: harmony, responsibility, consistency, deliberative, relator.

“Exactly what you want to see in a judge.” said Karen Biebuyck, Certified Strengths Finder Coach.

JIM OSAK

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

District Court Judge, District 44 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 44 includes the City of Royal Oak.

Unopposed on the Ballot - Derek Meinecke

Voting for judicial candidates

Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election.

To help you make an informed decision consider:

What should you expect from judicial candidates?

Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics • Impartiality
Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion

What should you look for in a judge?

- Experience – demonstrated exposure to legal issues, and substantial & diverse experience with the justice system
- Integrity- high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence
- Professional Competence – intellect, knowledge of the law, writing & analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom & trial experience
- Judicial Temperament – unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair and committed to the rule of law
- Service – demonstrated commitment to justice for all

Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.

Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.

Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?

District Court Judge, District 46 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 46 includes the Cities of Lathrup Village & Southfield; Southfield Township; Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, & Franklin.

DEBRA NANCE

I was elected 46th District Judge on November 6, 2012. Graduate of the University of Detroit, I began my professional career as Assistant Personnel Manager at Hudson's Northland Store, before serving as Personnel Superintendent for other Hudson's Stores throughout Michigan. I also worked in Human Resource Management in the automotive industry.

Graduate of Wayne State University Law School, I've worked in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Unit and prosecuted cases in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Child & Family Abuse Bureau. I also worked on assignment to the Office of the General Counsel/ Ford Motor Company before going into private practice at a mid-sized law firm, where I developed a successful litigation practice in the areas of General Civil, Child Abuse/Neglect, Family and Adoption Law.

As 46th District Judge, I represent Southfield, Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Franklin Village. I have handled well over 2,800 criminal misdemeanors, 800 felony exams, 1,000 probations violations, 9,000 general civil cases and traffic/ordinance violations, 12,000 landlord/tenant cases, and 30 small claim appeals. I have also been active in the community and among my peers, as well. In fact, I was honored to be elected as the President of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan -in my very first term of office. With confidence, I pledge to you:

- the integrity and strength to render the sentences that will keep our community safe;
- the experience and empathy to exercise compassionate judgment when appropriate,
- and the wisdom to know the difference.

I have over thirty years of professional experience, nearly twenty years of legal experience, and six years on the bench as the Presiding Judge in courtroom #2 of the 46th District Court. With divine guidance, I have handled over 25,000 cases. I am caring, courteous, professional, and punctual when taking the bench. I believe that litigants come to court to obtain closure, so I have consistently moved my caseload through to adjudication, at or above the new State-wide Standards. In addition to my judicial duties I've stayed busy in the community, as well. I am passionate about working with our young people, and I am committed to keeping our community safe. I am proud to be rated "Extremely Well Qualified/Outstanding by the Wolverine Bar Association.

KAMESHIA D. GANT

(Write-in Candidate)

I am a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice and a Consultant for Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan. I previously worked as a Probation Agent for the Michigan Department of Corrections, Judicial Clerk at the 6th Circuit Court, an internship at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. My community and civic affiliations include membership with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc., and National Congress of Black Women, Oakland County Chapter. I was appointed to the Oakland County Jury Board Commission in May 2017 and Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition Advisory Board in May 2018.

I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice. My law firm is experienced in criminal, civil, family litigation, and appeals. I am a public servant. I represent clients from various backgrounds, races, and religions. My clients are either appointed by the court because they are indigent or have the means to retain my services. In my representations over the years, I have encountered clients with a multitude of challenges such as substance abuse, mental illness, and homelessness. I have utilized by knowledge of community programming to address their individual needs. Through my Consultant work with Neighborhood Legal Service of Michigan, I provide legal-related education to students and their families and I train students of varying grade levels for a mock trial competition.

I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice familiar with district court practice and the types of cases handled by the 46th District Court. I have experience in various aspects of the judicial system including knowledge of the inter-workings of the Probation Department the daily operations of a court room, and experience managing a criminal and civil docket. I can apply my trial skills, knowledge of the law, and court rules to make sound legal decisions that are fair and impartial. I am compassionate, courteous, and patient. I am active in my community. I am an advocate for the education of and mentoring of youth. I volunteer my time with programs and activities which educate students and their families about legal-related information.

District Court Judge, District 48 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 48 includes the Charter Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield and the Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village and Sylvan Lake.

DIANE D'AGOSTINI

Elected in 2000 as a District Judge and reelected in 2006 and 2012. Graduated cum laude from Detroit College of Law, presently Michigan State University College of Law. As a Judge, I have made rulings at criminal arraignments, preliminary examinations, sentencing, evidentiary hearings, bench trials, jury trials, civil motions and trials, probation violation hearings, traffic infractions, performed weddings and am on call 24 hours a day for search warrants, totaling thousands of cases over the last 18 years.

I am actively involved with our children and teens by teaching them about the dangers of substance abuse and hosting field trips to court.

Please go to www.votejudgediane.com for more information.

As a Chief District Judge, I preside over criminal, civil, landlord-tenant and traffic cases and make daily rulings on criminal cases involving drugs, drunk driving, assault, domestic violence, theft, embezzlement, etc. and civil cases up to \$25,000. I have managed the Court's budget and staff, in addition to presiding over a court that has had filings of approximately 33,000-54,000 cases yearly.

Dear Neighbor,

Eighteen years ago, I came to you seeking your trust and confidence in electing me as your District Judge. I told you that I would follow the law and rule fairly, hold criminal offenders accountable, and I would build partnerships with our schools to educate our kids about the dangers of substance abuse and consequences for bad choices. I have been tireless in my mission to keep kids away from the grips of drug addiction thru my court programs. I am uplifted by the many examples of recovery that I witness thru my court ordered drug and alcohol treatment sentencing. Additionally, my work as Chief Judge has saved taxpayers in excess of \$1.7 million. I hope to maintain your trust again as I seek reelection.

Diane D'Agostini, Chief Judge-48th District Court

AMY WECHSLER

I earned my BA at University of Michigan-Dearborn and JD at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. While in law school, I interned at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Attorney General's Office Abuse and Neglect Division. I also interned/clerked for a Judge.

In 2000, I opened my own law practice, handling a variety of cases. From 2003- 2005, I worked for Neil Rockind as an associate attorney. I went back to private practice in 2005 - Present.

I am helping to spread the addiction treatment program, Hope Not Handcuffs across Oakland County. This volunteer-based program assists local police departments in helping their addicted citizens receive treatment.

I am a licensed commercial real estate broker. I draft and negotiate purchase agreements and leases.

I specialize in adult and juvenile criminal defense, handling both misdemeanors and low-level felony cases. I also serve as a court appointed attorney guardian (LGAL), protecting the interests of children in abuse and neglect cases. I primarily practice in courts across Oakland County.

I primarily represent people with addictions, especially those addicted to opioids and heroin. I am a strong supporter of treatment court programs, as an alternative to jail, for the health and welfare of our community. Currently, the 48th District Court does not have any treatment programs that are certified and monitored by the State of Michigan. These programs are proven to reduce recidivism rates, increase the likelihood of sobriety increase employment, and they save taxpayers money.

My broad range of experience has given me the unique understanding that there has to be a balance between being tough and being compassionate. It is not the role of the Judiciary to be an extension of the prosecutor's office or the police department. Likewise, judges are not defense attorneys and must hold people accountable for their actions. It is imperative that a judge applies the law in a fair, unbiased and impartial manner with the community foremost in mind. Because the needs of our community are constantly changing, judges must be willing to adapt to those changing needs, and not be set in their ways. I have the experience, leadership, and passion to be that judge.

District Court Judge, District 51 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 51 includes Waterford.

Unopposed on the Ballot - Todd A. Fox

District Court Judge, District 52-1 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 52-1 includes the communities of Commerce Township, Highland Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon, Village of Milford, Village of Wolverine Lake, Walled Lake, and Wixom.

Unopposed on the Ballot - Robert Bondy

District Court Judge, District 52-2 - Vote For Not More Than ONE - 6 Year Term

District 52-3 includes Cities of Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Rochester & Rochester Hills, Townships of Addison, Oakland, Orion & Oxford, Villages of Lake Orion, Leonard & Oxford.

Unopposed on the Ballot - Lisa Asadoorian

Oakland Community College – Two 6 Year Terms – Vote for no more than Two

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?

PAUL CURTIS

226 W. Bloomfield, Royal Oak, MI 48073

After more than 10 years of teaching philosophy, ethics and logic as an adjunct, after every one of my five children taking at least some classes at OCC and after having been a community college student myself many years ago, I know what a gem Oakland Community College is for our community. When I taught, about once a year, a student from another country would ask me quietly on the side, “why does America make it so difficult for people to get an education?” As a realtor, I watch young people struggle with life stunting levels of student debt. We all know that our region thrives when our people are reaching the highest level of education and training they can achieve. We must make it possible for everyone to be able to finish at least two years of college debt free. We must strengthen the trade and job training programs since four year degrees aren’t for everyone, and we must make everyone in Oakland County aware of the incredible opportunities that await them at OCC.

1) Debt free college is possible. I’ll work with the state and the county to find the best way to help students complete either two years that can transfer to a 4 year school, or complete one of the many vocational programs available without forcing students into life stunting debt. Our economy suffers because so many are unable to get any higher learning, and so many that do attend college, do so by debt that stops them from buying their first home or opening their first business. Financial institutions benefit while our region is held back from progress.

2) The trades certifications need to mean something in the job market. I’ll work with employers and unions alike to strengthen those programs so our graduates are sought after resources in the development of our region and state.

3) Community is our middle name, but too many either don’t know what we have or don’t understand how great it is. I’ll work tirelessly to reach out to schools beginning with 8th graders on up to market OCC.

PAMALA M. DAVIS

308 N. Rochester Rd., Apt. 5, Clawson, MI 48017

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DANARIUS MONROE HEMPHILL

4013 Foxpointe Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

As a “leader’s leader”, an energetic educator, author, noted public speaker, activist and catalyst of change for my generation.

I have the ability to oversee the quality and integrity of programs, monitor and continually update engagement, and recommend policy changes and new initiatives. Appropriately, I have developed my abilities in quantitative and qualitative analysis within the financial and organizational management arena. I have also applied these skills through continued work with public service and educational organizations.

Have been recently a student and having the opportunity to sit on the opposite side of the desk as it relate to policy and administration And who truly understand the hardships in the struggles of being a student.

My three priorities are, Students, organizational transparency/accountability, and creating opportunities through the use of an Individual Development Plan.

- My top priority would be Students First. This would be accomplished by getting involved with the student body by holding town hall meetings, surveys, and having an open and direct communication.

- Organizational transparency and accountability - By assuring transparency on a college level it creates a culture of culpability, responsibility, and accountability which ultimately impacts the internal and external controls and creates an organization that understands the importance of relationship and community partnerships.

- Cultivating and developing a group/team of dedicated and trusted professionals who value the importance of human connection, and understand education is not just a job but a mission.

CHRISTINE MARIE O’SULLIVAN

851 W. Gardenia Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

WHAT IF I MOVED OR CHANGED MY NAME?

You should update your registration whenever you move. You can update your voter registration my mailing in a change of address form available at www.michigan.gov/sos. If you are already registered to vote and you have a Michigan driver’s license or personal identification card, you can update your registration online at www.michigan.gov/expressos and go to the “Customer Information: box on the right side of the page and click on “Update Address/Profile Details.”

If you did not update your address after moving within a city or township, you can vote at your old precinct one last time and update your registration at that time. If you moved to a different city or township within 60 days of the election, you can vote at your old precinct one last time. (On or after June 8 for the primary election and September 7 for the general election.)

If you moved to a different city or township more than 60 days before the election and didn’t update your registration by the deadline, you won’t be able to vote in the election.



Oakland Community College – Two 6 Year Terms – Vote for no more than two

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Oakland Community College Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues that Oakland Community College should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them if elected to office?

MARGARET E. PERRY

831 W.Farnum Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067

As Director of Operations at Community Housing Network, I have experience in risk management, creating balanced budgets, and working with an underserved population. My current role requires that I look to the future and anticipate what will be needed for the organization and its employees.

As a recent graduate of Leadership Oakland, I have a deep understanding of the challenges facing Oakland County and feel a responsibility to engage and give back to the community.

As a mother of two sons, I am passionate about creating affordable education that will prepare and challenge students to reach their full potential.

I have a strong record of working hard, providing creative solutions and getting positive results while respecting and encouraging all perspectives.

1.College Readiness: In order for a student to be considered college ready, skills, behaviors and knowledge must be acquired before leaving high school. Students, on average, that are enrolled in OCC fall below the State and National average in college readiness. OCC needs to work more closely with our K-12 educational system to better prepare our students for college.

2.Employment Readiness: Employment readiness requires adaptability and a commitment to lifelong learning, along with mastery of academic, technical and workplace knowledge. OCC needs to assess its degree and certification programs to ensure we are offering programs that meet the needs of our regional businesses, particularly in Oakland County.

3.Financial Accountability: Although OCC is one of the lowest cost institutions in the State of Michigan, taxpayers of Oakland County subsidize the organization with a millage. Increasing its revenue through increased enrollment, as well as reducing costs, will benefit everyone.

BOB STORC

819 Leinster Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I have resided in Oakland County for my entire adult life. I have a BSME (Mechanical Engineering) from General Motors Institute and an MSES (Engineering Science) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I have mentored many student interns and have managed high-technology organizations. I am running to help promote “technical skills education” to meet job hiring “fits” for Oakland County businesses. These skills are not just engineering, but fit manufacturing, education, skilled trades, etc.

My sense is that we do not do enough to help lead students into education that will provide them with careers. My combination of mentoring and a technical background can be applied to help guide opportunities for good-paying, satisfying jobs that do not require a 4 year degree.

Also, I am self-funding my campaign.

Priority 1: Help develop technical career path educational opportunities. I would work to develop career paths from high school, OCC and business to create good paying, satisfying jobs.

Priority 2: Work to change practices of keeping instructors in part-time, adjunct positions which do not provide benefits and a career path. Clearly professors must be accountable, but they must also have security that if they do a good job, their career path is solid.

Priority 3: Grow the education business. Investigate providing additional education opportunities for senior citizens and others. One model is elected lectures similar to the One-Day-University programs. These classes could provide additional revenue for OCC (and professors), greater facility utilization and help offset costs to keep school affordable.

City of Clarkston Mayor – One 2-year term - Vote for no more than one

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Mayor, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

ERIC HAVEN

62 Robertson Ct., Clarkston, MI 48346

I have lived in Clarkston with my family for 45 years and have served on City Council intermittently over that period of time. I love this charming Village and now ask to serve as your Mayor. Clarkston is a cameo of our country’s history. I want to preserve our hometown as a 19th century mill village, a desirable place to call home. Clarkston’s historic character is both unique and fragile. We must be diligent in preserving it for our children and grandchildren.

Many of our neighbors are currently giving their time and talents to improve and beautify our town. I will promote this culture of volunteerism. I’m a volunteer myself, acting as the Chair of the Friends of Depot Park. We have been successful in supporting community projects with public-private partnerships. This is something I plan to continue with other initiatives throughout the village.

1. We must protect our architectural treasures or we will lose them. Current zoning and our federally registered historic district bolster all property values in the village – commercial and residential, inside and outside the historic district alike. I will work to bolster both.

2. As leaders we must not speculate when making important decisions. Infrastructure issues like public parking, traffic volume, speed control, etc. must be made in consultation with qualified experts. I will lead by requiring information-based decision making.

3. Nothing worthwhile comes with out a plan. Together we will enjoy mapping our future for kids and adults., alike. I will pursue implementing our formal city recreation and master plans

STEVEN C. PERCIVAL

187 Glenburnie Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

City of Clarkston City Council – Three 2-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

AL AVERY

30 S. Holcomb Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SHARRON CATALLO

29 Buffalo St., Clarkston, MI 48346

I have been a resident of the Village of Clarkston for 37 years. In that time I have served the community as council member and as the mayor, most recently, the last five years on city council again. I am also a member of the ZBA and the Budget Committee. It has been my pleasure to serve this community in whatever way I can. The ambitious project of saving our beautiful historic homes and downtown was just beginning when I first ran for Council the first time. We have come so far since then, but there is still more to do. I would like the opportunity to continue that project, because it is a benefit to everyone who lives here.

1. One priority I have is infrastructure management such as maintaining roads and sidewalks. We need to interface with our engineers and planners and have continued discussion with our residents. I will work to ensure the income from the paid parking lot will be spent on infrastructure repair as designated by the council. We should work to become preventative rather than reactive whenever possible.
2. We need ongoing communication. We need more open dialogue such as the meetings regarding the Master Plan. It was held at the library with an facilitator and all comments were noted, in a much more relaxed environment that a village council meeting.
3. More research with the possibility of expanding Historic District now that more properties have reached the age that makes them fit the criteria necessary to do so. Along with more discussion with the community on the protection the district offers them and their property values.

RICK DETKOWSKI, JR.

150 N. Holcomb, Clarkston, MI 48346

I'm a 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Michigan University in 1997. I am a Demand Manager for large international company and I live with my wife and two kids in the beautiful village of Clarkston. I am running again to keep our city just that way. After being elected to City Council in November 2016, the next two years became a lesson in politics and people. I learned that the CVOC has quickly grown beyond its infrastructure means, and that we must balance our now-bustling city with the desire to preserve its charm and historic value. The installment of paid parking was a big step toward financially supporting our infrastructure needs. While it's not the most popular decision, I'm proud to say that I was a part of making our city more viable without taxing residents and businesses. Also, we must continue to strive towards an open, honest, and productive culture in our city. There's much more work to be done!

Infrastructure - We must make our city safer, more beautiful, and able to accommodate the influx of patrons by repairing roads, sidewalks, and increasing parking options. Likewise, we must continue to support the related financial needs without placing the burden on residents and businesses.

Transparency - The debate still exists in the city as to what the public needs to know. I think this debate needs to be put to rest - the public should never feel they're not getting the whole story, especially in a town that's as small as ours. We must strive to do better here. We must follow the laws and rules and never give the impression that we aren't.

Culture - Let's face it, there are two sides in our town. It's a bummer that this is the case and I feel it's counter-productive. There are great people and ideas on both sides, let's put aside agendas and personal feelings so we can get stuff done. I want to continue bridging this gap by being fair, honest, and not taking sides.

HAMPTON SWAYNE

109 Wompole Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SUE WYLIE

6065 Middle Lk. Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346

I'm a retired teacher. My education includes a Bachelor of Science from Ohio University, Secondary Science teaching certificate from UM-Flint, and I completed the MML Newly Elected Officials Training Session. A 25-year City resident, I worked in medical and pharmaceutical sales, taught science, and served as a science chair. My government service includes Clarkston City Council, the city Planning Commission, Mayor pro tem, and chair of the Communications Committee. I've held leadership positions with the Pine Knob Ski Patrol, Clarkston Elementary PTO, and the Clarkston Co-op Preschool. I want to continue on city council because this job is not a 2-year job, and I have more to accomplish. In particular I want to continue to advocate for transparency in our city government. Among the qualities I bring to council is a willingness to listen to Clarkston residents and business owners, common sense approach to governing our city, and a desire to play fair and by the rules of government.

1) Even with increased revenue from paid parking, the City still has financial struggles. We need to continue to enforce paid parking and investigate other streams of non-tax revenue. Council must control spending to ensure that the needs of an efficiently run city are balanced against the wants. This control must involve careful consideration of city expenditures, and a well-designed budget.

2) A lawsuit regarding the release of FOIA'ed documents still hangs over the city. While the city prevailed in the first two rounds, government transparency and our reputation has suffered. I will continue to advocate for open government from all officials.

3) The city's infrastructure needs repairs to improve both safety and appearance. With the recent increase from parking revenue plus the expected release of the Road Assessment Study, more money can be dedicated to repairing and replacing streets and sidewalks based on an impartial schedule so that the worst areas are repaired first.

MICHAEL E. CASCONI

205 Surrey Ln., Clarkston, MI 48346

My 45 years working in safety and risk management took me to numerous types of work places creating a wide view of operations and how to safely and economically complete them by eliminating or at least reducing potential risk causes.

20 of those years working directly with the Michigan Municipal League's Risk Management Programs, specifically the

MML Property and Liability Pool and the

MML Workers Compensation Fund.

As well as other Municipal Risk Management Programs in MN, SD, AL, MA, MO and KA.

This combined municipal safety/risk management experience is what I will bring to the City Council table.

The City of the Village of Clarkston participates in both the above risk financing programs.

The last renewal premium increased 30%! A significant unexpected budget hit. Premium can be controlled by implementing functional Risk Management practices.

Risk Management is good Management.

1) For a small town - 1/2 mile square, 750 people - City Council, to use an old saying, continues to "break into jail" creating costly liability law suits, bad press, a hostile environment and much negativity.

Think, short and long term, what impact a decision has or may have. Stick to the City Charter, Master Plan and others that guide Council. Consult local legal council and the MML's staff of competent attorneys before making a decision that may, and has, created lengthy litigation.

2) Implement documented programs to include potential incident/accident causing risk exposures to staff, citizen and visitor. Including documented physical inspection to identify risk, prioritize frequency and severity potential, fix what can be and what will be postponed to a later date with staffing and budget considerations in mind.

Municipalities enjoy a degree of government immunity that must be protected - document, document!

3) with only 10 characters remaining in this segment - plan ahead

City of Clarkston City Council – Three 2-year terms - Vote for no more than three (Cont.)

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

DAVID MARSH

6150 Overlook, Clarkston, MI 48346

David Marsh

Married 21 years to Karrie Marsh

Born 04/10/1971

I have lived in Oakland County for 45 years and been a Resident of the City of the Village of Clarkston for 8 years

I have served for 4 years on City Council.

I am running for City Council to protect the city and try to keep the “village” feel that Clarkston is known and loved for. With open minded discussions, we can come together as a community and protect the both the charm and home values of our community.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

- 1) Help develop an Age-friendly Community Plan which will entail a comprehensive review of the current ‘age-friendliness’ of Clarkston and review the policies, ordinances, charter, community infrastructure, community services and transportation systems. The plan will include recommendations on future initiatives, policies and directives which will lead to Clarkston reaching a more age-friendly status.
- 2) We need to learn how to talk with each other again instead of past each other. We need dialog instead of monolog. We must be more intelligent about conversations. Clear and honest two-way, empathetic, non-judgmental communication is critical to have a more enjoyable and more productive city.
- 3) Secure the benefits of local self-government, to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of all persons and property, and to provide for the continued preservation of the character of the community. (preamble of the City Charter)

City of Keego Harbor City Council – Two 3-year terms - Vote for no more than two

Unopposed on the Ballot - Brian Lampl, Theresa Shimansky

City of Orchard Lake City Council – Three 3-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Mark B. Hoffman, Jennifer Oram, M. Theodore Wade

City of Sylvan Lake City Council – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

BEN CLARKE

1520 Benvenue, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

My name is Ben Clarke and I am 34. I grew up in West Bloomfield, MI. I graduated from Brother Rice High School. I have a Bachelors in Sociology from Oakland University. In 2007, I purchased a house in Sylvan Lake on Benvenue. My wife Jessica and I have 2 children (Hendrik, 10 and Colette, 7). Jessica is on the Sylvan Lake Parks and Rec. committee and a PTO president at Roosevelt Elementary. In 2010, I opened People Skate and Snowboard, a retail store in Keego Harbor. I regularly attend council meetings and volunteer at parks and rec. events.

Running a small business and family has made me judicious and adaptable. I wear a lot of hats. Sales has taught me how to listen to individual needs and be empathetic. Marketing has taught me the importance of communication. We all “sell” ideas. It is important to build trust and work hard to maintain that trust. In the current retail climate, it is imperative that you communicate clearly and create a great customer experience or you will not last.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?

- We need young residents involved in local politics now. In the not too distant future, the torch will be passed. We need to learn the process and keep the council running smoothly. As a local business owner and a Sylvan Lake advocate ensures I will be here for the long haul.
- Sylvan Lake City Council needs to have a more forward-facing interactive public voice. I have grown up with the internet and social media being an ever present part of life. It’s a wonderful tool to communicate and when used correctly, can strengthen community, build awareness and trust. I will work to improve communication.
- We need to hire a qualified police chief who can enhance our well-being and safety through a community policing model. Voters have unanimously supported our local police and it is imperative we have a chief at the helm who understands our unique community. Having an academic background in Sociology provides me with perspective on social theory relative to policing and will prove valuable.

BRIAN D. ETTER

2043 Pontiac Dr., Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

STEVEN PETERSEN

1565 Lakeview, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JOSEPH SALEMI

1359 Avondale, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

As a 18 year resident of Sylvan Lake, I believe in the concept of giving back to the community. In addition, I believe it is the right time for a new outlook and perspective. As a business leader and previous business owner, I am particularly interested in the long term and sustainable growth of our city, fiscal responsibility and general safety of our community. I am confident to be one of five decision makers, who develop the future for our community, ensure its alignment with our core values, and support the vision that all citizens of Sylvan Lake have for the future of our city.

1. Government must live within its means, and I am committed supporting that model. Balanced budgets, paying down debt, prioritizing services and reducing legacy costs - I will support these priorities to keep Sylvan Lake fiscally sound.
2. Water - Our city has seen significant increases in our water bills over the last few years. Many residents, including our retired and senior resident have voiced their concerns over the continuing rise in cost.
3. City Services - I have spoken to many who are concerned about our roads and current city services which seem to have been lacking. Sylvan Lake residents enjoy many wonderful services however do not appreciate when paid services are not fulfilled by the city.

MICHAEL ZUBRZYCKI

2160 Avondale, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

I was born in Michigan, attended public schools, earned a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University, a master’s degree from Wayne State University and have been working in the automotive industry ever since. My professional career spans multiple business disciplines; including Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources and Employee Benefits and Strategy. This broad-based experience gives me a unique perspective when addressing the challenges facing the City of Sylvan Lake.

I was first elected to City Council in November 2008, was Mayor in 2012, and previously served on Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee. During my time on City Council, I have gained the knowledge necessary to read governmental accounting documents and make recommendations that ensure Sylvan Lake operates with a balanced budget. My wife and I have lived here for 24 years, and we both agree that there is no better place than Sylvan Lake to live and raise our two children

Sylvan Lake is a great community, and I will work hard to make sure residents continue to receive the highest level of public service while maintaining a balanced budget. It is also important to recognize that the City has an obligation to all residents, from children to seniors regardless of their economic standing.

My priorities will be focused in the areas of public safety, infrastructure (roads, water and sewer) and quality of life amenities (including the waterfront and parks). Because each resident may place a different value on each of the aforementioned public services, I am open to considering alternative viewpoints and will execute my civic duties with the highest level of integrity.

With your vote, we can work together to help keep Sylvan Lake great!

Village of Beverly Hills Village Council

Four 4-year terms - Vote for no more than four

Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?

ROCK ABOUD

1221 Bowers St., P.O. Box 87, Birmingham, MI 48012

I have been a village resident since 1974, and it has been my honor to be a member of the Village of Beverly Hills Council for the past 4 years. I attended Groves High School and went on to receive an MBA from LTU; I currently work as a Marketing Executive.

I am a family man, and my wife and I have been married for 30 years. Our two children raised in the Village are now a second year resident doctor and a college senior pursuing a teaching degree.

I am seeking another term to continue making our community a safe place to live and raise a family. My position as elected voting delegate for the SEMCOG and MML gives me state-level learning with which can better our great community. Additionally, my experience as a 4-year incumbent, and serving on the planning commission, gives me unparalleled experience serving the public.

The top 3 priorities for the Village of Beverly Hills are public safety, education, and maintaining the well cared for infrastructure.

I will continue to support our outstanding Public Safety Department by getting any necessary police and fire equipment keeping our residents safe and secure. While serving on Council, we provided new fire trucks and state-of-the-art police cars to keep our residents well served and protected.

Having been educated by Birmingham Public Schools, I value our public resources. Therefore, I will continue to support our membership in the Baldwin Public Library, and support after-school athletic and arts community programs.

Finally, I will also ensure our beautiful public parks, pocket parks, and neighborhoods stay green and pristine, so they can be enjoyed by the community. In addition, I would maintain our Village roads and keep them in the best condition possible to prepare for our many upcoming Michigan winters.

BOB BORGON

32340 Drury, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

BBA degree from Western Michigan University, majoring in Business and minor in Economics. 40 year resident of Beverly Hills.

Running for council to ensure the quality of life continues throughout the Village. Served on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for 20 years representing Beverly Hills. Served as Chairman for 5 years and Executive Director for 4 years. Served as Village Council member for one year filling a vacancy. Member of NEXT/BASSC Board of Directors for 8 years beginning in 2008. While on the Board appointed Vice-President of Personnel for 2 years and then President for 2 years, 2014-2015.

1. Infrastructure-The Village infrastructure is in need of attention. We need to be Pro-Active rather than reactive to the needs of the Village.

2. Represent the entire Village and not focus on just east or west. All decisions should be made after listening to all residents point of view and how it will affect the entire Village. Consider what is best for all Villagers and not let personal opinion sidetrack the issues.

3. Protect the senior population. Make sure the seniors needs are considered in all actions of the council.

JAMES PATRICK DELANEY

18129 Riverside Dr., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JOHN GEORGE

18427 Warwick St., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

RACHEAL HRYDZIUSZKO

31531 Evergreen Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

JACK LANIGAN

31171 Sunset Ct., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

I am an 18 year resident of Beverly Hills and served on the Village's Finance Committee until it was eliminated. I understand budgets, and I can recognize waste.

I can tell you what I think is important, but I wish to do what Beverly Hills residents deem important. My work experiences taught me to listen and understand the importance of issues being described - then get them done.

My day jobs prepared me to serve as a Council Member. I have been a Project Manager for more than 25 years addressing primarily environmental issues and completing work within specified budgets. Most recently, I serve the people of Michigan as a regulator of oil and gas affairs through the Department of Environmental Quality.

During major capital improvement projects at the Cranbrook Swim Club (just across 13 Mile Road), I served as President for three years and Treasurer for four years, balancing budgets and getting the most value from members' dues while completing significant projects on time.

I believe in providing good services, on time, at fair prices. I believe that is Council's mandate.

Residents expect good services: public safety, trash collection, road maintenance, ordinance enforcement, for examples. Council must ensure services are in tune with residents' expectations, and that services are administered efficiently.

We can consider new services, too. As our demographics change, we need to hear new ideas and look again at older ideas. For example, to ensure safe routes connecting our schools, parks, and neighborhoods, I suggest we look again at new sidewalks in limited parts of our Village.

Time is always of the essence. We need to address issues early when they are manageable. We must be good listeners. Being proactive saves time and avoids waste.

Fair prices are the taxpayer's comfort level. I pay taxes, too. We should get what we pay for; that's fair. I will strive to get every benefit from every tax dollar. You should expect no less.

I know Jack!

JON M. OEN

32061 Verona Cir., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

First elected to the village council in 2006. Have made many very tough decisions to guide our town forward, including working very hard to explain the importance of the millage increase we were fighting for in the 2008-2010 recession. We were able to keep Beverly Hills one of the top 5 communities in Michigan to live and raise a family. We maintained all the services that we have all come to expect. I enjoy serving my community and want to continue to serve and keep updating to keep our Village the flourishing town that it is!

1) The millage sunset: Council has been talking about and planning for this, we have two plans, ask for a renewal of the current millage, our if we need to go back to old millage what we would need to cut out. I don't want to cut any services so I will continue to work to keep our village the way it is and move forward. We have one of, if not the best, Police/Fire departments in the country!

2) The infrastructure: we have identified and put together a plan to replace the old water and sewer lines in the village. We have cost estimates and are getting ready to put that plan in motion. With this done, we will be in a very good position moving forward and have our water and sewer lines up to date!

3) The roads: Again we have done a complete survey of all the roads in the village and are working on a plan to begin a very aggressive road program. Since 2010 we have been very aggressive repairing and rebuilding roads. I will continue to vote in favor of road repairs.

LEE PEDDIE

17540 Kinross, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

I currently serve as President Pro-Tem on the Beverly Hills Village Council and have served on the Planning Commission. In my profession, I sell consumer products to US Retailers.

I am running for office because I believe in serving my community and I enjoy that service. People choose many ways to serve but my choice is that of a public servant and policy maker. I take the responsibilities of public servant very seriously and want to preserve the success that we have worked very hard to achieve in our community. The Village of Beverly Hills is a safe, unique and wonderful place to live.

- Maintaining our services. I have, and will, continue to work hard to provide the services we expect in our community in a fiscally responsible manner.

- Infrastructure: the underlying foundation of our community; roads, water and sewer systems. Here we must continue to identify and fix areas that have fallen into disrepair and also address potential problems prior to them getting out of hand.

- Quality of Life. There have been many issues that have warranted either a solution or a more in depth study in our community. I will continue to have an open mind and will never rush to judgement on topics that are important to the people of Beverly Hills.

Village Of Bingham Farms Village President

One 4-year terms - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Benjamin Templeton

Village Of Bingham Farms Village Trustee

Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Jeffrey M. Douville, Mel Ettenson, Lawrence Freedman

Village Of Bingham Farms Village Trustee

One partial term ending 11/16/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Kurt L. Jones

Village of Franklin Village Clerk – One 2-year term - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Eileen Pulker

Village of Franklin Village Trustee – Three 3-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Brian Gordon, William Lamott, Edward Saenz

Village of Holly Village President – One 2-year term - Vote for no more than one

NICOLE EDWARDS 217 Cogshall, Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
JOHN LAUVE 200 N. Saginaw, Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
THOMAS MCKENNEY 304 E. Maple St., Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Holly Village Trustee – Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

RICHARD I. KINNAMON 433 N. Saginaw St., Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
RICK POWERS 816 Holly Bush Ct., Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
CHRIS RANKIN 217 Cogshall St., Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
TIM TERPENING 704 E. Maple St., Holly, MI 48442	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Lake Orion Village Council - Vote for no more than four

Three 4-year terms (three highest vote totals) and One 2-year term (fourth highest vote total)

Unopposed on the Ballot - Ray Hammond, Douglas Hobbs, John D. Ranville, Teresa Rutt

Village of Milford Village President – One 2-year term - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Jerry Aubry

Village of Milford Village Council – Three 4-year term - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Jennifer L. Frankford, Harley C. Maxwell, David H. Pehrson

Village of Ortonville Village President

One 2-year term - Vote for no more than one

<i>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village President and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</i>	<i>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</i>
<p>TONJA BRICE 654 E. Ridge, Ortonville, MI 48462 Who am I? A village of Ortonville resident for 7 years and Brandon Township resident for 21 years, working in the village for 17 years and raised my children in the community. A current Village Trustee, Planning Commission member, Personnel Committee member, and volunteer in multiple village capacities. An open minded problem solver who values the opinions of others, and considers residents, business owners, and local community leaders as Ortonville team players. A researcher who analyzes data, searches for unmet needs, and is ready to acquire opportunities for our community, while being fiscally responsible Why am I running for Village President? To add greater value to, and be an integral part of increasing the desirability of our community. To instill conscious awareness for preserving the past, while enhancing the future of Ortonville in the forefront of Council projects, decisions and actions.</p>	<p>What are my top three priorities? To increase collaboration with Brandon Township, facilitating open lines of communication, unified improvements, and shared resources. To realistically build from the current foundation of village projects through researching grants and other funding sources to improve safety, walkability, and usage of current gems in the resident and business districts of the village. To increase partnership with the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority, tripling our resources and knowledge, creating a unified front for Ortonville into generations to come.</p>
<p>COLEEN SKORNICKA 175 Granger Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Ortonville Village Trustee

Three 4-year term - Vote for no more than three

<i>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Trustee and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</i>	<i>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</i>
<p>ANA COLE 436 Edward St., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
<p>PAT GEORGE 219 N. Church St., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
<p>ANTHONY GRAYBILL 317 N. Church St., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
<p>LARRY HAYDEN 200 Mill St., Ortonville, MI 48462 I have been a resident of Ortonville for over 25 years, have served as a Village Trustee in the past, and I am currently on the Planning Commission. I am passionate about our Community and truly want to see our Village be a place we all want to live. In 2017 and 2018 I have seen greater friction and a lack of good communication and cooperation within our local Village government (Council, Planning Commission, and DDA). I also have concerns that on some issues it seems the Council is not receptive to the community input. I believe these issues have had a negative impact on the trust our community has in its local government. I want to bring a more positive spirit of openness and cooperation to our Council, and ensure that we are properly serving the will and needs of our entire community. For our Village to be successful, our Village Government must have the trust and support of our community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the Master Plan through collaboration with the Planning Commission, Village Council, and DDA to ensure it accurately reflects the community input collected, and provides a clear vision and plan for our future as a community. 2. Complete a Capital Improvement Plan for our Village to ensure we are properly maintaining our infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, buildings, equipment) and can properly forecast our budget. 3. A thriving downtown provides revenue to enable us to provide good services to the community. I know lack of sewers is often raised as a primary constraint for our downtown, but our community also clearly expressed their lack of support for a village wide sewer. I respect the will of the community on this topic and would not support any proposal that would have the Village paying for a sewer for the Downtown. However, I believe the Village can play a supporting role if the businesses can come up with a proposal and non-Village funding for implementation.
<p>MARK A. ROBINSON 132 Mill St., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION
<p>JAMES AUSTIN WEBB 598 Mill St., Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Village of Oxford Council – Three 4-year term - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Joe Frost , Maureen Helmuth , Kate Logan

Village of Wolverine Lake Village Council - Vote for no more than five

Three highest vote totals – 4 year terms, fourth and fifth highest vote totals – 2-year terms

Unopposed on the Ballot - Mark Duff, David J. Dumont , Bob Malek, Ed Sienkiewicz, Walter J. Yourke

Ferndale Area District Library Board

Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Daniel Hooper , Kevin Yezbick

Hazel Park District Library Board

Three 4-year terms - Vote for no more than three

Unopposed on the Ballot - Richard E. Robbins, Caitlyn Yother, Linda Zeiss

Salem South Lyon District Library Board

Four 4-year terms - Vote for no more than four

Unopposed on the Ballot - Nina Byrnes, Jim Quigly, Amy Randall-Ray

Village of Franklin Village Library Board

Two 6-year terms - Vote for no more than two

Unopposed on the Ballot - Kim Greidanus

Charter Township of Bloomfield Library Board

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Sandra Edwards

Charter Township of Lyon Library Board

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Ed Coles

Charter Township of Oakland Library Board

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Marisa Kallie

Charter Township of White Lake Library Board

One partial term ending 11/20/2020 - Vote for no more than one

Unopposed on the Ballot - Karen Wyns

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to vote
on November 6**

School Board Races

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Avondale School Board Member – Vote for no more than four Three 4-year terms and one partial term ending 12/31/2020

Unopposed on the Ballot - Sean L. Johnson, Terry E. Lang, Charles W. Tischer, Sid Lockhart

Berkley School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Ronald J. Justice, Keith Allen Logsdon

Birmingham School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 6 Year Term

LORY DOLAN

19053 Riverside Dr., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

I have been an attorney for 25 years and, for the majority of those years, I advised Boards of Directors for governmental entities on various legal issues. In addition, I was the Beverly Elementary School PTA President, Berkshire Middle School Co-President, District PTA Vice-President, Education Council Member, member of a number of additional committees for BPS, and The ARC of Oakland County Board Member.

I believe that my experience as an attorney along with my years of volunteer work with the District make me uniquely qualified to be a member of the Board of Education. As an attorney, I have learned how to use my advocacy skills to further my clients' goals. In addition, over the years I have had the pleasure of working with BPS parent groups, administrators and teachers, all working together to provide our children with the best education, facilities, and resources available. As a Board Member, I would combine my legal background and District service together to achieve the best results for the entire BPS community.

I believe the top three priorities for Birmingham Public Schools are addressing the deficit, addressing equity in learning, and providing a clear instructional plan across all subject matter areas on how to best educate all children.

Since 2009, the state has been diverting money from K-12 education to community colleges and universities. Without the necessary funding, school districts often must eliminate programming, which clearly affects student learning. Moreover, it is difficult to attract and retain talent absent funding to compensate teachers appropriately. Electing officials that prioritize K-12 education and the funding of K-12 education would help BPS address the deficit, achievement issues and equity in learning.

In addition, the district needs a clear instructional plan. Particularly, the district's position regarding honors level classes needs clarity and consistency, including an initiative to increase the number of students from under-represented student populations in honors and AP courses.

AMY HOCHKAMMER

1504 Birmingham Blvd., Birmingham, MI 48009

I have a BA in English from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. I've lived in Birmingham with my husband and two children for more than 20 years. I am an enthusiastic volunteer and my experience extends throughout BPS and the broader Birmingham community. I have served on numerous BPS School PTA boards including as President of the BPS PTA Council (2017-2018), President of Seaholm High School PTA (2015-2017), and as Legislative Chair of Derby Middle School PTA (2013-2014). I am currently Co-President of Seaholm Offers Support (SOS). Within the wider community, I have been a member of the Birmingham Family YMCA Board of Managers since 2007 and I served as Chair of the Board in 2013-2014. My volunteer career began with the Junior League of Birmingham in 1997 where I served in various positions. I believe my 20 plus years of experience as a community volunteer provides me with unique insight into the people and values that are present in our community. It is my goal to continue to promote those values within Birmingham Public Schools by serving on the Board of Education.

Fiscal Responsibility – I would ensure that the board approves a balanced budget and I would pledge to hold administration accountable to that budget, thereby minimizing fiscal year-end deficits.

School Safety – I would research and vote to adopt emergency plans that are age and building specific to ensure that students, staff and parents believe in the safety of our public schools.

Curriculum Review Process - I would mandate that all curriculum changes be researched thoroughly and beta tested in multiple settings prior to being rolled out. In addition, any curriculum changes adopted need to be in alignment with the goals of the district's strategic plan.

MIKE LEWIS

944 Kennesaw St., Birmingham, MI 48009

I have two kids in the district. My wife is a public school teacher. I am general counsel for a non-profit that helps families save money for college or trade school. Education is one of the focal points of my life. I can't think of a better way to harness all of that energy than to run for the school board. I believe in public service. Good people have to step up and serve. It's just that simple, and right now I figure it's my turn to take a swing. My legal background fits nicely with the job because there are tricky legislative issues that all school districts will have to grapple with in the years ahead. I think I'm pretty good at figuring out complicated problems and I know I'll be able to work well with my colleagues on the board because I enjoy working in groups to find solutions. There is a lot of talent on the board but we are also losing a lot of talent this time around. I think it's important that voters identify candidates like myself who want to serve out of a sense of obligation - not because they have a grievance to air. There's a big difference.

Teacher retention, community outreach and competition. Remarkably, even destination districts like Birmingham are losing teachers. This is unacceptable. It is difficult to maintain continuity in a school district when teachers are coming in and out of a revolving door. We have to do whatever we can to find and keep top talent. We should be able to do that in a district as attractive as BPS. Teachers are the lifeblood of a school. We have to pay them fairly and support them. Otherwise, the talent drain will continue. We also have to do a better job of engaging the community. Many parents are upset about the integrated math program when they shouldn't be. The roll out was weak; the program, however, is good. It takes a long view and I think that's the right approach with education. Finally, BPS is surrounded by many strong parochial/private schools. There is a lot of competition here. We have to continue to grow as a district in order to stay one step ahead. Public schools are the glue that holds communities together. If we grow, we know we're on the right track.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Birmingham School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 6 Year Term (Cont.)

NICOLE MCKINNEY

P.O. Box 760586, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-9998

I am a nonprofit professional with more than 20 years experience. In my current role at United Way, I connect businesses with schools to provide students with college readiness and career exploration opportunities. I have been an active member of the PTA as Legislative Chair, Room Parent Co-Chair, Gator Fundraising Committee, and other activities in the district. In June of this year, Beaumont Teen Health Center-River Rouge named an award in my honor, “The McKinney Award”, for helping to establish a school-based health center. I have served on several nonprofit boards, and hold a master’s degree in business administration. I am a graduate of the Detroit Regional Chamber Leadership Detroit Class XXXVI (2016). I am also a proud mother of a student in the district. I have also been endorsed by State Representative, Jeremy Moss, who is a graduate of Groves High School.

I’m running for the school board because I am a long-time advocate for youth with a proven track record and professional experience that closely aligns with the role of a Trustee.

As a school district, our first priority should be to provide a quality education to all students and prepare them for the future as they transition from high school. As a Board candidate, my top three priorities for our district would include: 1) Creating a new vision for the district with the new superintendent, which includes a new strategic plan with measurable goals and a timeline, setting a new culture, reviewing the curriculum, and improving communications internally and externally. 2) Addressing the achievement gap that exists for non-proficient students through new strategies and additional resources. 3) Balancing the budget, by eliminating non-essential costs and identifying ways to diversify our funding.

My long-term vision would be to utilize the many resources of our community to provide students with opportunities to learn outside the classroom, through exposure to various careers of their interest.

MIKE NUMMER

611 Westwood Dr., Birmingham, MI 48009

I hold a BS in Business from Miami University. I began my career as a CPA with PricewaterhouseCoopers and I am currently the Managing Principal of an investment management firm. My wife and I have lived in the district for 25 years and have four children who have attended BPS. We also have 9 nieces and nephews who have attended BPS schools and both my mother and my wife’s mother graduated from Birmingham High School (later renamed Seaholm). Our family has benefited immensely from our superb district and I would like to make BPS a model for public education in Michigan. I believe that the Board is in need of trustees who have a strong understanding of finance especially given the current deficit that the district is facing. I believe that my background in finance and accounting and my family’s history in BPS schools distinguishes me from the other candidates.

New Superintendent Search - The most immediate issue facing the district is the selection of a new superintendent. Filling that position quickly is desirable, but we need to be thoughtful and methodical in the choice of the new leader for BPS.

Financial Discipline – The district has done a commendable job in navigating the fiscal challenges over the past decade. In the past few years though the prior leadership neglected to prioritize financial discipline and we now have a significant deficit that needs to be remedied. I will work to return the district to sound financial practices.

Teaching and Learning – The BPS community expects excellence in the core role of ensuring learning for all members of the school community. I will advocate for the new Superintendent to hold the assistant superintendents to higher levels of performance. This would especially include the heads of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and Specialized Instruction.

JENNIFER RASS

22076 W.Valley Woods Dr., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

I am a knowledgeable communications professional with more than 25 years of experience in corporate, agency, non-profit communications and media relations. I have extensive background in executing strategic communication plans, public relations campaigns and brand management. My inspiration for running for the BPS board is to give back to what has provided an amazing educational foundation thus far for my two children. I believe my business background, communication expertise and community involvement, I am qualified to serve in this role. Professionally, I am the Director of Business Operations for Duo Security where I am responsible for data, reporting, vendor management and internal events. I am actively involved in my children’s lives as the past PTA President of BFE and trustee for the Birmingham Education Foundation. I am also a Board Member and Walk Chair of the JDRF Metro Detroit Southeastern Michigan Chapter. Previously I served as the President of EMU’s Alumni Association and the National Vice President of Comm for Sigma Kappa’s National Housing Corporation Board.

With a new superintendent, administrators and three new school board members bringing fresh perspectives to influence and move the district forward, I believe these are some of the areas we should focus on:

Resource allocation - As stewards of taxpayers’ money, we must be efficient and effective allocating resources that are most impactful for academic achievement for all students. We need to find better ways to improve how we utilize our resources

Advocacy – Enhancing academic careers and improving all learners; all students deserve a world-class education. As a district we must provide a well-rounded educational experience for all students while helping our teachers personalize their teaching strategies to address all learning needs.

Communication -We must continue to focus and place an emphasis on on-going, transparent communication. We have to evolve, elevate and enhance our District’s communication platforms and efforts. We are a world-class district and we must showcase that.

BOB SAAD

P.O. Box 2391, Birmingham, MI 48012

First, I would like to say thank you to the LWVOA for providing a trusted means through which the community can get better acquainted with the candidates. This is a great service to the public.

I love education and the metro-Birmingham area. My wife and I have lived in the District for 20 years, and we have 4 children in BPS, which motivates me to be active and diligent on behalf of public education.

I have a significant background in both education and business that I believe equips me well for a position as a Board of Education Trustee. I interact regularly with the current Board and Administration, which provides me with a sound understanding of where the District is financially and academically. As well, I am a frequent contributor at Board meetings and a vocal advocate for the role and value of healthy, organized labor. I am also a founding member of the Birmingham Community Partnership for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity.

Since a short paragraph really is not sufficient to explain the actions that I would take to address the complex issues that face our District, I offer a list of 8 priorities that are also addressed in greater detail on my website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bobsa-adschoolboard>.

1. Administrative and Board transparency is vital.
2. Equal opportunity and access to success for ALL students is achievable.
3. Character Education is essential and foundational for a well-rounded public school experience.
4. Recurring operational deficits are not acceptable.
5. Renewal of Board oversight of the Administrative Office is needed.
6. Open community dialogue at all open Board meetings should be a standard practice.
7. A single, Web application for all class/course communications district-wide is preferred over the ever-increasing number of blogs, websites, phone Apps, emails, etc. that are utilized daily by teachers, parents, students, and administrators.
8. Initiatives that address perceived achievement gaps must be clearly defined.

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Bloomfield Hills School Board Member – Vote for not more than four – 4 Year Term

HOWARD BARON

1355 Juniper Ln., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

SB, MIT–1978, MBA, University of Chicago–1982, Master Diamond (Level 5 of 7) and Advocacy Skills Award-MI Assoc. of School Boards, 2018-Certificate of Recognition: BHS Parent Teacher Org. Council, 2015-Outstanding Volunteer Award: Accounting Aid Society, Prepares tax returns & provides financial coaching to low/moderate income people. 2014-National volunteer service recognition, Lobbies state and national elected officials on educational issues, With his wife Nancy, 27 year BHS district resident.

Since my election in 2012, I've made sure that BHS continues to be one of MI's leading school districts. Staffed by exceptional teachers and administration, we provide a top-notch education, including the visual and performing arts, to all students.

But much still needs to be done. Using my philosophy of "Educational Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility", we must continue to help all BHS children to be successful, especially those not achieving to their highest potential. We must work to update the way we fund our public schools by increasing local control and equity in the funding model.

JENNIFER COOK

3856 Normanwood Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

I am a native of Syracuse NY, with higher education in the Ivy League and three graduate degrees (I love school!). I am a veterinary pathologist/lab quality assurance expert and mother of two BH-ers. I have been active in the district since arriving (room mom, PTO exec board, robotics, word masters, global education team) and have been repeatedly inspired by what I see. I seek the board position because I am indebted to an excellent public education, which I believe is the cornerstone of a free and just society. I would like to be of service in helping to provide the joys of a rich, fulfilling education to all. The qualities/skills I bring are a friendly, open, cooperative attitude; excellent critical thinking, research, and organizational abilities; an objective, scientific approach to problem solving; and a translational skill set in the realm of quality assurance (e.g. analyzing key indicators, planning corrective actions, timelines for re-evaluation). I would tenaciously apply these qualities for researching issues/fostering an accountable system of continuous quality improvement

LISA EFROS

5437 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

My husband and I are parents of four, all educated in the BHSD. One now attends MSU and one UM! I am a tax attorney, a stay at home mom, and an active community volunteer.

BA in English and BA in Psychology - University of Michigan; JD - University of Detroit Law School; MBA - University of Detroit Business School; LL.M in Tax Law - Wayne State.

I have made a career out of volunteering. I have been a room parent over 20 times, a PTO President 7 times, and a member of over 10 district wide focus or leadership committees. I have volunteered at and served on the Board of several community organizations, such as Bloomfield Youth Assistance and Bloomfield Baseball League. My knowledge of the tax and legal system will be an important addition to the Board of Ed.

3. Teacher shortages: We face a national crisis of qualified teachers. We must ensure that teachers earn enough to provide a decent living for their families. But we must also end the increasingly unreasonable demands put upon teachers to manage large classes with diverse levels of learners, limited support, resources and time.

PAUL KOLIN

4297 Sunningdale Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

I bring both the professional and personal skills necessary to help lead the district toward the three main goals: academic achievement, financial sustainability, and trust and communication. I have a recent graduate, and a daughter in the high school.

My professional / Educational experience are as follows:

- I am the current Vice President of the Bloomfield Hills School Board
- Award recipient for Michigan school board course work (took courses to help understand best practices)
- Parent teacher organization liaison to the school board (work with the PTO presidents on district initiatives)
- Executive Board member of Bloomfield Youth assistance (Chair of the recognition and enrichment Committee's)
- Executive Board member of Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition
- Education council for the Southeast Michigan Board of governance
- Host of BHHS high school radio show PK sports (Talking about student recognition and concerns)
- I have a BS from Binghamton University
- I have an MBA from Baruch College
- I am currently a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) working for Ernst&Young

Maintaining High Quality Education – BHS has a well-deserved reputation of providing its students with an education designed to help them develop individual excellence. Continue to provide all children the greatest educational opportunities possible by offering our exceptional comprehensive curriculum, including the visual and performing arts.

Unleashing Excellence through Equity – BHS must accelerate its work to close the achievement gap by strengthening the district's equity focus so that all children are able to achieve to their highest potential.

School Finance Reform – BHS should continue to support and lobby to implement the recommendations of the late State Supt. Brian Whiston to make Michigan a Top 10 Education State in the next 10 years. This includes the recommendations of the School Finance Research Collaborative to return local control of school funding and to bring equity into K-12 funding and the efforts of Launch Michigan, a coalition of business, education, and philanthropic leaders to develop a legislative roadmap designed to make Supt. Whiston's plan a reality.

1- Digging deeper into thorough, more honest discussions about our current achievement status and where we should be. We cannot rest on laurels/reputation. I seek high expectations for all, research into root causes of lower performance, and work to align with the best practices of very high performing districts. The board and the administration need to be more firmly accountable for realization of the consensus goals/strategic plan.

2- Improving achievement gaps—we need to take our solid start on equity/inclusion to the next level, aligning the curriculum with the work of the global education team to increase every student's engagement. As for all initiatives, broad strategies should be focused on the classroom.

3- Resisting a zero-sum attitude by assuring resources/options for strong students & raising the bar for all. Students learn from each other; we can leverage a culture of progress and post-12 preparedness. Students should be included in a team-leaders model, with more intra-district tutoring and more externships/internships that show value for the community and our youth.

1. Funding. Michigan ranks in the bottom third of our nation's schools and spends below the national average per pupil. Money does not always equate to quality when it comes to educating children but wise allocation of resources does. BHSD spends more than almost any other district in Michigan yet classroom teachers lack the time and resources to provide the best and most appropriate environment for students. We must analyze high administrative costs and assure that monies are directed to classroom related instructional services.

2. Testing. National and state governments hold public schools accountable through mandatory compliance testing that neither measures what it purports to nor aligns with curriculum proven to best serve our students. There are tests that are more useful to teachers, students and parents which would also meet state and federal compliance standards. Tests like NWEA, for example, allow students to move on to more challenging material once they demonstrate a mastery of basic concepts. We need to reduce the epidemic of ineffective, non-curriculum based testing.

1. Academic Achievement - Provide a premium educational experience for ALL students that challenges all of them to achieve at his/her highest level. This includes our highest achievers, as well as those counting on their educator to build and implement the supports of an IEP or 504.

2. Financial Sustainability – Continue to look at ways to increase revenue and/or streamline costs as long as they do not negatively impact our students. Maintain a balanced budget that will continue to fund the district's short and long term goals. In order to obtain this, we as a district need to focus on those students that could potentially come into the district and those that are leaving the district.

3. Trust and Communication - The education of our students is a joint mission between the district and the families we serve. It is important that we develop our relationship with the community and tap the expertise of our residents. In order to work collaboratively as a team for the success of our children, we need good communication and trust.

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Bloomfield Hills School Board Member – Vote for not more than four – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

JASON PAULATEER

1651 Hunters Ridge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I was born and raised in Detroit. I am a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School. I received my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business from Grand Valley State University. As a parent with eight children in the district, I have a vested interest in the current and long-term success of the district and all of its students. Having been appointed to the board last July and even having had a long history of board service in the community, I immediately began taking courses through the Michigan Association of School Boards in order to become a certified school board member. As of this writing, I am one class shy of that certification. I am committed to community service and continue to believe as Shirley Chisolm that “service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.” Finally, I am a product of public education and believer in public education as a basic right of all children.

First, the District must ensure that our students remain safe, so safety is our number one priority. Second, the District needs to do its part to improve Michigan’s literacy ratings/rankings through a continued increased focus on literacy, which began last school year. third, the District embarked on a process of making diversity and inclusion second nature and part of its core competencies several years ago and should go deeper in that work developing excellence in this area of focus. Fourth, if we are to enable students to be architects of their future, we must understand each learner’s individual strengths and areas of improvement by growing into the district-wide profile of a learner. Finally, the district must maintain sustainability while accomplishing these top priorities for our students by operating on a balanced budget. I plan to work collaboratively with the other 6 members, district administration, staff, students, their families and the community at large to support thoughtful policy informed by well researched best practices for the betterment of our community.

ANJALI PRASAD

264 Pine Ridge Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

I grew up in Bloomfield Hills, attended University of Michigan and then Emory Law School. I served as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia for many years, and ultimately returned to Michigan to accept an appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Michigan. I now run my own law firm. When I came home eight years ago, I chose Bloomfield Hills School District for my two young children, who started in kindergarten and first grade at Way Elementary. They now attend Bloomfield Hills Middle School. I am an advocate by training and have built a career representing others. I want to use the skills I have acquired in the courtroom to represent our students as we navigate this era by working with the community to make our school district the best in the nation. I am now in my eighth year as a Bloomfield Hills School District parent and I have seven more years to go. Between my passion for our students and my legal background, I am in a great position to serve this community as an able and engaged advocate for our kids and our school district

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. I would like to see an integrated effort between educators and our community to shift the balance of priorities back to literacy. As our students read less, they read less well. This means we are never going to lead the state or nation in academic achievement if our students are not reading for its own sake.
SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. We need to be proactive, not reactive, in identifying opportunities to promote a safe and caring environment for our students. We can do this by collaborating with our parents and our educators because they are the ones with an ear to ground.
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION. We need to engage with our alumni to understand our district’s successes and failures. If our students chose college, what skills did we teach (or not teach) to prepare them? If they chose to enter the workforce, what life learning did they acquire from our district to help their transition? Statistics alone won’t give us the data we need. We need to collaborate with our community, alumni especially, if we expect to be the best school district in America.

Brandon School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

SARAH ALLEN

691 Nelson William Dr., Ortonville, MI 48462

I have two students that attend Brandon Schools and I believe I can bring fresh energy and ideas as well as the level of dedication the district deserves. I work as a bookkeeper and farmer with a Bachelor in Business Administration. I have worked in Brandon School District as a Substitute Teacher and as a Paraprofessional. I believe Brandon School District would benefit from having a parent with children attending the schools, someone who has worked for the schools, and someone that has new ideas to improve the district and bring the community together. I helped lead in the Oakwood playground expansion in 2016 and have volunteered for the schools for many years. I pride myself in being organized, creative, respectful, and open-minded. Above all, Brandon is about families and that is my number one goal and focus.

Three priorities I believe the district needs to focus on are unifying the community by utilizing public relation techniques, compensating teachers with competitive benefits, and over testing students.
The last few years have been divisive in our district and it is time to bring families back together with the district to show how the town can rally in support of one another. A strong public relations campaign will show the strength of our small town which centers on families supporting families.
Teachers need to have competitive salary and benefits if we want to compete with neighboring districts for quality teachers. Teachers are our number one asset for student success.
We need to look at how much of the student’s education is spent on testing, is the testing adding any benefit, how much class time is being taken due to testing preparation, and why are we testing the students.

MELISSA CLARK

381 N. Ridgewood Dr., Ortonville, MI 48462

I am passionate about the quality of education our children are receiving. I want to make sure that parents are having their issues and concerns addressed as well as being informed. I bring qualities like organization, dedication, communication and compassion to the table. I have a business mindset and can clearly understand and evaluate both sides of a subject fairly.

Security, Teachers and Resources for our district. I want parents and staff to feel our schools are safe. I would ask that continued training for safety is addressed. Giving back to our teachers and making sure the resources are there for them to effectively execute their teaching is something also important to me whether elected to the board or not. As a parent, that is a subject that always should be at the top of the list. Having resources for trades education is key to preparing our students for life after graduation.

BOB EISIMINGER

2411 S. Ortonville Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

SARAH LEONI

3205 Auten Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462

As the mother of two elementary school children, I am running for School Board because I feel it is the way in which I can have the most positive impact on their academic careers. I have two years experience substitute teaching at a K-8 private school I also have a degree in Physics which will help guide my decisions regarding curriculum. On a more personal level, my current job as a yoga instructor helps to keep me patient, calm and reasonable when making decisions.

It is time for the School Board to make more of an effort to connect with parents and the community at large. I feel this could be accomplished easily via email, newsletters, and social media outreach on behalf of the board.
I also feel it is time for us to take a hard look at our academic testing and common core. It is time to evaluate whether or not these strategies are working for our children and what if anything can be done to better prepare our children for bright futures.
Lastly, I am looking forward to learning what strategies our district can use to become fiscally healthy. I have a good head for numbers and I look forward to digging into this aspect of the job of being a school board member.

DIANE SALTER

2682 Echo Ln., Ortonville, MI 48462

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Brandon School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term (Cont.)

SUSAN TOWER

1655 N. Hadley Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462

I am a married, mother of 3 boys ages 14, 12, and 10 years old. I have a financial background and currently support a Private Wealth Financial Advisor. I am running for Brandon Twp. School Board, as I am dissatisfied with the way the Board has voted on past issues. In addition, the negative atmosphere at the meetings is disheartening and I would like to change that. I want to believe that every member of the board wants to same things as me, quality education, safety and security in every school, and a balanced budget.

Priorities for the School Board is 1. Increasing our enrollment in every grade level. The lack of starter homes impedes our ability to attract families. I think meeting/working together with the township boards to spearhead new, affordable home construction is a start. 2. Infrastructure issues with existing buildings, age of buildings vs. repair. 3. Expand the curriculum. The narrowness of electives being offered is sad. I would like to open up more options for the students.

Clarkston School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Andrea Catalina, Stefanie Crane

Clawson School Board Member – Vote for not more than four – 4 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Andrea Hodges, Thomas J. Reed, Jr., Ted Verner

Farmington School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

PAMELA S. GREEN

21469 Birchwood St., Farmington, MI 48336

I received my Masters and Bachelors in Education from Eastern Michigan University. I received my Educational Specialist and Administration degrees from Wayne State University. I served as an elementary teacher for 20 years and a principal for 11 years in Farmington Public Schools before retiring in June 2017. In addition, all five of my children attended FPS. I have navigated both the general education and special education curriculum as a parent. I am currently supervising student teachers at Eastern Michigan University. Teaching and learning is my passion. I am committed to ensuring that ALL students receive a quality education that prepares them to be successful. I am running for FPS School Board to be an advocate of our students, using my extensive knowledge of curriculum & instruction to ensure our students and teachers receive the resources they need and are empowered to achieve greatness.

The first priority area facing FPS is equity. In regards to academic performance, using my background in education, I will ask relevant questions regarding the discrepancies between specific populations and delve into strategies, best practices and research based programs that would aggressively address these areas. We cannot continue to do the same thing and expect different results. As a district, we must ensure that each student has the support they need to thrive both emotionally and academically. The second priority is communication and transparency. After reviewing the current policies and procedures, I would make suggestions for improvement in the appropriate areas including safety and security, academic performance and curriculum. I would advocate for timely communication to address trust issues. The third area is transition. As we merge three high schools into two and the possibility of a new superintendent, we need to be mindful of all aspects of this transition. Having previously led similar transitions, I will use my knowledge to ensure a successful transitional outcome.

JEFF GRYNAVISKI

25273 Bridlepath Ln., Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Personal

- Married to his college sweetheart for more than 20 years
- Moved to Farmington Hills in 2011 because of the schools' strong reputation
- Three kids with one each starting kindergarten, middle, and high school next year
- Active volunteer, Math Pentathlon coach, Hillside Proud Dads Club chair

Professional

- 20+ years teaching and research experience in Higher Ed
- Joined Wayne State as a tenured professor in the political science department
- Active in faculty governance in matters related to improving Wayne's graduation rate
- Just elected by his peers to another term on Academic Senate
- Winner of multiple mid-career awards, including a distinguished alumni award from William & Mary

Motivation

I am running is to ensure the school board is filled with qualified people strongly committed to making decisions based on what is best for children, teachers, and the community. If elected, I will apply my skills as a social scientist and consensus-seeking problem solver to recommend best practices and find middle ground solutions to challenges facing FPS.

- Close achievement gaps: Giving every child a fair shot at life-long success is a core principle of public education. Unfortunately, achievement gaps are a nationwide problem to which Farmington is not immune. Research shows early childhood education is key. FPS should increase the number of free Pre-K seats available through federal- and state-funded Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs.

- Increase transparency and accountability: FPS should lead the way in developing tools to communicate clearly to families, teachers, and the community our strengths, weaknesses, and where investment and intervention is needed. The district should create an annual State of the Schools report that provides data on student outcomes by school and demographic, the allocation of resources (e.g., student-teacher ratios), and improvement plans.

- Improve teacher morale: Teachers must be treated honestly and respectfully at the bargaining table. We must look for win-win solutions, like a more generous cash-in-lieu of benefits incentive, with savings shared between teachers and the district.

MARK PRZESLAWSKI

7355 Edinborough Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ZACH RICH

27620 Farmington Rd., Ste. 108, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

My first political experience was at six years old. I was standing outside my elementary school on election day, handing out literature, saying, "Please save my school and vote for the school bond." I managed my first campaign at 16, for a seat on this school board. I got my Bachelor's degree in public affairs and international studies and my Master's in public administration – both from Wayne State. While there, I served for two years on the General Education Oversight Committee, which decided the shared requirements for all undergrads at the university. I also assisted in crafting the billion-dollar budget for the entire university. I coached debate for students at Detroit School of Arts and Cass Tech.

I currently work as the Assistant Township Manager for Royal Oak Township. I have worked as a deputy treasurer for our county, keeping people in their homes, bringing money into the tax rolls, and encouraging increased financial literacy of high school students. Every experience and opportunity I have been afforded are due to the education and services of our school district.

I am running with a focus on equitable education, empowering excellence, and safety. Equitable education means providing the high-quality education and resources this district is able; no matter the school they attend, the language they first learned, nor the tax bracket of their family. Empowering excellence is a focus on helping our students and staff be all that they can be. This includes making sure our teachers have the resources to help them succeed, that our students have opportunities to grow, and that there are media specialists and counselors in every school. Safety means different things to different people. I believe that if our students do not feel safe in school, they will not be able to learn. There is a low-cost way to create 3D maps of all school buildings so that, in the event of an emergency, an officer can be told by dispatch what to expect in any given situation. Finally, this means making sure that our children are protected no matter their race, religion, cultural heritage, sex, gender, or orientation.

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Fenton School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Pamela Dickie, Dana Jones

Ferndale School Board Member – Vote for not more than three Two 4-year terms and one partial term ending 12/31/2020

Unopposed on the Ballot - Sandra N. Dukhie, Jim O'Donnell, Anna Ibrahim

Hazel Park School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

LAURA ADKINS

23756 Easterling Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

I am a lifelong resident of Hazel Park and want to ensure that the school district remains viable and a source of pride in the community. I am a graduate of Hazel Park High School and have a bachelor degree in Accounting and Management Information Systems from Central Michigan University. I am employed by Broadword Solutions as a process improvement consultant. My husband and I have 3 children, all currently attending Hazel Park Schools. I have served the last 4 years on the Hazel Park School Board, prior to that I held positions in the school's PTA, including President and Treasurer of Hoover Elementary PTA and also Vice President of the Junior High PTA.

The top 3 priority issues facing the Hazel Park School District are balancing the budget, thriving in challenging times, and providing a quality education. The school district has been working to eliminate the deficit for many years. Since I started on the board 4 years ago, we have cut the deficit in half, but hard work remains. I will continue to review the budget and support making the decisions necessary to balance the budget. The school district has faced many challenges in recent years and that trend will most likely continue. It is important that the school board works with staff, parents, and the community to identify ways to continue to improve our school district so that it will thrive in years to come. I believe that Hazel Park students should have a quality education which includes challenging our brightest and providing extra help to those struggling. I will support course offerings to challenge top students and continue to look for additional ways to provide extra help to those that need it.

HEIDI FORTRESS

23441 Hughes Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

BEVERLY HINTON

53 E. Annabelle Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

I am a lifelong resident of Hazel Park, and graduate of Hazel Park Schools. I have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I volunteered in the PTA for a number of years, served on the Michigan PTA Board of Directors, taught Head Start here for 12 years and for 13 years was the Community School Representative at the high school. I received two Distinguished Service Awards and the Lee O. Clark Humanitarian Award for my volunteer service to my schools and city. I am running because I value education, students, teachers and my community. Strong schools create strong communities.

As a passionate advocate for children and public education this is my vision for an improved Stronger, School System. Quality Education for all students including discipline reform with proven programs, balanced class size, and effective leadership. Responsible budgets that maintain financial stability, and focus resources on classrooms. And we need to attract and retain quality teachers offering competitive salaries. I want to restore authentic partnerships working collaboratively with all stakeholders by giving the community back their voices to be advocates for our amazing schools!

COLIN A. HOUSTON

22610 Maple Ct., Hazel Park, MI 48030

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

RACHEL NOTH

347 W. Pearl Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

I am a life long resident and matriculated through Hazel Park Schools until graduating in 2007. I am an alumni of Wayne State University where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in psychology management. I have spent my entire life helping others. To pay my way through college I worked as a certified pharmacy technician and nurses aide. Currently, I work at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B where I manage vendor relationships for compliance under the state and federal guidelines. Our main goal as an Agency is to enhance the lives of older adults and persons' with disabilities in the counties we serve. Since I work and generally understand funding with state and federal guidelines it has been easy to understand how the business of a school district works. The relevant skills and qualities I bring to the table are at the minimum the following: critical thinking, leadership, honesty, integrity, business and negotiating experience, calmness, and an overall compassion and sense of responsibility to the children of this school district.

When I was elected to the board 4 years ago, the District was roughly 8.8 million dollars in deficit. From that moment we have worked extremely hard to reduce our deficit while keeping vital programs in place for our students. As of the last budget report we have come pretty close to slashing that deficit in half. This leads me to my first priority continuing to meet the enhanced deficit elimination plan with the State of Michigan and department of treasury to inch our way of debt.

Second priority will be to continue to implement and improve curriculum district wide. There had not been cohesive curriculum being taught around the district. As a district we are committed to every student having the same and equal opportunities to learn and because of that we have launched new curriculum K-12. I would like us to continue to improve this so our students can continued to be challenged.

We have a successful relationship with Chrysler where our students go to learn various trade skills. My third priority is to continue to build on our band, athletics, academics and trade courses

Holly School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Robin Barner-Carne , Michael Newcomb , Teri Weisdorfer

Huron Valley School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

SEAN L. CARLSON

5531 Hillsboro Ct., Commerce, MI 48382

Family: Married to Nicole, 2 children Leana a freshman in college and Caiden a freshman at Lakeland HS. Business Background: Small business owner since 2009. Executive Mngt. and economic development work. Public Service: Enlisted in the Army in 1987 and retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 2014.

I am running for the Huron Valley School Board because I believe that a good public education prepares our students for future careers, whether that be at college or in the trades. Public education is the most important economic development program in our society. It is one of the keystones to why we are a great nation. We need to push harder to ensure that our students understand the relevance of education and the potential careers that they might pursue. We need to adapt the learning environment and experiences to challenge and prepare our students for the new careers that exist in the 21st century economy.

My experience on the Board, my business background and as a parent I believe that I bring the right set of skills and perspectives to serve you on the HV school board.

1. Safety & Security needs to be our number one priority. In order for students to learn and reach their potential they need to know they are doing it in a safe environment. We need to get support for our Bond from our community so that we can make investments in our building and classrooms that will protect our students and staff from those who intend to do harm.

2. Early Education needs to be a priority with a focus on reading great by the age of eight.

3. Preparing students for tomorrow's future. We need to help students understand the relevance of public education. We need to show how the curriculum and classes that they are taking will help to build a competency in a certain career path and how it builds a foundation for college or a career. We need to invest time and resources in the trades. Not every student is inspired to go to college. We have a shortage of talent in the trades. We need to continue to push in our district to helping all students realize their gifts and talents, and assist them in being college or career ready upon graduation.

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Huron Valley School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

DENISE LYNN FORREST

2270 Cooley Lk. Rd., Milford, MI 48381

Employed by Huron Valley Schools for 30 years.

Master's degree from Wayne State University in Educational Leadership.

I have been a Milford resident for 40 years. As a recent retiree from Huron Valley Schools, I retain my lifelong passion for educating students in a public school setting. I am running for Huron Valley School Board because I am a fierce supporter of public education and will bring my 30 years of experience as an educator, along with my leadership skills to continue to work collaboratively to affect positive change for Huron Valley Schools. Serving as the Teacher Association President for the past four years, I have excellent working knowledge of school finance, benefits and curriculum. I will be an asset to the Huron Valley School Board.

Adequate school funding: Per the School Finance Research Collaborative, it takes a minimum of \$9,590 to educate a child. HVS current allowance is \$7,871. The way to address this is legislatively at the state level, since the Michigan Legislature controls the School Aid Fund and its allocation to local districts.

School safety: With the proliferation of school violence, it is critical that HVS continually maintain, update and re-evaluate safety systems within our school district and with our local first responders. I am on this Task Force and will continue to be. An additional component to this is to hire additional mental health professionals to our HVS staff. This is a proactive way to help our students in crisis. With adequate funding, this can be a reality.

Passing a millage: It is crucial that the HVS community pass a facilities millage. As a board member, I will be committed to working diligently and successfully towards the passage of the next school millage. This task will involve both our HVS school community and our community at large. Great schools equal great communities.

VANESSA LYNN

2645 Wixom Rd., Commerce, MI 48382

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

REBECCA S. WALSH

2500 Valley Oaks Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Lake Orion School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Steven Andrew Drakos, Jake Singerjim Weidman

Lamphere School Board Member

Vote for not more than three – Two 6-year terms and one partial term ending 12/31/2020

Unopposed on the Ballot - Terrie D. Junkin, Allison Minowa, Robert T. Borngesser

Madison School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

JOHNATHON BEAVER

898 E. Rowland, Madison Heights, MI 48071

I am a resident of Madison Heights, MI. I have worked for a cable company for over 10 years. My wife and I are parents to five wonderful children that attend the Madison District. I am motivated, and driven to succeed. I am running for school board, because I feel I can either talk about making a difference, or I can actually do something to make a difference. My wife and I participate frequently in multiple activities, and functions at the schools in the district. While I am satisfied with the direction our district is heading, I myself would like to be a part of pushing it forward to an even higher standard.

The first issue that I would address is communication. Communication between the board, the administration, and the community is vital to a successful school district. I will try and implement as much transparency as possible to achieve this. Second, I would like to address the districts facilities. While we have a beautiful new elementary school, the other buildings are lacking in some areas. I would like to bring the community together to achieve the necessary improvements to the schools. The last issue our district faces is negativity. Currently there is a seemingly overwhelming amount of negative propaganda being distributed through the district community. As a parent to five district kids, I would challenge parents, and others in the district to become more involved in the day to day activities in the schools, and share with them how positive the direction actually is for the Madison District Public Schools

MICHAEL M. HOHNER

27408 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Two years of college.

I have seen Madison District in deficit for 30 years and I have been part of the turn around. I want to see Madison District continue to grow.

I have common sense. I am a tax payer. I have experience sitting on the PTO, Boosters, Youth Assistance, Parks and Rec, Zoning and school Board and this shows I am invested in Madison District.

1. Communication: Continue to work on improving the communication between the schools, teachers, staff, parents and tax payers.

2. In district students leaving Madison district: Regain the trust of the parents by inviting them to be involved with school board meetings, Madison District festivities, one on one meetings, a tour through the schools and prove test schools are on the rise.

3. Building Maintenance: Seek out other revenues or grants to repair and/or maintain the schools.

MARK HOLCOMB

628 W. Brockton, Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DEBRA OTT

26106 Brush, Madison Heights, MI 48071

My name is Debra Ott and I am running for a position with the Madison District School Board. I am a 58 year resident of the district and a 1977 graduate of Madison High. I've worked in schools for the past 23 years ranging from secretary, cafeteria worker, union secretary, head custodian and back to cafeteria head cook.

I'm seeking a position because I believe we should all know how and where our tax money is being used and make sure it is being utilized for the betterment of the students. I believe accountability in spending would curb the large expenditures of our district.

#1. Transparency - I think all parents and residents should be able to see everything that is going on in the district starting with recording and/or televising the board meetings. There are people that cannot make the physical meetings which does not mean they are not interested. Big money decisions are made and should be visible to every one.

#2. Student Activities - I would like to see the students who walk through our doors and sit in our classrooms have the same extravagant benefits such as horseback riding, dance & orchestra lessons as those that are homeschooled.

#3. Use of school buses - I would like to see our in district high school students have the same option of riding the bus to and from school each day as our out of district student receive.

BETH M. SCOTT

27424 Osmun St., Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

GLORIA THOMPSON

435 W. Barrett, Madison Heights, MI 48071

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Novi School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

PUNITA S. DANI
 41294 Carriage Hill Dr., Novi, MI 48375
 I have a unique set of skills and experiences having worked in public education for over 12 years. We have lived in Novi for 7 years, raising our 3 children who attend 3 different NCS D schools and I have an extensive track record of involvement in our schools and district. In fact, I was appointed to the Novi school board in 2014.
 I worked as a senior leader in a large, urban school district for five years and have experience in how districts and schools operate, namely school budgets, funding and policy. Over the past seven years, I have been deeply steeped in Michigan education policy and priorities locally and nationally am currently the Education Program Director at the Skillman Foundation, a statewide leader and voice on children’s issues. I have an MBA from Duke University and a BBA from the University of Michigan.
 I served as PTO president at Village Oaks and held various committee positions. Currently I am a trustee at the NEF and chair the grants committee. My husband I manage multiple Destination Imagination and FLL Robotics teams

Novi is a strong school district with many positive outcomes. And every district has room for improvement. Here are 3 areas that I would like to see prioritized:
 1) BETTER CONNECT w/AN EVER-CHANGING COMMUNITY - Novi is a community rich with diversity—culturally, ethnically and economically. Our board, must be both more representative, and proactively willing to connect with families to build trust. I would advocate for more transparent communication, more actively tap into all parents.
 2) EXPAND OUR VISION OF SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS: A culture of success that honors the importance of test scores and recognizes that students need to build a wide range skills to be successful for a lifetime. I would advocate for a broad measure of student success and resources to build teacher skill, to develop student leadership and flexible pathways.
 3) ASK QUESTIONS AND BE A TRUSTED STEWARD OF OUR RESOURCES. The board must ensure that our resources are wisely aligned to community priorities, short & long term. I would ask important questions and monitor impact and outcomes.

BHAVANI KONERU
 24330 Saybrook Ct., Novi, MI 48374
 I have been living in Novi for the past 20 years with my husband Srinivas and am a proud mother of two kids in the High School. I am currently working at Wayne State University as a Senior Director for Information technology. I had the opportunity to volunteer my time in the schools and the community for the past 10 years, working with many parents, teachers and administrators. As a leader in higher education industry for the past 15 years with Masters in Computer Science and Business Administration, I intend to learn from and work with my peers in advocating policies that cultivate leadership skills in our kids to prepare them for the future.

Sustaining Academic Excellence while providing equal opportunities to every student and minimizing achievement gaps is my top priority. I will work with the administration to develop programs that will continuously minimizes the achievement gaps while exceeding the academic targets for the school district.
 The change in demographics of Novi has an impact on the philosophy that parent involvement in the school system has positive impact. I will promote awareness on the need for parent involvement in the schools for continued success and influence people with varying backgrounds to get more engaged in the school system.
 Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers that provide effective teaching conditions has been linked to strong academic performance of the students. I will advocate policies that ensure ongoing professional development for the teachers and adoption classroom technology to provide world class education to the students.

MARY ANN RONEY
 40701 Mill Rd. Ct.W., Novi, MI 48375
 Mary Ann Roney is a 33 year Novi resident. I have been married to my husband, Edward Roney for 33 years. I have two grown children, Tori and Edward, and one grandson, Edward. Both of my children attended Novi Schools from Pre-K through graduation. I am employed as an Office Manager of a small IT firm in Livonia. I also am a licensed Realtor.
 I am running for the Novi School District Board of Education because I would like to see the Novi School District continue to be a destination for young families. Focusing on providing the best well rounded education possible for our children.
 I have taken an active role in the Novi Schools:
 • A Member of VOICE (Village Oaks PTO) 1995-2002
 • Active part of the Spring Fling Fundraiser
 • Member of the PTO at Meadows Elementary School 1999-2001
 • Active part of Family Fun Fair Fundraiser
 • Member of the Novi Athletic Boosters 2003-2012
 • Helped start the Novi TasteFest.

School Safety:
 We have to balance desires for physical protection against such relatively rare events with other serious considerations, including cost and maintaining an environment that doesn’t frighten students or detract from their ability to learn. Strengthening and securing, all school entrances, Installing One Way Ballistic Glass are a few examples to help ensure our school safety.
 Further Develop Career Education:
 The need is great in the State of Michigan to prepare our Students for the careers of today and tomorrow. We need to form partnerships with industries that are in need of skilled and talented workers. Offer the skills through classroom and hands on training, allowing the students to earn industry recognized credentials.
 Financial Responsibility:
 The School Board must exercise Financial responsibility in the operation of the Novi School District. It needs to make a priority in keeping the classroom sizes at it’s lowest possible and ensuring the teachers have the resources they need to perform at their highest ability. To spend the wisest ways possible.

TOM SMITH
 26625 Glenwood Dr., Novi, MI 48374
 I have lived in Novi for 20 years. I have 3 children in our district’s school; they are in the 11th, 9th and 7th grade. All three attended Deerfield elementary K-4, and all three also attended both years at Meadows. I was an active parent with both of those schools as a volunteer and my spouse was the treasurer for the PTO.
 I have served these past 6 years as a Trustee for the Novi Educational Foundation, and was President the past 4 years with my second term ending 6/30/18. As the leader of that organization we raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support teacher grants, provide scholarships and pay for developmental programs like The Leader in Me.
 Finally, as the owner of a couple of businesses here in Novi, I’ve had the opportunity to employ dozens of Novi HS students and graduates, and that has provided a valuable and unique insight into our students strengths and areas of improvement as future employees and community leaders. My personal leadership skills will continue to bring harmony to the Board. As a current Trustee, I hope to continue to make NCS D even better.

1. Student Growth Model - this issue requires consistent monitoring and progress. NCS D receives scores that are some of the best in our state, yet I believe there are areas for improvement. Engaging are gifted students, and helping our students at the bottom of our scoring are two specific areas I will work to improve by petitioning for more resources for those students.
 2. Superintendent Objectives - Our Board has one employee, our Superintendent. I believe it is our leadership of the Superintendent and their cabinet that gets things done. Objective standards, specific goals, measurement and timeliness regarding the Superintendent’s execution of their objectives are critical to the development of our students.
 3. Talent within our Staff - I am committed to attracting and maintaining exceptional teachers and staff. I support teachers who continue to develop, improve and provide the “top of class” experiences to our students and parents. I support working with the in an effort to have all of our teachers, TRULY, Highly Effective in their roles.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Novi School Board Member – Vote for not more than one One partial term ending 12/31/2020

GEORGE KORTLANDT

40471 Franklin Mill Rd., Novi, MI 48375

#Have served on Board of Education for 21.5 years: 4 as Board President, 2 as V P, 5 as Treasurer, 2 as Sec’y.
 #Have chaired following committees: Finance, Curriculum, Capitol Expenditures, Buildings and Facilities
 #Attend 250-300 mtgs, concerts, games, and events in our district per year.
 #Oversaw the following new programs or teams: International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Advanced Placement Capstone Program, Orchestral/Strings Program, High School/Middle school/Elementary Robotics Clubs, Full Day Kindergarten, Field Hockey, Equestrian, Pom Pon, Competitive Cheer, Skiing, Bowling, Figure Skating, Hockey, Gymnastics, and Lacrosse athletic teams.
 # Have overseen the building or remodeling of all current facilities
 #Hired two Superintendants
 #Balanced 21 annual budgets without suffering program losses nor increased class sizes.
 # Protected Special Education funding by suing State of Michigan twice.
 # Recognized for supporting our children by;Athletic Booster, Band Boosters, First Robotics Club/Mentors
 #Active in community and church
 #Proud parent of three Novi Grads

There is one critical issue for every public K-12 School District in Michigan. “How do you get the funding to create outstanding programs, provide a safe atmosphere, and keep limited class size?”

The answer is to have a product that families recognize as quality and are willing to move to Novi for.

Steps to accomplish this:

- 1-Board leadership/Vision for the District- Currently our board looks to the administration for a vision ignoring the voice of our parents, businesses and community. The board must lead with a solid vision for our children’s future.
- 2-Create and market a comprehensive STEM Education program that is recognized in the state as the leader in the field. This program must start in the youngest ages and excite and prepare our children for a global workplace that rewards them for their abilities to perform.
- 3-Fiscal Responsibility-spend budget dollars where our children get the impact from them
- 4-Valid Merit Pay program-Establish a valid program that will reward our high performing staff and attract more of them.
- 5-Develop and build a Skilled Trades/Robotics Facility

DANIELLE RUSKIN

50819 Chesapeake Dr., Novi, MI 48374

Hello I’m Dr. Danielle Ruskin. I am a part time General Dentist in New Hudson. My primary role is wife, mother & involved community member. My husband, Aaron, and I have 3 wonderful children attending Novi Schools. Our twin daughters, Sasha & Sydney are currently in 8th grade at Novi Middle School. Harrison, our son, is a 6th grade student at Novi Meadows. I have over 19 years experience serving on Executive Association Boards & Committees; both local and nationally. I have served as a PTO board member for the last 7 years. In addition, I am serving as co-president of the NCS D Special Education Parent Advisory Committee & participating in District Wide Inter-Council & Mental Health Dialogue Committees. I am a strong advocate for Engaging Education & Student growth for ALL learners in NCS D including; gifted, special education, general education, adult transition students & our large population of ELL students and a supporter of the NEF, athletic & Stage Boosters. My strong leadership skills: open mind, transparent & inclusive will help me serve students, parents, staff & the entire community.

Priority Issues facing the district include:

- State Funding & Fiscal Responsibility Keeping Engaging Education a Top Priority
 - Whole Child Teaching Practices for ALL Students while hiring and maintaining exceptional staff within our District
 - School Safety.
- As our district continues to experience population growth it is a priority of mine to work within the board to continue to plan ahead for the future of the district using a strategic planning process. This includes reaching out to the community & having open communication with parents on the needs of ALL students who are learning in our diverse and exemplary schools. Next, as there is constant changes in Lansing with State Funding of Public Schools I am committed to keeping up with those changes & advocating the importance of public education funding while we continue to attract exceptional educators and provide Engaging 20th century Whole Child Education for ALL learners. Finally, I believe that it is imperative to keep a forward thinking & proactive approach to safety going in order to keep the students & staff safe at all times.

TRACEY L. STEVENSON

21138 W.Glen Haven Cir., Northville, MI 48167

- Educational Professional for 19 years.
- Served on the Novi Board of Education for 6 years (2012-2018), currently serving as Vice-President.
- Graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in Business Administration.
- Graduate of Siena Heights University with an M.A. in School Counseling.
- Graduate of Madonna University with an M.A. in Educational Leadership.
- Wife and mother of two Novi graduates.
- Novi resident for 13 years.
- Founder of NPAAS (Northville Parents of African American Students)
- 9th Grade Dean at Huron High School in Ann Arbor

I am seeking to serve again on the Novi School Board because I have a genuine and sincere concern about our students and school district. I have a desire to continue work with the Novi Board of Education that continuously strives for equity and excellence. I am knowledgeable about the educational process and the roles of a school district’s board of education. I will continue to be a valuable asset to our prestigious school district.

1. Mental Health - Educating families and students about mental health and the early signs of this illness, providing community resources for mental health, and creating partnerships with local medical professions to address mental health issues.
2. School Safety - Creating a strategic school safety plan with the input of the community, local law enforcement, and other educational stakeholders to ensure the most efficient means of safety for our students. For example, investing in metal detectors, random school sweeps, continuous ALICE training for students and staff, etc...
3. Access and Equity - Building positive and productive relationships with all cultures living within the Novi Community. This can be achieved by hosting various community, educational, and resource forums; to ensure all students and their families have equal opportunities to enhance and advance themselves. In addition, providing cultural sensitivity training to educate stakeholders with preparing all students to be productive members of an ever-changing global society.

Oak Park School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Dawn Corporan, Menachem Hojda, Albert A. Smith III

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Oxford School Board Member – Vote for not more than four – 4 Year Term

KOREY M. BAILEY

953 Westlake Ave., Oxford, MI 48371

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ERICK FOSTER

579 Doral Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

I am running for the school board because I see an opportunity to make a difference in my community and contribute to the health and well-being of the school district my son attends. I believe that our district has made significant improvements on many levels. I would like to help keep that positive momentum and help maintain focus on creating well-rounded and confident students (finding the balance between arts, academics and athletics-our core competencies). As an engineer and trained problem solver and objective thinker, I come into this role as a good listener with strong analytical skills and a focus on making data driven decisions.

First, I would want to ensure adequate focus is placed on maintaining the district's financial security now and well into the future. Oxford School District is one of the lowest funded schools in all of Oakland County. Only through diligent work in the area of generating funds has the district been able to offer programs to students that would otherwise not be affordable/obtainable. It's critical that we keep this focus and continue to set high financial goals. Second, I believe that many schools place too much importance on test scores, such as SAT and M-Step. I agree they have some level of importance in the world outside of the school walls, but I would like to be part of a school district that places an emphasis on building well-rounded students by placing equal focus on arts, academics, and athletics. Third, I think it's important to maintain classroom sizes that are manageable, but also to support the teachers with paraprofessional help when needed.

CHAD M. GRIFFITH

440 E. Peninsula Ct., Oxford, MI 48371

Chad is an 18 year resident of Oxford and has two children in Oxford High School. Chad has been active in the schools as soon as his kids started Kindergarten. He has provided classroom support, member of the PTO (including holding the presidency for 2009/2010 school year. Chad has also been an active participant in strategic planning sessions for the district as well as serving as a consultant for the Information Technology CTE curriculum at the high school.

Chad has been working in the IT industry for over 20 years and is currently managing a team of Infrastructure and Software Engineers for a major auto maker. In this role, Chad is responsible for aligning the right people with the necessary tools to complete projects. He also has to manage HR function; people development, hiring/firing, etc.

Chad's passion for Oxford and education coupled with his professional track record, would make him a great asset to the Oxford Board of Education.

1. The board reviewed standardized testing scores recently and there needs to be continued improvement. The district has been executing plans to improve student achievement but it will require ongoing commitment to maintain the focus. If elected, I will make sure the proper focus continues and will hold the district accountable for the results.
2. The community approved a bond to fund improvements so now the board needs to make sure fiscal responsibility is maintained.
3. The exchange student program and foreign language policy has been a hot topic for several years now. The superintendent has revised his priority but there are still a lot of people that don't understand what changes have been made. The details around these topics need to be communicated to parents regularly so they can understand what the direction is and how it affects our students.

MARY HANSER

P.O. Box 87, Leonard, MI 48367

I am the mother of two Oxford students, married for over 18 years, and a dedicated volunteer. I earned my BBA from Walsh College and serve as the Director of Operations at Renaissance Unity in Warren.

I care . . . about our students, their families, our teachers and support staff, and volunteers. I care about our community. I bring a positive, solution-oriented voice to the board and am willing to listen to all sides before weighing the positions. I am committed to providing a quality education and experience for all Oxford students. It would be an honor to serve my community, drawing from my education, career, and volunteer experience to support our district goals.

As a volunteer with robotics and band, I have connected with students, teachers, and parents, as well as school and district staff. This has given me a unique viewpoint—of multiple perspectives. I am committed to taking these multiple perspectives into account in decision making. These volunteer experiences, in addition to what I have learned through my business career, provide a balanced voice on the board.

Board Communication & Transparency – I will work with administration and other stakeholders to improve the electronic distribution of public board documents (i.e. agendas, minutes, proposed policy changes). We need to simplify the process for providing information to the community and make it available in a reasonably timely manner.

Community Representation – I have noticed that community members often bring issues and questions into public forums after there is a problem. They do not appear to have a relationship with the board that represents them. I will establish effective and efficient avenues for community members ask questions, provide feedback, and make their positions known to the board. The board needs community input to best serve community needs, and community members want to know that their voice is heard.

KALLIE ROESNER

3100 Delano Road Oxford, MI 48371

I have been lucky enough to call Oxford my home for the last 26 years and am blessed with 2 wonderful boys (both Oxford High School graduates) and a very supportive husband who is a physician. I would like to improve communication and responsiveness from our school board and refocus our district back on the children of our community and create a budget which includes adequate funding for repairs and maintenance

24 years of service on the Planning Commission has enabled me to become an effective, solution-focused problem solver with a proven history of being responsive to citizens. I demand governmental accountability and transparency, debate issues and keep an open mind. Board members have a duty to perform due-diligence and make fact-based decisions.

Effective boards debate issues, evaluate progress, take accountability, keep the public informed, and make changes when programs are not performing. I want to create an effective and responsive board that is responsible with our resources and makes decisions based on the best interest of our children as well as our community.

FOCUS – ACHIEVEMENT – COMMUNICATION

Education achievement gap scores reveal we are inadequately supporting students. Excessive resources are used to recruit non-district students resulting in declining student achievement. We must refocus our attention and resources on the children of this community and evaluate programs to identify the tangible benefit they provide and eliminate those that do not. I want to focus on our community and keep families here which ensures long-term district financial stability and keeps business and jobs here

Charter Schools promise 'better education and responsive board members'. Our parents need to be confident that our board is receptive, responsive, and keeping a watchful eye on student success so our students stay in Oxford Schools. We must do better to prove to our parents and community members that we are responsive to their concerns and keep them informed and I will work to accomplish that

Call, email or message me and let's talk EDUCATION!

Great schools require great Leadership - Great Leadership requires Teamwork and Transparency

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Pontiac School Board Member – Vote for not more than four – 4 Year Term

BETHANY BLACKBURN

29 Waldo St., Pontiac, MI 48341

I was raised in South Florida and I moved to Arkansas in 2006 to attend college. After deciding to leave college I pursued a career in cosmetology, during that time I fell in love with the food service industry. Until I moved to Pontiac in 2015, I managed a country club and thoroughly enjoyed that work. I moved to Pontiac to work for the non-profit, Micah 6 Community, to help pioneer the small business, Sprout Fresh Food Store.

My passion for the growth of Pontiac led me to run for the School Board. As a small business owner I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with many members of the community, enabling me to communicate with them about what the future of Pontiac looks like. I am outgoing, giving me an advantage when it comes to networking and creating partnerships. Being able to create partnerships as resources is something I can bring to the table in hopes of building a stronger school system.

Overall, I am confident that my passion and life skills could be a beneficial asset to the Pontiac School Board. I love Pontiac and prioritized education.

1. Health and Wellness Education- owning a produce store gives me a great avenue to help broaden education about health and wellness. When your body has what it needs to function the capacity for learning is greatly increased. Being able to share this in school and through meal offerings would be an easy way to scattered that seed.

2. Guidance for Post High School- as someone that enjoyed vocational school myself, I believe there is great benefit to informing students about their options. In a world where college is very competitive and pricey, setting yourself up for success through vocational career training can be very valuable. Other guidance students should have wider access to is help applying for scholarships. Many Pontiac area students that would like to pursue college have grown up in unique experiences that could merit them scholarships.

3. Partnerships- building partnerships throughout the city could greatly strengthen the school system. When a partnership is built and resources are shared through that, no one entity has to spread themselves too thin, giving them capacity.

KENYADA BOWMAN

268 W. Pike St., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

EISHA BRANNER

P.O. Box 430644, Pontiac, MI 48342

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

WILLIAM A. CARRINGTON

185 Carr St., Pontiac, MI 48342

I am running for re-election for School Board because I believe that public education is essential for the long-term growth of students along their life-course, as well as vital to sustainability for my community and city.

-I have obtained various degrees along with my life course: BA in Business Administration, Master of Arts-Sociology and MPA in Public Administration and other degrees. My diverse educational background has given me the opportunity to understand budget and balance sheets, social inequalities in education and government policies.

-Data and Quality Manager for Wayne State University-SOM Infectious Disease department. In this role, I supervise database assistants and data coordinators across several clinics; implement yearly clinical management program and chair various committees; provide required data reports to federal, state, and local agencies; and perform within fiscal budget restraints.

-Adjunct Professor at Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus. I facilitate class instruction and evaluate student performance.

-President of the Pontiac School District.

1. Continue to raise student achievement: As School board trustee, I will continue to ensure that our approved annual budget reflects having resources allocated appropriately to improve student achievement. We are making the right decisions from the board table. Our fiscal deficit has been reduced from \$52 million dollars to just under \$10 million dollars in just four years.

2. Continue to reduce the current School District fiscal deficit: Continue to support Administration recommendations that reduce our fiscal deficit. Also, continue to build on community partnerships that assist the district in developing a positive school culture for our students' well-being.

3. Continue to involve the community stakeholders in the school district: Continue to support the Parent University Program to engage families throughout the community in focusing on education, and parenting. I will continue to participate in community forums to discuss ideas, concerns, and resolutions to the ever-evolving education system in Pontiac.

SHAQUANA DAVIS-SMITH

769 Owego Dr., Pontiac, MI 48341

My name is ShaQuana Davis-Smith I was born and raised in Pontiac. All four of my children successfully graduated from the Pontiac School district. I drove the school bus for Pontiac district for five years. And I have volunteered for the athletic department for years and I'm still volunteering. And I wanted to run because I'm a concerned parent that would like to fight for our children.

One of my priorities is the Parent and community participation. Another priority is we do not receive the same funding that our surrounding districts receive. Lastly I would like to continue the decrease of the deficit. I would try to bridge our parents and community with the district by having effective communication with the parents by letting them know they have a voice in their child's education. Also I would fight to revise federal fiscal comparability policy, because if it was enforced it would result in positive changes for high poverty schools. And lastly just continue to help with monitoring our budget and making wise choices on our spending.

PETER DURHAM

418 Lake Laura Dr., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

ALBERT HODGE

2271 Phillips Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

I'm running for the board to help my community progress. With 32 years of teaching experience in multiple school districts, experience as a school assistant principal and principal, business owner, a superintendent internship, college instructor, state and national education conference speaker, experience with school board leadership, and father of six children, I believe I can benefit the school district.

My education includes a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Oakland University, an Educational Doctorate from the University of Michigan, a Certificate in Educational Redesign from Harvard University, and 21 credits from classes offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Three top priorities include increasing district finances and resources, providing instructional opportunities for our students, and competitively raising faculty and staff salaries to retain and attract quality personnel. I plan to address these issues by introducing innovation to increase and improve our student's instructional time and academic offerings, providing better human and social services in the schools, attracting more local business and corporate investment in our district, advocating for more public school funding and equitable financing methods, and providing marketable community education, among other actions.

SUAVE LAVALLIS

103 Elm St., Pontiac, MI 48342

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DUBRAE L. NEWMAN

433 Harvey Ave., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

GEORGE ROGERS

604 Alton Ave., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

CAROLL Y. TURPIN

44 Vinewood Ct., Pontiac, MI 48341

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Rochester School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Barbara Anness, Michelle Bueltel, Andrea Walker-Leidy

Royal Oak School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 4 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Deborah S. Anderson, Marty Cardamone, Allison Sykes

Southfield School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

MICHAEL BENESON

19310 Hilton Dr., Southfield, MI 48075

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

DENNIS L. COTTON

18421 Saratoga Blvd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076

My name is Dennis L. Cotton and I'm 54 years old. I am a resident of Michigan and have been one all my life. I am a 17-year teaching veteran in public schools. This fact alone, I believe makes me qualified for the position for which I seek. As a teacher, I'm in the business of communicating and teaching of academics, new ideas and thought.

I'm running for the position of school board for three primary reasons:

- To bring diversity to the Southfield student body: I would do this busing advertising and other forms of media.
- Putting God back into the classroom through a combined study: This would be accomplished by introducing a curriculum that equally shares information about the four major religions of this country; Christianity, Judaism, Catholic and the Muslim religion. Students will learn about the origins of each religion. They will learn about the history of each religion. Students will learn about the ages of each religion and most importantly, the ideas that each religion expresses. This is not proselytizing but teaching.
- The teaching of morals and values: Through the combined studies curriculum, students will also learn about the morals and values that each religion expresses. Upon a deeper study, students can learn that there is commonality between the four. The

ERIC D. JENKINS

29999 Marigold Dr., Southfield, MI 48076

Eric D. Jenkins is a concerned Southfield resident for over 11 years. I have been married for 10 years and have enjoyed living in our condominium community where I have served in various capacities on our Homeowners Association Board of Directors. I am a retired franchise automotive dealer and am currently employed under contract with General Motors. I am running for the School Board to provide my solid business acumen, available time and to share my concerns for our area youth while charting a plan for their strong development. Schooling today is vastly different than during my time. Today, with the advent of social media, technology, extra-curricular activities, and advanced teaching techniques, I feel students have much more to be concerned with in the 24-hour days that we all share. Schools should be a safe haven and a place to allow creativeness to flourish. As someone who grew up in public schools across the country, the concept is not lost on me that a quality education develops an outstanding work force, economic desire, and improved property values.

1. Per Pupil Spending: One of the key functions of a School Board is to set the direction of the curriculums offered system-wide. I want to bring my professionalism, even temper and altruistic willingness to serve to the Board table to ensure our students are getting the most benefits from our available sources of funds, including tax revenues.
2. Inclusion of Lathrup Village: Effective governing boards learn to collaborate with all interested parties and ensure voices and relevant opinions are vetted for the benefit of the communities served. It appears, that Lathrup Village does not have a seat at the table and I am willing to be that voice while ensuring that both communities feel engaged and connected to their School Board.
3. Maintaining Operational And Safe Facilities: With the historical exodus of servicing community pupil headcount to surrounding districts, it would be good know if our current structures are adequate for our students that allow them proper spaces to feel safe and develop positive outcomes for their futures.

DARRELL B. JOYCE

18711 Hilton Dr., Southfield, MI 48075

I Darrell B. Joyce, have been a resident of Southfield MI, for the past 30 years. I am the father of six children, five are graduates from Southfield High, and one is still currently attending. I was appointed to the Board of Education as a Trustee on September 19, 2014, and elected on November 4th, 2014. I am now serving as Vice President of the Southfield School Board. I am a PTA member for both Southfield High and Adler Elementary and previously, I served as a PTA Board Member at Adler. I was Co-Chair of the Millage Campaign Committee in 2013, and I coordinated an event called the Adler Dad (Cool Dads) Taste Fest; which started in 2007. I was a recipient of the PTA Founders Day Distinguished Service Award twice. I am a true advocate for Southfield Public Schools; as well as the Southfield Bussey Head Start Program.

There are several issues facing our school district today, and some of these issues consist of not having a solid strategic plan. Others consist of issues effecting our curriculum development; as well as our schools building infrastructure, and the professional development for our teachers and staff. If elected, I Darrell B. Joyce Sr. would work closely with the rest of the Board Members to continuously align a better strategic plan for our district. We would collectively work together to improve our curriculum development. We would improve our school system infrastructure as a whole; which includes roofing, plumbing, HVAC and other interior and exterior problems. As well as improving upon more professional development options for all staff members.

LESLIE LOVE SMITH *Formerly: Timinica Tyisha Smith*

19718 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075

I am an Educator with over 10 years of service to children and families. Over the years I have held positions of advocacy, administration, support staff and teacher. My experience spans across multiple counties and with different organizational structures. Currently, I'm a 4th-grade Teacher with Detroit Public Schools Community District. I hold a Masters of Education, K-8 Teaching certification, early childhood credentials, as well as nonprofit administration certification.

I'm seeking re-election to the Southfield Public Schools Board of Education because I bring a voice of representation for our Teachers, parents, students and community members. As a parent in the district, and a vested member of the Southfield community not only can I relate to the needs of parents, but I also understand the need for quality educational experiences for all children. Serving on the Southfield Board of Education is a labor of love and one I am purposefully committed to.

The top three priority issues facing our district include funding, student achievement, and student enrollment. Given the current state of underfunding, many districts are faced with the challenge of doing more with less. This requires districts to be intentional about prioritizing allocations. Imperative to this factor is adopting policy and practices of equity in order to address the areas of greatest need with appropriate resources for meeting the need.

Secondly, student achievement, and how it is defined must be addressed and revised to align teaching and learning with 21st century standards; which extends beyond assessment scores to the development of the whole child.

Lastly, student enrollment continues to be a statewide issue. With educational options expanding beyond the traditional schoolhouse, we have to be more creative in our student retention efforts, more customer service friendly with meeting the needs of our parents, and more engaging in our community relation efforts.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

South Lyon School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

Unopposed on the Ballot - Margaret Fallow, Jennifer Urtel

South Lyon School Board Member – Vote for not more than one Partial term ending 12/31/2022

CRAIG DASHNER

30510 Fortune Trl., Milford, MI 48381

I am a husband and father of two students (sophomore and 8th grade) in the South Lyon School System and have lived in Lyon Township for twenty years. I served on the Dolsen Elementary School PTO for three years along with volunteering in the classroom and even building worm houses for teachers. I feel that the district is currently doing a good job educating students and managing finances.

I want to give back to the school system at a higher level to make our schools better for the children, parents and the staff. I plan to use skills obtained from 25 years as a Civil Engineer. I have an ability to look at the facts, policies and requirements from multiple sides and make determinations, even ones I don't personally agree with. I feel that I will be a stable voice and one that thoughtfully considers the several sides on any issue. As my involvement in Board business makes me more aware of needs for changes, I will consistently keep the students and the teachers in mind when considering approval of policies and budgets.

Growth - Our area is experiencing tremendous housing growth. Keeping on top of growth will be important, both in planning for capacity improvements (possible new buildings or additions) and redistricting. Since redistricting is disruptive to the community, steps to avoid or minimize it are preferable.

Security - I will support updates that allow for better monitoring of areas out of the staffs eyes, where some of the recent threats were discovered. I support continued funding for school resource officers, appropriate staff training, building improvements and programs that enhance safety and security.

Teacher retention – Other school districts have higher levels of funding allowing for higher teacher pay resulting in retention issues. I can lobby our representatives to provide for more funding to allow more opportunities to retain staff. I will also listen to the teachers concerns for things that can be improved within the district.

DANIEL SCHWEGLER

23755 Prescott Ln. E., South Lyon, MI 48178

DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION

South Lyon School Board Member – Vote for not more than one Partial term ending 12/31/2020

TINA HAMBLIN

6864 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168

I have three children, two who have graduated and one still attending South Lyon Schools. I have a strong desire to make a difference in the local educational system. I have lived in the community for years and am well acquainted with the area and the local schools. My husband and I have a family business located in the school district and understand the needs of our graduates going into the workplace.

The learning opportunities for our students need to be expanded.

1. Provide more educational opportunities for students who are not college bound. (provide skilled trade and real life educational classes in our high schools)
2. Increase school building safety, and provide uniformed resource officers in our secondary schools. (Make sure that the district budget is properly allocated to provide the necessary funding for security)
3. Collaborate with the teachers to improve effectiveness in teaching. (Work to reduce class sizes and provide additional resources, make sure every student has a classroom book to take home)

CARRIE HANSHAW

25847 Cobblers Ln., South Lyon, MI 48178

Carrie Hanshaw has been a resident of South Lyon for 14 years and has two children in the South Lyon school district.

Hanshaw holds both a Bachelors and a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Michigan. Hanshaw worked at Ford Motor Company as a Mechanical Engineer before making the decision to stay home with her children full time. Carrie served on the Special Education Advisory Committee, a state advisory panel to the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education. Hanshaw has been on the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education for 5.5 years, acting as Board Secretary for 3.5 years. Hanshaw has earned the Certified Board Member Award and the Award of Merit from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Carrie was also a founding member of the South Lyon Educational Foundation. As the senior member of the current board, she has the experience and skills necessary to help lead the district in the continuously changing world.

1. Offering opportunities for our non-college bound students. We currently support our students in programs outside of South Lyon. I would like to see more opportunities in our home schools.
2. Managing the growth and changes in South Lyon Community Schools. Having been on the board in times of tremendous growth, I have the experience to deal with balancing district financial and educational needs and the needs of a changing community.
3. Having a voice in Lansing. Many of the policies, funding issues and testing requirements come directly from Lansing. Our legislators need to hear from local districts. We need fight for mandates to be funded, schools to be funded fairly, and for policies to be created with children being the focus.

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What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Walled Lake School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

PEGGY CASAGRANDE

2630 Wyncliff Dr., Commerce, MI 48390

I am a resident of the Walled Lake School District for more than 20 years. I am finishing my tenth year as a board of education member and have held all positions on the Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee. I have experience advocating for our students on the legislative front locally, at the state level, and in Washington D.C.

Further, I understand our role as board members is to ensure policy is up to date as well as supporting, questioning, and approving an annual budget so that we are serving our district well each year and allocating available funds responsibly.

Finally, our job includes hiring and evaluating the superintendent. I have experience interviewing and hiring a superintendent. I was an integral part of the hiring team when we brought Mr. Gutman to the district. I am also a member of the Board's performance review committee.

While serving on the Board, I achieved Levels I, II, and III School Board Certifications as well as a Data Specialty Certificate. I have a bachelor's from Michigan State University and a master's from Walsh College.

First, we must continue to understand high school graduation requirements so that we maintain our reputation as a top school district in Oakland County that has a high graduation rate (in the 90th percentile) and prepare students to be college or career ready. Walled Lake must continue to offer a diversity of classes whether that be vocational tech, AP courses, the IB program, or music/the arts, and sports programs to help students achieve.

Second, we must continue to be fiscally responsible with a balanced budget and use funds wisely from the state of Michigan and Federal government. We must understand why it is important to advocate for Title I, II, and IV funds that pay for special education, teacher / staff professional development, and counseling services for our students in need. Also, I will continue to educate our community and collaborate with legislators to understand the cost of educating a student in Michigan.

Finally, student safety must be a priority for Walled Lake students and staff. We must allocate funds to ensure we train personnel and secure our buildings.

GREG PAVUK

2865 W. Bloomfield Oaks Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48324

I came to Michigan in 1994 to attend GMI Engineering Institute where I received my BS in Mechanical Engineering. I also attained a MSME from Oakland University in 2000. I have been employed at Meritor for 24 years and have enjoyed working as an Engineer on interesting programs including some for the Defense industry. In the last 7 years I have been making a transition towards more commercial responsibilities including launching cost reduction and product improvement programs. As a Product Line Manager I'm responsible for what products we offer today, how much they cost, and for the strategic planning of what products we will offer in the years to come.

I'm running for School Board because we have two daughters in 5th Grade and want to ensure the quality of their education until they receive their diplomas. But just as importantly I want to ensure the opportunity and quality of education amongst ALL students in the WLCSD; including those that excel, struggle, or just need a little extra attention. Best possible preparation for all our kids for whatever they do next.

The primary issue is shrinking funding due to shrinking enrollment. Student Count data shows the downward trend year over year, and the result is that the district struggles with making ends meet less >\$2M per year. I would create a Board Finance Committee and open it to public participation. I would drive to create a systematic method of identifying and implementing better methods to get more value for every funding dollar. Only when we get ahead of the rate of funding decline can we really look at how to reinvest.

The second issue work on is the teachers and Para's, who year over year give concessions in pay and benefits. In the long term not only can that demotivate good teachers, but also reduce the quantity and quality of incoming workforce. I would like to see more training, mentoring, development, and stable pay.

The third issue I want to help work on is addressing declining test scores. We should use data to determine root causes, the effectiveness of changes, and benchmarking of other School Systems. The whole goal of our schools is the education.

MARC A. SIEGLER

30285 Southampton Ln., Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Marc Siegler is a strong advocate of public education with over 24 years of experience on the WLCS Board of Education. He is active within the community and county supporting public education. He is currently President of the Oakland County School Board Association, Secretary of the WLCS Foundation for Excellence, Trustee on the WLCS Board and an active member of the county legislative organization.

Experience and depth of knowledge are needed as we deal with economic issues, underfunding of education and mandates from the State and Federal levels. We need to require our State to utilize the Adequacy Study and properly fund public education for all public schools within the State of Michigan.

1. Underfunding of the district as a result of Proposal A and loss of secondary funding sources.

The recently released adequacy study shows how the state has underfunded the education system in our public schools. This is limiting all districts in preparing our children for the future. We need the state to immediately start utilizing the study and properly fund our schools. The study and results have to be a tool to provide all districts and students an opportunity to grow and learn.

2. Service cuts to Special Education, ELL and At Risk Funding
We need to gather all of our communities to make our Senate and House members realize the true costs of these programs and determine how we can properly finance these going forward. All students deserve the opportunity to learn and have advocates representing them. I would continue to lead the charge for EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY.

3. Penalizing of Districts for low fund equity levels
Why are we going to penalize a district for displaying proper financial controls if their Fund Balance is below 5%. This rule is in need of argumentation.

Waterford School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term

MARGARET BRYCE

2396 Lansbury Dr., Waterford, MI 48329

My name is Margaret Bryce and I am running for a seat on the Waterford School District Board of Education. I am a lifelong resident of Waterford and a graduate of Waterford Kettering High School. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Oakland University. I have recently retired after 30 years of service from the Waterford School District and am currently working as an Adjunct Counselor at Oakland Community College. My background in mental health as well as my experience in teaching and counseling give me an inside perspective on the current needs and climate of the school district. As an educator, I am aware of the impact a supportive board member can have on programs and services provided to students.

(1) Transparency and Accountability- My goal is to improve communication between administration and teachers as well as the community. An open policy with transparency is crucial to the success of a school district.

(2) Improve K-8 services and support- If we want to improve our test scores and be competitive with surrounding districts we must increase our support in reading and math in the elementary and middle schools. Early intervention is the key to success in high school and beyond.

(3) Retention of staff and financial support- Improve finances so that programs are available to all students throughout the district. In addition we need to invest in our current staff and improve retention of our teachers.

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

Waterford School Board Member – Vote for not more than two – 6 Year Term (Cont.)

KENT DOUGLAS

2191 Kohler St., Waterford, MI 48329

I am a 22 year resident of Waterford Township, and I bring a large breadth of different skills and qualifications to the board. I believe I will serve the Waterford School District well, because aside from working to organize strong grassroots efforts; across the state. I can use my knowledge and experience from community organizing, social research, and experience working in governments both locally and abroad to help improve the school district.

1. Social-Emotional Welfare - I led a group of parents and community leaders to add \$100,000 of funding to fight bullying and address mental wellness in Waterford schools. I want to continue my work, engaging with the community to improve the school experience for students and educators.

2. New Paths to Opportunity - I know the importance of skilled trade work and he believes Waterford schools can provide their students with an excellent opportunity to train for these in-demand jobs, by implementing test prep programs as an option for students on the path for apprenticeship.

3. Pay Equity - Teachers and other employees in Waterford schools are paid less than in other Oakland County schools, I will fight to keep teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians and many other hard working district staff in our schools by seeking better pay equity for school employees to keep them in district and contributing to our community.

JOHN HIMMELSPACH

7538 Woodside Place, Waterford, MI 48327

I have been a resident of Waterford for 40 years and a member of the Waterford School Board for 26 years. I hold a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice. I have 41 years of Law Enforcement experience as a Lieutenant with West Bloomfield Police Department, Security Manager with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and a Graduate of the FBI National Academy. I am a past recipient of the Michigan School Officer of the Year. I have been an adjunct professor for Ferris State University and presented seminars on School Safety for Michigan Association of School Boards.

During my time on the Waterford School Board, we have built state of the art classrooms, libraries, auditoriums, pools, stadiums, and gymnasiums. We have balanced the School District budget for 26 years and have increased our fund balance by 400%. I am running for this position to continue to provide facilities, staffing and resources that allow us to continue to close the achievement gap. I'm committed to maintaining a balanced budget and providing a safe, secure environment.

1: Maintaining quality teachers and staff. The critical shortage of educators creates the need to be employee focused. Successful teachers develop important relationships with their students/families, and relationships are a key indicator of student success and student safety.

2: School Safety. State of the art physical security measures, student and staff relationships, active community involvement in our schools, social and emotional support for students, and a strong relationship with the Waterford Police Department, must all work together to maintain the safety we have experienced. My 41 years of law enforcement experience will ensure we continue to keep school safety measures/policies a top priority.

3. Funding. Waterford residents believe that Michigan needs a new system for funding schools that is focused on equity. A bipartisan group of business and education experts released a study that calls for the state to increase the base amount it spends per pupil to \$9,950. Waterford is funded at \$7,897 per pupil. My priority is to continue to fight for equitable funding.

JULIE JOSSELYN

5570 Brunswick Blvd., Waterford, MI 48327

I am a mother of twin boys, who are freshman in the district, and a graduate of Waterford Mott. After issues with bullying and suicide made headlines earlier this year, I decided to run for the school board. I possess a bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and I have worked as a Probation Officer for over 20 years. For the first ten years of my career, I was placed in charge of the Teen Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention Program, which provided me with the opportunity to interact with the staff from three local school districts. National issues such as alcohol, drugs, suicide, addiction, domestic violence, juvenile justice and human trafficking, are my passion. My goal is to ensure integrity, trust, transparency and discipline are a priority in our district. For more information, follow my Facebook page: Julie Josselyn for Waterford School Board.

Following the student code of conduct, addressing negative behavior and encouraging strong moral principles are my main priority. Every current and incoming parent in Waterford should feel confident sending their child to school, knowing they will be safe. Smaller class sizes are needed so that teachers can focus on social and emotional learning. My intention is to ensure all teachers have the resources, training and support needed to be effective. Parents should be notified about changes to programming immediately, rather than after the fact. All concerns should be addressed, publicly, preserving transparency.

JOAN SUTHERLAND

2625 Cove Bay Dr., Waterford, MI 48329

Waterford is not just where my home is, it is also where my heart is. I have lived in Waterford for over 50 years, and attended Waterford schools, K-12. I have been married for 32 years, and all 4 of my children recently graduated from Waterford as well. I have a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree with a concentration in finance, and bring to the position over 35 years' experience in business analytics and fiscal responsibility.

I have served on the Waterford Board of Education for the past ten years, enthusiastically dedicated to our students, staff members, and the Waterford community. I believe we must maintain a precision focus on student growth and achievement, ensuring we provide opportunities for all students, and that we do so in a safe and secure environment. Working collaboratively with the community and all key stakeholders, the Waterford School District has accomplished extraordinary things! I am immensely proud of the upward trajectory we are on, and with your support, look forward to continuing this growth as we press on to even greater achievement.

As a society, we are not putting the emphasis on the value our phenomenal staff brings to the lives of our students and the communities we live in. Private sector salaries outpace education salaries at an alarming rate, students in our universities are not choosing to go into education, and we lose great staff to private sector and "highest bid" districts. I will continue to fight to address the funding inequities to attract and retain our top-notch staff.

Waterford Schools is first-class in providing a safe, secure and nurturing learning environment. As the world changes around us, we will continue our steadfast commitment to safety and security, anticipating issues and addressing them proactively.

Ensuring that each students' unique educational needs are met and that opportunities are made available to all students is at the forefront of our commitment. The Waterford School District does this exceptionally well, often without fanfare and often, defying the odds. Our challenge is to ensure that our remarkable progress and success is the narrative that we collectively share!

West Bloomfield School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 6 Year Term

JULIE BEATY

3325 Erie Dr., Orchard Lake, MI 48324

I held many positions in my career. I led Nickelodeon's Western Region Advertising Group where I was responsible for multi-million dollar negotiations and strategic planning, I was an Adjunct Professor at Oakland Community College where I expanded on my love for education. I am presently Vice President of Connections at iHeartMedia, where I create strategic partnerships with Fortune 500 companies. I have extensive background in budgetary control, negotiations and leadership roles.

I spent the last 13 years of my life improving the West Bloomfield School District with the last six serving on the West Bloomfield Board of Education. I have performed several roles on the board, including Secretary, Vice President and President. I believe in collaboration within and outside the district, meeting with administration, our educators, our staff and students, as well as various organizations within the Greater West Bloomfield Community. These skills and passion for education make me uniquely qualified to be a trustee on the West Bloomfield Board of Education.

1. Preparing our students for global competition by seeking programs that have long term benefits, that are globally relevant and that equip our students with the knowledge needed to be successful adults.

2. While our curriculum is rigorous, we need to serve all our students' individual needs in order to ensure their educational success. We have systems in place that we continue to evaluate and improve that enable our educators to better track our students' needs and challenges. These systems are critical to making sure our students not only reach their potential but surpass it.

3. Continue to successfully manage the budget. We have been successful over the past six years in steering our district out deficit to a surplus that enables us to place programs in our classrooms. I will continue to work to ensure the district operates in a fiscally responsible manner by evaluating all programs and contracts thoroughly. I will continue to meet with legislatures to preserve funding at the state level and bring control back to the local level.

Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.

What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?

West Bloomfield School Board Member – Vote for not more than three – 6 Year Term (Cont.)

CAROL FINKELSTEIN

4372 Hickory Ct., Orchard Lake, MI 48323

First elected to the Board of Education in 2011, I've earned MASA's Certified Board Member Award, Award of Merit and served as Board Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee experience includes Finance & Facilities, Board Policy & Procedures, Liaison to Greater WB Community Coalition, Liaison to Oakland Schools & Legislative Committee, Reproductive Health, Wellness & Food Allergy & WB Youth Assistance Board. Elected to Oakland County School Boards Association Board of Directors 2017; elected Secretary 2018, serve on OCSBA Bylaws committee & OCSBA Legislative subcommittee. Education: Wayne State Univ. Business owner with extensive management experience. Over the past 7 years I have demonstrated my commitment to our schools with excellent committee & meeting attendance, advocacy for education, attending courses on best practices, safety, school law & finance and educational trends annually. I am the best qualified candidate to continue working on behalf of our students, families and taxpayers and I respectfully ask for your vote.

STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT: We must provide every student with a rigorous curriculum aligned with state standards, improve literacy and provide targeted interventions & support to struggling students. We must recruit & retain the very best teachers & staff, provide evidence based professional development and a supportive, respectful professional work environment.

SAFETY & SECURITY: Building renovations for improved security are underway thanks to voter support for the bond. For student to feel safe inside schools we must promote respect, inclusion, enforce zero tolerance for bullying, teach online safety and provide social/emotional education, mental health support and positive behavioral management in a nurturing environment.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: When I was elected 7 years ago the school district was in deficit. After years of cuts the district now has a healthy fund balance. The Board must make data-driven decisions that align spending with a strategic plan & measurable goals. I will continue to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars & maintain a healthy fund balance.

DAVID FLAISHER

5532 Dunmore Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Thirty year resident of the school district.

Parent of a former W Bloomfield School District Student.

Graduate of Cass Tech High School, Wayne State University.

Registered (formerly licensed) CPA, State of Michigan.

Former Township elected official (Township Supervisor).

I have been a volunteer on the WB Community Coalition, Youth Assistance, and United We Walk for close to 20 years. I would like to bring my finance and budget expertise, and my passion for working on education related causes to the board of education.

1. Work to raise the W Bloomfield schools rankings county, state, and nationwide for both college bound students, and those considering employment or other alternatives.

2. Assure the highest level of safety and security for students, staff, parents, and others with legitimate reasons to be on school property. This includes protection from external threats in addition to doing everything possible to identify at risk students/adults, and offer them support, within prevailing privacy laws.

3. Assure real transparency in all district financial dealings, procurement, bidding procedures, and assure that the proceeds of the bond issue are used for the purposes intended.

NELSON HERSH

5221 N. Bay Dr., Orchard Lake, MI 48324

I am Nelson (Nick) Hersh and have been on the school board for almost 15 years serving as president 3 times. A school board trustee must be fiscally responsible as one is responsible that the taxpayers money be well spent in providing the best education possible as this will retain and increase our home values. My three children are products of West Bloomfield Schools, received a wonderful education and I want to ensure that every child has the same opportunities my children had.

As an orthodontist I have been entrusted with the health and safety of children and I know this is extremely important. I have always put kids first and as a byproduct have run a successful business. These business skills are invaluable in running the business of a school district. I have always been approachable and listen well. Our kids must have the best education in a safe environment and it is my job to provide an environment where each student can succeed, thrive, be happy and safe.

I have experience in representing the best interests of our kids, the taxpayers and staff. I ask you for your vote

Top issues include but are not limited to fiscal responsibility, providing a safe environment for staff and students, and look to the future so we change what needs to be changed and retain what makes our district one that others will desire to emulate. I insist that each student is an individual and we need for each student to reach their potential by allowing our teachers to be the best that they are able.

I have been involved with schools for decades. My experience with business and education is paramount to making fiscally responsible decisions. Knowing to hire good people and allowing them to do what they do best is key, without micromanaging. Our teachers are on the front lines as we are in the business of education so we must give them the tools and environment to succeed. Being a good listener and being in the public allows me to understand what our taxpayers want. Making decisions with the best current information is crucial but equally important is evaluating results and being able to change accordingly.

every parent wants what is best for their kids and so do I.

School Proposals

BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.8706 mills (\$17,8706 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Brandon School District in the Counties of Oakland and Lapeer, Oakland and Lapeer Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2019 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is approximately \$2,700,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?

HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Holly Area School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$38,150,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, equipping and re-equipping, and furnishing and refurbishing school facilities; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to the school district's elementary school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping school facilities with instructional technology; erecting a new storage facility; and preparing, developing, equipping and improving playgrounds, play fields, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2019, under current law, is 2.42 mills (\$2.42 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-four (24) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.27 mills (\$2.27 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$41,190,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$160,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities for safety and security, energy conservation and other purposes;
- Erecting, completing, equipping and furnishing a replacement elementary school, a new early childhood center facility and security entrance additions and other additions to existing school buildings;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure

and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and

- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and other facilities for traffic control, safety and security and other purposes and the purchase of school buses?

The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0 mills (which is equal to \$0 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 3.99 mills annually (\$3.99 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to remain at or below the current annual debt millage of 7.49 mills.

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$76,525,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$10,963,213 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of additional borrowing is \$6,982,463 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$10,304,882. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 13 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.49 mills. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

State Proposals

Statewide Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted? [] YES [] NO

PRO: Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol
CON: Healthy and Productive Michigan

Statewide Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
- 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
- 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted? [] YES [] NO

PRO: Voters Not Politicians
CON: Protect My Vote

Statewide Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted? [] YES [] NO

PRO: Promote the Vote
CON: Protect My Vote

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Local Proposals

CITY OF BERKLEY

CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MILLAGE

Shall Section 9.4 of the Charter of the City of Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan, be amended to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem property tax in an amount not to exceed two (2) mills for ten (10) years, from 2019 through 2028, to acquire and construct capital improvements for the City, including roads, streets, water, sewer and other capital improvement projects? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$1,142,783 when first levied in 2019.

COMMUNITY CENTER BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Berkley, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifteen Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$15,375,000), payable in not to exceed twenty-one (21) years from the date of issue, and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new community center, including demolition of existing structures, parking and site improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in 2019 is 0.8837 mills (\$0.88 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.6335 mills (\$1.63 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

CITY OF CLAWSON

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 18-1

Shall Chapter 18, Section 18.07 of the Clawson Charter, which currently requires publication of notices, proceedings, and ordinances to be either in a newspaper or by posting in at least five public places within the city, be deleted and restated to allow publication, as determined by the City Council unless otherwise required by law, through one or more of the following: posting in at least five public places within the city, published in a newspaper, posting on the City's website, or publishing by any other means or methods appropriate to properly inform the general public?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 18-2

Proposed amendment to Clawson City Charter – deletion of Chapter 17 (Justice Court)

Chapter 17 (Justice Court) provides for: (1) A Justice Court, elected judges of the peace, and a traffic violations bureau, which were eliminated in 1969 when the Legislature established district courts, and (2) the elected office of the city constable which was abolished by City Ordinance No. 476 in 1977.

Shall Chapter 17 (Justice Court) of the Charter be deleted?

CITY OF FARMINGTON

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1

An amendment to Section 9.1 of the City Charter to add Section 9.1(a) to authorize the levy of up to 3.0 mills (\$3.00 for every \$1,000 of taxable value) for municipal purposes, at least half of which (1.5 mills) must be used for capital improvement and capital projects, for a period of 10 years, from 2019 to 2028.

This amendment authorizes the annual levy of not to exceed 3.0 mills for 10 years. Approval would increase the tax levy by up to 3.0 mills as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by law, restoring a portion of the Charter millage authorization previously reduced by the Headlee Amendment. If levied, 3.0 mills would raise approximately \$1,034,000 in the first year of the levy. At least half (1.5 mills) must be used for capital improvements or projects, such as infrastructure, parks and facilities, pathways, and large apparatus within the City.

Shall this proposed amendment be adopted?

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL TO ADD SECTION 7.02F AND AMEND SECTION 9.05 TO TRANSITION THE CITY FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS INTO A LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE AS THE PRIMARY METHOD OF FUNDING LOCAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Shall the city charter be amended to authorize the annual levy of an additional special tax rate of up to 2.75 mills (\$2.75 per \$1,000 taxable value), starting with the July, 2019 levy and raising approximately \$9,272,000 in the first year, for improving, rehabilitating, repairing, and maintenance of local subdivision road infrastructure, and partly funding debt retirement and special assessment refunds, and eliminate limits on City payments toward local road special assessments, and amend unexpired special assessment rolls to zero-out unpaid balances and provide refunds for properties that have paid-off the special assessment as of November 6, 2018?

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS

SEWER AND ROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Huntington Woods, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Seven Million Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$7,845,000), payable in not to exceed sixteen (16) years from the date of issue, and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing sewer and road improvements, including sewer rehabilitation and replacement of existing sewer lines, together with related and adjacent road reconstruction and related water improvements? The estimated millage to be levied in 2019 is 0.77 mills (\$0.77 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.57 mills (\$1.57 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

CITY OF ROCHESTER

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

It is proposed that Section 11.2 of the Charter of the City of Rochester be amended to remove specific expenditure thresholds and purchasing procedures from the Charter and have such things set by ordinance, which would now read as follows:

Section 11.2. – Purchasing and Contractual Procedure:

Before making any purchase or contract for supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services, opportunity shall be given for competition, under such rules and regulations, and with such exceptions, as the Council has adopted by ordinance.

Shall this Amendment as proposed be adopted?

CITY OF ROYAL OAK

CHARTER AMENDMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM MILLAGE

The proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Royal Oak City Charter, if approved, would allow the City to levy a millage of up to 1.25 mills for a period of up to five years beginning December 1, 2018, to defray the costs of establishing, operating and maintaining a public transit system in the City of Royal Oak. Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT – SIDEWALK MILLAGE

The proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Royal Oak City Charter, if approved, would allow the City to levy a millage of up to 0.75 mills for a period of up to six (6) years beginning December 1, 2018, to defray the costs of maintaining, repairing and replacing public sidewalks in the City of Royal Oak.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

Local Proposals

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1

Shall the Charter be amended to delete Sections 13.5(b) and 13.5(c), which currently allow the levy of millages in the amount of 1.8711 mills and 4.6778 mills, respectively, and replace them with a new Section 13.5(b) establishing a single new additional millage of 7.0 mills for public safety purposes, from 2019 to 2028 inclusive? It is estimated that if levied, 7.0 mills would raise approximately \$662,970 when first levied in 2019. This would be in place of the approximately \$620,246 that the two millages being repealed would have raised. The City's other Charter authority to levy taxes would be unaffected.

CITY OF WALLED LAKE

MICHIGAN AIRLINE TRAILWAY MILLAGE

Shall the City tax limitation imposed on all taxable real and tangible personal property within the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.5000 mills (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for six (6) years, 2019 to 2024 inclusive, to provide funds to operate, maintain, improve, repair and rehabilitate the newly established Michigan Airline Trail located within the City of Walled Lake including, but not limited to, the former train depot facility adjacent to the Trail? The total revenue the City will collect if the millage is approved and levied beginning in the 2019 calendar year through 2024 calendar year is estimated to be \$596,282.00. An incremental portion of this revenue may be subject to capture by the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority according to existing laws and regulations generally applicable to taxable property within the City of Walled Lake.

BRANDON TOWNSHIP

POLICE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Charter Township of Brandon be authorized to levy up to 4.25 mills for a period of (8) years, 2019 through 2026 inclusive to finance police protection services? Approval of this proposal would permit a tax of \$4.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township. The previously authorized police millage expires December 31, 2018. It is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect approximately \$2,415,700 the first year if approved and levied.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP WIDE FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE)

Shall the Charter Township of Commerce fund Fire & Rescue Protection operations and supporting structures, equipment, and related costs for a period of 9 years, 2020 through 2028 inclusive, by the levy of a new special assessment under Act 33 of 1951, as amended, in an amount of up to 2.8 mills (\$2.80 for each \$1,000 of real property taxable value) per year on the real property located within Commerce Township and the Village of Wolverine Lake to replace the 2.0 mill 10 year special assessment set to end in 2019? The estimated maximum amount of revenue that could be collected in the first year the millage is authorized and levied could be \$5,569,208 based upon the projected 2020 township wide taxable value.

TOWNSHIP WIDE POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (NOT INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE)

Shall the Charter Township of Commerce fund Police Protection operations and supporting structures, equipment, and related costs, within that portion of the township outside of the Village of Wolverine Lake, by the levy of a new special assessment under Act 33 of 1951, as amended, for a period of 11 years, 2020 through 2030 inclusive, in an amount of up to 2.9 mills (\$2.90 for each \$1000 of real property taxable value) per year on the real property located within Commerce Township, and outside of the Village of Wolverine Lake, to replace the 2.7 mill 10 year special assessment set to end in 2019? The estimated maximum amount of revenue that could be collected in the first year the millage is authorized and levied could be \$5,277,257 based upon the projected 2020 township wide taxable value.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to 2.0 mills (a tax limitation increase of up to \$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township) for a limited period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2018 levy, for purposes of funding the improvement, rehabilitation and repair of County public roads including, but not limited to, parts of Sashabaw, Clintonville, Waldon, Maybee, Clarkston, White Lake, Andersonville, Holcomb, Flemings Lake, Walters, and Eston Roads (amounting to an estimated 28 miles of roadway) in the Charter Township of Independence?

If approved and levied, it is estimated that this proposal will result in the authorization to collect an estimated \$3,167,648 in the first year. It is estimated that 99.13% of the annual millage revenue will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for public road improvements and, as required by law, 0.87% (8.7 tenths of one percent) will be disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

RENEWAL OF LAND PRESERVATION MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy of up to 0.6310 of one mill for a period of ten (10) years starting with the December 2021 levy for the purpose of continuing to provide funds and financing for the timely acquisition of land, the protection of natural habitat, and the preservation of green spaces within the Township? Approval of this proposal would renew the previously authorized tax limitation increase of approximately 63 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. Revenue from the levy renewal shall be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland. Based upon the projected 2021 Township wide taxable value, it is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect up to \$924,318 of revenue in the first year (2021) if this millage renewal is authorized and levied.

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORIZATION OF NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law upon all taxable property within the Charter Township of Oxford be increased by new additional millage of 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of fifteen (15) years beginning with the December 2018 tax levy through the December 2032 tax levy for the purpose of purchasing, developing, constructing, maintaining and/or operating parks and recreational sites and facilities, including a senior center, within the Charter Township of Oxford, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during this period, which levy will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$862,140.00 (to be disbursed to the Township and a portion of which, by law, will be disbursed to the Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority)?

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

POLICE MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION

Shall the previously voted 1.50 mill (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) increase in the constitutional tax limitation on the amount of taxes upon all taxable property within Springfield Charter Township, which last resulted in a levy of 1.4778 mill, be renewed at 1.4778 mill (\$1.4778 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for a period of eight (8) years, from 2018 to 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of maintaining the current level of police protection services, including personnel, equipment, facilities, and operational costs? If approved, the Township shall collect from this levy in the first year approximately \$971,000.

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY CENTER BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Charter Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow a sum of money not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing new community center facilities to be located on the charter township campus on Civic Center Drive, and improving the site thereof? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 21 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.84 mills (which is equal to \$0.84 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Charter Township of Waterford); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.84 mills.

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

PARK AND RECREATIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .30 mill (\$.30 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for six (6) years, 2018 to 2023 inclusive, to provide funds for all park and recreational uses permitted by law, including but not limited to maintaining, improving, purchasing, constructing or acquiring property, property interests, trails, pathways and facilities for park and recreational purposes? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2018 calendar year (the first year of levy) is approximately \$336,000.

VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION A CHAPTER II, SECTION 2(1)

Shall Section 2(1) of Chapter II of the Charter be amended to provide that the Village may acquire and/or dispose of personal property of a value not exceeding \$20,000.00 for any public use without approval of the electorate.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION B CHAPTER III, SECTION 8(2)

Shall Section 8(2) of Chapter III of the Charter be amended to provide that the Village Council may establish and/or contract for a Police Department including a Police Chief to insure that all ordinances and regulations of the Village are promptly enforced and to eliminate all references to a Village Marshal.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION C CHAPTER III, SECTION 8(3)

Shall Section 8(3) of Chapter III of the Charter be amended to eliminate any reference to the Village Marshal.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION D CHAPTER IV, SECTION 21

Shall Section 21 of Chapter IV of the Charter be amended to provide that if there is a conflict between the general laws of the State of Michigan and the Village Charter with respect to elections, the general laws of the State of Michigan shall control.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION E CHAPTER VI, SECTION 5

Shall Section 5 of Chapter VI of the Charter be amended to provide that the maximum fine for violation of any Village Ordinance shall be increased from \$100.00 to \$500.00 and imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a maximum period of imprisonment of 93 days if authorized by State law and to also provide that the Village Council shall have the authority to designate the violation of certain ordinances as civil infractions.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION F CHAPTER IX, SECTION 7

Shall Section 7 of Chapter IX of the Charter be amended to provide that the Village shall provide financial reporting in the manner required by State law.

Local Proposals

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION G CHAPTER XVI, SECTION 11

Shall Section 11 of Chapter XVI of the Charter be amended to provide that persons convicted of a violation of the Charter or Village Ordinances shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or imprisonment not exceeding 93 days if authorized by State law, or a fine not more than \$500.00 for a violation of civil infraction ordinances.

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

Franklin Village Charter Chapter XIV requires voter approval to authorize the construction, providing, or maintenance of a lighting system. The Village Council is considering constructing outdoor lighting for pedestrians within the downtown Franklin Road corridor between 14 Mile Road and Scenic Drive. No special tax millage is requested for a lighting system. If this ballot question is approved, the Village Council intends to develop plans and cost estimates.

Shall the Village of Franklin be authorized to construct, provide, and maintain an outdoor pedestrian lighting system within the downtown Franklin Road corridor between 14 Mile Road and Scenic Drive?

VILLAGE OF HOLLY

CHARTER AMENDMENT – MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLLY COUNCIL

Shall section 6.4 of the Village Charter, which states The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each month, excepting the months of November and December, in which at least one (1) meeting shall be held; be amended to read as follows:

6.4 Meetings of the Council.

The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least twelve (12) regular meetings during the fiscal year.

VILLAGE OF MILFORD

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

The Village Charter now states that each Councilperson and President shall be paid on a monthly basis seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per meeting of the Council actually attended by him or her, to a maximum of three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) per year. The proposed amendment would change such compensation to fifty dollars (\$50) per meeting of the Council attended by him or her, to a maximum of Fifteen Hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 2

Should Section 8.5 of the Village of Milford Charter be amended to replace the current levy of 3.5 mills, as reduced by the required millage roll-backs, set to expire in 2022, and the current levy of 1 mill for the years 2023 through 2032, with a new levy of 2.9 mills (\$2.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of 14 years, 2019 through 2032, and subject to authorized disbursements mandated by law, for the purpose of defraying the cost of major and local road maintenance, estimated to provide revenue of \$708,792 in the year 2019?

Shall the proposal be adopted?

VILLAGE OF OXFORD PROPOSAL 1 - 2018

Shall the Village of Oxford's Council be granted the authority and approval from the Village of Oxford voters to sell the Village of Oxford's interest in real property described as follows:

Property commonly known as Moyer's Addition 'A' Lots 3 & 4 of block 3 containing mostly vacant land at the southern intersection of Maple Street and Dayton Street in the Village of Oxford of approximately 1 acres more or less, more particularly described as:

Parcel Identification No. PO-04-22-381-003

VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

The Village Charter now states that a regular Village election shall be held on the second Monday in March in each odd numbered year. The proposed amendment would reflect current state election law requirements applicable to the Village and provide that a regular Village election shall be held on the even year general November election dates.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2

The Village Charter now states that the terms of office of Councilmen shall commence at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday next following the regular Village election at which they are elected, and contains obsolete provisions related to the April 6, 1964 regular Village election. The proposed amendment would remove the 1964 election provisions and provide that beginning with the election occurring in November 2022, the terms of office of Councilpersons shall commence at the time set for the beginning of the next scheduled Regular Council meeting in December following the election at which they are elected.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 3

The Village Charter now states that nomination petitions for elective officers shall be filed with the Village Clerk between the fortieth day preceding an election and six o'clock in the afternoon of the thirtieth day preceding an election. The proposed amendment would reflect current state election law requirements applicable to the Village and provide that petitions for each prospective candidate shall be filed with the appropriate township clerk by 4 p.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday before the general November election, or the date and time required by the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.381, as amended, and that after a nominating petition is filed for a candidate for a village office, the candidate is not permitted to withdraw unless a written withdrawal notice, signed by the candidate, is filed with the appropriate township clerk not later than 4 p.m. of the third day after the last day for filing the nominating petition.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 4

The Village Charter contains obsolete and superseded requirements related to the filing, approval and certification of nomination petitions for village elective offices. The proposed amendment would reflect current state election law requirements applicable to the Village by providing that only nomination petitions which conform with the requirements set forth in this Charter and state law shall be accepted, and requiring that the names of the candidates who file valid nomination petitions shall be certified to the county clerk by the appropriate township clerk within 5 days after the last day for filing petitions.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 5

The Village Charter contains obsolete and superseded requirements related to the canvass of votes at Village elections. The proposed amendment would reflect current state election law requirements applicable to the Village by providing that the Oakland County Board of Canvassers shall canvass the votes at Village elections and perform all duties required by state law.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 6

The Village Charter now states that each Councilperson and President shall be paid on an annual basis five dollars (\$5.00) per officially called Council meeting, Commission meeting or Committee meeting at which such Councilperson or President's presence is required, to a maximum of four (4) meetings per calendar month. The proposed amendment would require Council to establish such compensation by ordinance after consideration of the recommendation of a five (5) person committee.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 7

The Village Charter now states that no person shall hold any elective office of the Village unless he has been a resident of the Village for at least two years immediately prior to the last day for filing supplemental petitions for such office. The proposed amendment would remove the two-year residency requirement that is unenforceable under current court rulings and change the residency requirement to one year.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 8

The Village Charter now requires that the purchase and sale of all materials, supplies and public improvements costing more than one thousand five hundred dollars must be approved by the Council and be subject to competitive bidding unless waived by Council. The proposal, if adopted, would eliminate this one thousand five hundred dollar threshold and allow Council to establish a new threshold by resolution.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 9

The Village Charter now states that appointees filling vacancies in the office of Councilman or President shall serve until the Monday next following the regular Village election, and that if called, a special election must be held within sixty days to fill vacancies. The proposed amendment would provide that appointees shall serve until the next regular Village election, at which election the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 3.5 of the Charter as amended, and that if called, a special election shall be held as defined by state election law.

Shall the proposal be adopted?



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- State Senate _____
- State Representative _____
- State Board of Education (2)

- University of Michigan Regents (2)

- Michigan State University Trustees (2)

- Wayne State University Governors (2)

- County Commissioner _____

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- Michigan Supreme Court (2)

- Circuit Court (Open Seat) _____
- District Court (43, 46, 48)

- OCC (2) _____
- City/Village Offices _____
- School Board _____
- Library Board _____

★★★ Ballot Proposals ★★★

- State: 18-01 _____ 18-02 _____ 18-03 _____
- (Local Community/Library/School)
