League of Women Voters
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Voter Guide for
August 4, 2020 State Primary Election
Polls Open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

For registration information, please contact the city clerk's office at 248-524-3316 or use the Michigan Voter Information Center https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/ to confirm registration, get polling locations, and print a sample ballot.

LWV Troy Area – Virtual Candidates’ Nights
State Representative District 41 - July 01, 2020 5-6pm
County Commissioner District 11 - July 3, 2020 7-8pm
County Commissioner District 16 - June 30, 2020 7-8pm
County Commissioner District 20 - July 01, 2020 7-8pm
Troy City Council July 2, 2020 - 7-8pm

Candidate Nights this year are being held without an audience but including questions submitted by citizens via LWVTA.org. Replay on demand can be found at: http://www.cmntv.org/watch/cmntv-video-on-demand/
Search for CMNtv Politics 2020 or LWV and then click View. TV schedule can be found at http://www.cmntv.org/watch/schedule/

Troy Area Primary Races
(Voter Guides attached for contested primaries)
Vote in ONE political party's primary only.

United States Senator – Both Republican and Democratic candidates are unopposed
Representative in U.S. Congress Dist 11– 5 Republican candidates, Democrat unopposed
MI House District 41 – 2 Republican candidates, Democrat unopposed
County Commissioner 11th District – 2 Republican candidates, 2 Democratic candidates
County Commissioner 16th District – 2 Republican candidates, Democrat unopposed
County Commissioner 20th District – Democratic and Republican candidates both unopposed

Updates to voter guide information for the August primary and November general elections can be found at www.VOTE411.org.

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In many Michigan communities where the majority of voters are of one party, the winner(s) of the Primary Election are often the automatic winners of the November election. If a voter sits out the Primary election, that voter loses the opportunity to have a choice since the Primary winners may be the only ones on the November ballot. We urge voters to recognize the importance of the primary election and be part of the process of choosing who represents them in local and state governments by voting on August 4th. Also be sure to turn the ballot over as there may be more candidates on the backside of the ballot.
United States Senator – Michigan

Gary Peters, Democrat – Unopposed in Primary

John James, Republican – Unopposed in Primary

U. S. Congress - Michigan
U.S. House - District 11
Candidates: 5 Republicans + 1 Democrat

**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

Haley Stevens, Democrat – Unopposed in Primary

Frank Acosta, Republican

**Website:** http://frankacosta2020.com
**Facebook:** http://frankacosta2020.com/
**Twitter:** twitter.com/FrankAcosta2020

**Occupation / Current Position:** Entrepreneur from the electronic communications industry Venture Capital Investor

**Education:** Tulsa Central High school Military Communications Training 4 decades in electronic communications Three decades in Corporate America Two decades owning and operating my own company

**Qualifications and Experience:** I am American citizen born to Mexican parents. I am military veteran from the Vietnam era. I am a father. I worked in corporate America and started my own business when I was over 50. I want to help.

**Q: HEALTH CARE:** What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?

**A:** The Federal Government's role is to create laws that allow safe and effective free market solutions and to provide a safety net to those that can’t buy & manage their own healthcare. Lessons to be addressed from COVID19: 1) Financial barriers to treatment and testing need to be eliminated in favor of protecting everyone; 2) Federal payment programs created financial incentives for healthcare providers that undermined accurate data collection to determine the true impact of the virus; 3) Prevention efforts focused resources on protecting the homeless and the incarcerated at the expense of nursing home populations.

**Q: ECONOMY:** What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?
Frank Acosta (continued) A: I support the mandate of the federal government as stated in the preamble to the constitution: “...establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare...” It should achieve these objectives through intelligent regulation of interstate commerce, maintaining federal courts, and providing a military with minimal interference to state and local government’s attempts to run their economies and execute their own duties as prescribed by their citizens. This equates to a minimum level of national government necessary to allow a flourishing free market for the whole republic.

Q: ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters? A: Every effort must be made to assure that elections are fair for America to continue. Our process is subject to from every side of the process. We need to start with voter identification and assignment of personal responsibility to voters. We need to assure that each polling station operates in good faith. We also need to eliminate ballot harvesting in every state. In light of the fact that at least 6.5 mail-in ballots were lost in the 2016 election, we need to recognize that this process undermines the purpose of fair elections. The Electoral College is at the core of our constitution & presidential election process.

Q: SOCIAL INJUSTICE: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support? A: As a Hispanic American that has lived in this country through 8 decades I believe that there is personal racism but not systematic racism. "Systematic racism" is a nebulous and artificial term that has been created to further execute the left's intersectional agenda. It is designed to divide Americans for the sake of naked political power. I am offended by these efforts and the fact that I have to be identified by my ethnicity to have a voice in this discussion. Congress has already passed laws and created agencies to support civil rights. Fighting poverty with prosperity is the best way to effectively end racism.

Q: 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? A: I support the current policies in place to assure our energy independence as a nation and protect our resources as mentioned. This gives us the latitude to act with foreign policy objectives that match our appreciation for other nations that support the freedom of their citizens and the free market. We should continue to allow the same free market to pursue alternative energy sources. We also need to invest in Generation VI nuclear power to safely manage the weaknesses associated with traditional reactors (by consuming nuclear waste and preventing accidents). Cheap & clean energy will create new opportunities.

Q: IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.? A: Intelligent immigration policy can only be achieved by first securing our borders. Otherwise we no longer have the ability to exist as a sovereign nation. This begins with according respect to the lawful immigrants of our nation who have had their time and effort devalued by those on the left who advocate for immigration anarchy to achieve their own naked political ambitions. If the law is broken to enter the country, citizenship should be off the table. Further, we should examine the abuses of birthright citizenship that undermine its original purpose. This could be done by a Constitutional amendment or the courts.

Kerry Bentivolio, Republican

Website: http://kerrybentivolio.com
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/repkerryb/
Twitter: twitter.com/KerryB4Congress
Education: M.A. in Education - Madonna University, B.A. in Social Science - 5 majors - OCC/MSU/St. Mary's College
Qualifications and Experience: Teacher, small business owner, veteran: Vietnam & Iraqi Freedom, 2nd most transparent member 113th Congress, most successful first-term congressman in recent memory: 3 bills w/100% bi-partisan support
Kerry Bentivolio (continued)

Q: HEALTH CARE: What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?
A: I believe there are many common sense reforms that can be taken to expand accessibility and reduce costs for health care in the US. The recent COVID 19 pandemic showcased our vulnerabilities in global health and I believe there is plenty that needs to be addressed. In particular personal protective equipment and certain pharmaceuticals could be manufactured in the US. I have been an advocate of pro-active measures in terms of our preparedness for such a crisis and will continue to approach health care matters on a factual basis consulting with medical experts and those in the field.

Q: ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?
A: History shows a free market approach is the best avenue for economic prosperity at all levels. Given the current circumstances with COVID 19, if federal assistance is given it must be done in a way that is beneficial to broader American society including small business owners.

Q: ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?
A: Elections should be free, fair and eligible to all qualified US citizens. While I do have concerns over voter security and believe the process should be continually vetted, I do support mailing ballots if requested by the voter.

Q: SOCIAL INJUSTICE: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?
A: There are legitimate issues that need to be looked into. The US Commission on Civil Rights should take the lead on investigating these matters in conjunction with state and local commissions and make recommendations to the US Congress.

Q: 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?
A: I am for an all of the above approach which includes looking at alternative energy and other sources like natural gases that are abundant in North America. I believe energy policy should be flexible, adaptive, diverse and importantly, sustainable.

Q: IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?
A: Secure the border with common sense solutions with a mixed-use approach. If people are here illegally, they must go through the process of US legal system, however, there is still room for reform in our immigration system.

Eric S. Esshaki, Republican

Website: http://www.EricEsshaki.com
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/esshakicongress/
Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
Education: Juris Doctor--University of Michigan Bachelor of Integrative Studies--Oakland University Associates Nursing--Oakland Community College
Qualifications and Experience: J.D. RN
Eric S. Esshaki (continued)
Q: HEALTH CARE: What do you see as the federal government’s role in health care? Given the Covid19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health coverage, policies and programs, including Medicare and Medicaid?
A: I as a professional nurse for almost 8 years and saw the health care system first hand. Health care belongs to the person, not the government. Our health care system appears to be rising to the challenge of this pandemic. I worry that tearing apart our current system would jeopardize that ability. Obamacare has added to the waste in the system, creating larger medical bureaucracies, while failing to control costs. We need to tackle costs and reduce the big bureaucracies. “Medicare for all” will remove choice without addressing costs. It will gut benefits and drive doctors and nurses to leave the profession.

Q: ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help the broader American public improve their economic positions?
A: Spending, tax policy, and regulations are now the playthings of politicians and the lobbyists who finance them. This has created a system that hurts the middle class, exacerbates inequality, eliminates jobs, and fundamentally rigs the economy in favor of the powerful and well-connected. We need an economic policy that focuses on jobs. That means we need a simpler tax policy that stops giving politicians the power to reward big businesses and industries. Finally America's regulatory structure needs to stop punishing small businesses, which serve as the backbone of our economy and provide the best pathway to wealth.

Q: ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you advocate regarding elections, campaign funding and voting rights? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?
A: I will defend the right of everyone to vote, as well as their right to free speech. I oppose taxpayer funding of elections. Taxpayers should not pay politicians to run negative ads. In Michigan, every citizen has the right to vote by mail, but this right must be exercised lawfully. I worry about the Secretary of State engaging in unconstitutional efforts to impact our elections.

Q: SOCIAL INJUSTICE: Do you believe there is systemic racism, economic disparity, and other social injustices which should be addressed by Congress? If so, what policies do you support?
A: There are clearly injustices, and a host of problems and disparities across the country. We need safe communities, good jobs, broad-based quality education, and everyone must be treated equally. Slogans like “defund the police” are reckless and wrong, and they won't solve anything. We need to hold police accountable and ensure they are properly trained. When laws are broken, we need a justice system that punishes people according to their actions, not the color of their skin. Congress is at its best when it defend principals like equal access to justice and liberty.

Q: 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?
A: The decreased demand for U.S. energy and decreases in pollution are moving in the right direction. We are finally shedding our dependence on foreign oil and no longer shipping billions of dollars to the middle east. We must continue to build on that independence and develop new, cleaner ways to produce energy. This is important for our economy. The industrial legacy of dumping toxic chemicals into our air and water is something that we must still work to reverse. Sadly too much tax money that could have been spent on cleaning our world has been spent on lawyers and red-tape.

Q: IMMIGRATION: What policies do you support relative to immigration into the U.S.?
A: U.S Immigration policy is completely broken. The politicians play games and exploit the vulnerable. The American people have a clear view: secure the border, treat people decently, send criminals home, and evaluate legal immigrants in a fair and open process. Liberal politicians are part of the broken process. They want 11 million illegal aliens to cut to the front of the line and become citizens. At the same time, they want to shield from punishment illegal aliens who attempt to buy guns. That is nonsensical, and right now we need an immigration policy that makes sense and works for the American people.

CARMELITA GRECO, Republican
Had not replied at time of publication – VOTE411.org may have recent responses

WHITTNEY WILLIAMS, Republican
Had not replied at time of publication – VOTE411.org may have recent responses

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**State Representative - Michigan**  
**Michigan House District 41**

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

**Qualifications:** State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are reapportioned after each census.

**Term:** 2 years

**PADMA KUPPA, Democrat – Unopposed in Primary**

**EVAN AGNELLO, Republican**  
Had not replied at time of publication – VOTE411.org may have recent responses

**ANDREW J. SOSNOSKI, Republican**

**Website:** http://www.notonmidime.com  
**Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/Sosnoski41/  
**Occupation / Current Position:** Construction Accounting & Financial Reporting Manager for Local Water/Wastewater Authority  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Major Accounting  
**Qualifications and Experience:** Understanding financial plans, budgets and projections is my expertise and I will drive waste reduction initiatives and achieve results.

**Q: EDUCATION:** What is your position on the role of public funding of education in Michigan? What measures do you support/propose to improve educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students?

**A:** While my children go to public schools, I support parents who decide private schools are the right choice for their children. While school plays a critical role I believe that education starts at home. Embracing new technology will be fundamental to improving educational outcomes and accessibility for all Michigan students. During the past few months I have been fortunate to a job that has allowed me to continue working from home and have seen first hand technology fails and wins. If you always do what you’re always done, you always get what you’ve always got. We need to take risks and discover what works best.

**Q: ECONOMIC SECURITY:** What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions, in general and given the pandemic?

**A:** We will overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and move forward with life sooner than later and when we do we need to promote a business climate that attracts jobs for both skilled trades and other professional careers. I’ve seen first hand the shortages we are currently facing in skilled labor trades that are only going to be exacerbated by the aging workforce. We need to let kids know that college isn’t the only career path. They should be proud to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty in one of the many skilled trades. Governments don’t create jobs but they can create environments to destroy them.

**Q: ELECTIONS:** What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, voting and campaign funding? Do you support mailing ballots to all eligible voters?

**A:** I do not support the concept of voting by mail, with the exception of those travelling for business and those physically unable to leave their home on account of physical disability, but even still I have reservations with those exceptions. Would you mail $100 bill? If you would you have more money than sense and seeing my vote as invaluable I would not trust the government or any entity to manage the mailing and collection of ballots to all.

**Q: ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY:** What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan’s water, air and land for current and future generations? What is your position on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

**A:** I am a conservationist. Growing up hunting in the Huron National Forest I learned to respect our resources. As my children begin hunting they are learning about stewardship and my hope is they will pass that down to their children. Energy efficiency and renewable energy is great when it is made by choice and not by force.
Q: SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address the racial, economic, health, education, etc. inequities, including Michigan’s 20% of children and 17% of seniors living in poverty?
A: I believe our Freedom comes from our Creator and we are all Children of God and created equal. I'm a Christian, a husband and a father. I'm faithful to my wife and my family. I focus on those things and try to do them well, but of course, we all fall short of perfection in our lives. Everyday I give thanks to God for the many blessings I have done nothing to deserve. No child should ever go hungry or without medical care and we need to care for the elderly in our communities. It starts with loving your neighbor as yourself and can only get better from there.

Q: GUNS: Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?
A: I do not believe Michigan has a gun violence problem. I am a proud firearm owner and believe that firearm ownership is among the most important theft deterrents. I would promote CCW training sponsored by local sheriff departments for any adult who can lawfully own a weapon and education for children at all ages for firearm safety
You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Democratic or Republican – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.

**Note:** Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Democrats preceding Republicans.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR TWICE ON THE AUGUST BALLOT, ONCE TO FILL A PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2020 THE OTHER FOR THE FULL 4 YEAR TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2021

4 Candidates for COUNTY EXECUTIVE for ONE 4-year term

2 Democrats and 2 Republicans are running for this office

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**Question 1 (150 Words or less):**
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As the current county executive, I am working collaboratively with the Board of Commission to achieve results. I hired the most diverse leadership team in county history, signed the first non-discrimination policy and stood with Black Lives Matter as residents throughout our county protest racial inequity. I have also stood up to President’s Trump dangerous agenda and preserved family planning services at Planned Parenthood for our residents. We are transforming our county health clinics to provide primary care and mental health services. I have achieved these results while maintaining strong fiscal policies, approving a three-year balanced budget and securing the county’s AAA bond rating. I am championing an Oakland Together agenda because I know that for too long residents felt excluded from county government and overlooked in county policies. Now we are bringing everyone together, celebrating our diversity, building on our strengths, and addressing our challenges.

**Question 2 (150 Words or less):**
What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

We must manage the COVID-19 pandemic, recover from the recession and incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into all our efforts. In three short months over 8500 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically over 1000 have died. Our quick actions during the Stay at Home order to require health standards to screen employees, require social distancing and face coverings at open businesses helped to slow the virus. Now we are opening safely and implementing aggressive testing throughout the county to track any reemergence of the virus. In order to recover from the recession, we are providing grants to our small businesses, community non-profits and local governments hard hit by the pandemic. We are working with our schools so they can open safely in the fall by providing trained school nurses and ensuring child care providers can operate safely and provide affordable child care as parents return to work.
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<td>Democrat ANDY MEISNER</td>
<td>As County Treasurer for 10 years, I helped lead Oakland County out of the Great Recession and Foreclosure Crisis by helping thousands of families save their homes, holding the big banks accountable and protecting our AAA bond rating. I am running for Oakland County Executive to leverage my experience as Treasurer, State Representative, Policy Advisor on Capitol Hill and licensed attorney to lead us out of the COVID crisis and into a future with greater gender and racial equity, criminal justice reform and access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs for every resident. As the sponsor of Michigan's stem cell research, problem-solving court and motion picture and digital media tax credit laws and as the first Treasurer in Michigan to suspend tax foreclosure for the whole year, I have a record of innovation and leading with my heart. I'm running for Oakland County Executive to make sure that every person in Oakland County gets an opportunity to succeed, no matter their zip code.</td>
<td>The top three issues that the County Executive should address are (1) demanding racial and gender equality immediately for every resident of Oakland County who has suffered too long with lower wages, discrimination by law enforcement and a less equal and less fair life in our county, which can be remedied by demanding equal pay for women, reform of police practices and using the full force of Oakland County government to advance these goals, (2) universal access to early childhood education and college or career education to make sure that our young people are getting the opportunities they deserve to succeed without taking on insurmountable debt, and (3) making sure that every uninsured and underinsured person in Oakland County gets access to affordable prescription drugs and high-quality healthcare, mental health and overall wellness services to make all of us healthier and happier. We must achieve these goals while maintaining a balanced budget and fiscal discipline.</td>
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| Republican | Mike Kowall  
2333 Cumberland Dr.  
White Lake, MI 48383 | Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office 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 this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them? |
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<td>Mike is married to Eileen and owned the former Accurate Woodworking Inc. of Waterford before he was approached by L. Brooks Patterson and Representative David Galloway to run for State House.</td>
<td>After serving in the House, Mike was asked, and encouraged, to serve as the White Lake Supervisor, and then as one of five State Senators serving Oakland County. During his term in the State Senate, Mike was chosen by his fellow members as their Senate Majority Floor Leader. As a Senate Leader, Mike made it a priority to honor our Veterans with multiple Veteran Remembrance Ceremonies throughout our State. In short, Mike knows how to balance the financial, economic and employment needs of our state and our County. And, he knows we need to take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. Balanced. Thoughtful. Nuanced. Action. Brooks knew what we know now. If we want Oakland County to be a great place to live, work and raise a family, we need MIKE KOWALL for Oakland County Executive!</td>
<td>TAX INCREASES AND TRANSIT: MIKE WILL fight ANY proposal that adds additional taxes on Oakland County Citizens for programs, or Transit Systems. Mike has fought, and won, against the current Administration’s plan to raise the average homeowner’s taxes by $1,020.00 per year. AAA BOND RATING – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: Maintaining a AAA Bond rating allows us to bond for infrastructure programs and fix our roads at a lesser expense. The leaders in Oakland now are turning us away from the fiscal responsibility that has fostered the Economic Development and Quality of Life we have seen over the last 30 years. THREE YEAR BALANCED BUDGET – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: It was under the leadership of Brooks Patterson that Oakland County became the first County in the Nation to adopt a three-year rolling line item budgets. MIKE KOWALL wants to maintain this level of fiscal forecasting. MIKE KOWALL will pledge to provide a balanced budget and will work to maintain fiscal responsibility.</td>
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Raised in Detroit and Southfield, I attended Gesu Catholic and Southfield Christian schools, was Chaplain/Salutatorian. A Leadership Detroit XIX and Fulbright to Oxford University alum, I earned United Jewish Appeal-funded scholarly study in Israel, an Oral Roberts University BA and an American University JD. Mayra my wife is a Beaumont OB/GYN. A voice for the unheard, I am fighting for a better economy, a world-class education system, access to the very best healthcare and county government.


| Question 2 (150 Words or less): |
| What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them? |

Great Jobs/Economy: Apply lessons from the best economy in American history just a few months ago. Increase incentives to small businesses to create high-paying jobs to restore the county as a top 3 in the nation for per capita income.

Knowledge Economy/Healthcare: Enhance K-16 outcomes, increasing college completion from under 50% to 65% forming a new world knowledge hub with career tech training where most needed. Make sure all virus-infected persons enter great care while all other persons access world-class care for all to prosper.

Transportation/Solid Financial Management: We will demand a state law reform plan to fund nearly $100 million for new transportation to recapture federal tax we pay sent elsewhere by forming a new entity with no taxing power or elected officials. Retain AAA bond rating with rolling, 3-year budget that allows time to thoughtfully restructure operations while maintaining stable service delivery emulating best practices of L. Brooks Patterson.
3 Candidates for PROSECUTING ATTORNEY for ONE 4-year term

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| Democrat                  | Elected Oakland County Prosecutor in November of 2008. First woman to ever hold that position and the first Democrat in 40 years. 8 years as a District Court Judge, 14 years as a Circuit Court Judge, and 6-1/2 years as a Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals. The role of the prosecutor is to do justice. Being a trial judge has taught me to be fair and measured. As an adjunct professor of law at both MSU and U of M law schools helped me create and continue a renowned in-house training program for my prosecutors. My experience as an appellate judge has been invaluable in analyzing cases that affect the practice of criminal law. Oakland County’s crime rate is down 34% & and juvenile petitions are down 63%. I run a professional, non-political, efficient, and extremely effective Prosecutor’s Office. | 1. The proliferation of Hate crimes
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| JESSICA R. COOPER         | 31115 Stafford St. Beverly Hills, MI 48025 | 1. The proliferation of Hate crimes
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<td>Democrat KAREN MCDONALD P. O. Box 1750 Birmingham, MI 48009</td>
<td>Over the past twenty years, I have served Oakland County as a Circuit Court Judge (2012-2019), assistant prosecutor (1999-2004), and private practice attorney (2004-2013). I have seen firsthand that our broken criminal justice system is failing Oakland County residents—especially poor people and people of color. I stepped down from the bench in 2019 because we need a prosecutor who will actively work to implement progressive criminal justice reform that will reduce mass incarceration and create a fair system for all people. With my background as a judge, assistant prosecutor, and attorney, I am uniquely qualified to lead the Prosecutor’s Office in this pursuit with experience and understanding in all areas of the court.</td>
<td>Despite the availability of treatment programs in Oakland County, our current prosecutor refuses to participate in treatment courts. If elected, I will not only commit to participating in these life-saving treatment courts, but will also implement additional progressive criminal justice reform policies to reduce mass incarceration in all areas of the justice system. As Prosecutor, I will uphold the Supreme Court’s decision to resentence juvenile lifers, treat children like children, and hold youth accountable without unnecessary incarceration. Finally, I will form a senior advisory board to give assistant prosecutors discretion to reduce or amend charges by eliminating the requirement of cash bail and putting an end to coercive plea bargaining. By lessening prosecution of nonviolent offenders, we will not only reduce mass incarceration, but also save county resources that can then be used to strengthen Oakland County schools and communities.</td>
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**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**

**OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF**

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
POLLs ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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| **Democrat**           | VINCENT GREGORY  
19578 San Jose Blvd.  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076  
I'm running for Oakland County Sheriff because we need an experienced leader who stands for integrity, inclusivity, and accountability in law enforcement. As a U.S. Marine, Vietnam veteran, former State Rep., former State Senator, former County Commissioner, and career law enforcement officer, I've held positions of public trust for decades. It's an honor to serve our communities and I'm eager to continue my service as the next Sheriff.  
I served with the Wayne County Sheriff Department for 30 years before retiring from the position of Detective. I served for 17 years as Vice President and then President of Wayne County Sheriff's local 502 SEIU, AFL-CIO. During my tenure as President, I was the lead negotiator for the largest Deputies Union in the State.  
During my time with Local 502, I was also part of a state wide group of Deputies to lobby State Legislators to approve secondary road funding which we were successful, which provided more safety for the residents of the County. | 1. As Public Safety Officers we should be seen all over the County. I will work immediately to spread the Sheriff's office to all of Oakland County. I will try to secure more funding for secondary roads so Deputies can Patrol more of the secondary roads.  
2. The hardworking female officers put their lives on the line every day, yet not one woman has been promoted to the highest rank of Captain in the past 20 years. We must promote women so they can lead, not just serve. I will immediately promote a qualified woman to the position of Captain.  
3. If the federal Lawsuit is still going on, I will immediately get involved to try to bring this issue to a close. |
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| Democrat BARNETT JONES  
3480 Waldon Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48360 | I have been a working lawman for more than 40 years, 19 of which were with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department. Since the day I left I have served as Chief of Police for Sterling Heights, Chief of Police, Fire and Public Safety in Ann Arbor and as a consultant for the emergency manager in Flint. Currently I work as the Chief of Security and Integrity for one of the world’s largest public utilities. Each of those jobs has been a step towards this moment and my return to Oakland County; more seasoned, more knowledgeable and more proven. I had the honor of leading each of the Sheriff’s four divisions: Technical Services, Protective Services, Corrective Services and Satellite Services. While performing in these positions, I had the distinct privilege of being mentored by John F. Nichols, the last lawman to serve as Oakland County Sheriff. I will be the next. | I didn’t just start talking about Social Justice because of the current events, it’s been at the forefront of my campaign since we started. There are non-violent offenders in jail, at the expense of taxpayers, for things like marijuana possession or traffic violations, some of whom are only there because they could not afford bail. This is why I support programs like the Cash Bail Reform Initiative. It not only may saves taxpayer dollars; it also frees up resources to better deal with violent offenders. As a part of my push for transparency and inclusion, I will see that female officers are given the same chance for advancement through every level of command; there has never been a woman promoted to captain and I’m going to change that. We are going to shatter the glass ceiling. While there is no one-size-fits-all solution for Community Engagement, only the most innovative efforts will make a difference. I’ve already got those plans in place and will hit the ground running. |
| Democrat RANDY MALONEY  
207 Coleman Rd.  
Waterford, MI 48328 | I am running for Sheriff to correct the inappropriate activity that goes on at the sheriff office and also the millions of tax payer money wasted for no reason. Skills I bring are I retired from the sheriff office after 25 yrs service, I have worked every position in the jail and outside, noone running for sheriff can say that, the sheriff office was my life for the last 25 yrs if only the public really knew what goes on at the sheriff office they would be ashamed, and im running to correct the wrong | First, All the inappropriate activitys that go on at the sheriff office, will be investigated and charges brought against the people involved..Second ,, all the wasteful spending of tax payers money, will stop and and be accounted for ,, Third ,, community relations, I will hold meetings with community leaders |
| Republican MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD  
Unopposed in Primary | | |

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**Question 1 (150 Words or less):**
Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.

I am the Rochester Hills City Clerk and have served as an election administrator for over 15 years. I have an MA in Management and Leadership and a BA in Business Administration. I am certified by the IIMC as a MasterMunicipal Clerk and a Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk II by the MAMC. I serve on the Election Security Commission, appointed by SOS Benson. I also serve on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, appointed by the US Conference of Mayors. I have received a ClearieAward for Election Innovation. Under my leadership, Rochester Hills was the first city in Michigan to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit pilot. I have been honored by Leadership Oakland as a Leader of Leaders in Public Service and by the MAMC as the City Clerk of the Year. I am the President of the Oakland County Clerks Association. I am a professional, experienced, and nationally respected Clerk that is committed to serving all of the residents of Oakland County with excellence.

**Question 2 (150 Words or less):**
What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

As your next County Clerk, I will promote collaboration, communication, and innovation. I have a record of collaborating with Clerks across our county, state, and nation. I am respected for my ability to reach across the aisle in order to get work done. In the last year, I have been a speaker at GOP events, for the DNC, as well as the ACLU. I pledge to increase the amount and quality of communication that is going out to the residents of Oakland County. I will effectively communicate on all social media platforms, as well as through the press. My personal passion for and intimate knowledge of this profession will lead to my continued innovative practices and processes which have been recognized locally and nationally. As your County Clerk, I will value your time and resources, as well as your rights as a voter. I will lead innovatively with transparency, a vision, and by collaborating with all residents of our county.

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| Democrat ROBERT J. CORBETT, JR. 29294 Tessmer Ct. Madison Heights, MI 48071 | - Education: Bishop Foley High School, Madison Heights; University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI (Major in Honors Economics)  
- 21 years member of Madison Heights City Council, 5 years serving as Mayor Pro Tem  
- 34 year member Madison Heights Zoning Board of Appeals, 2 years as Chairman  
- 20 terms Democratic Party Precinct Delegate, 4 years member of Executive Committee  
I was an influential voice on my community's City Council guiding Madison Heights through the Great Recession from 2008 through 2013. Like many local communities Madison Heights and it’s residents were economically devastated by the financial collapse. We did however as a community emerge strong and viable with a credit rating slightly higher than during the recession. Unfortunately I suspect that experience, unique among the candidates currently vying for Treasurer, may well be needed in the months and years to come. Our ability to maintain liquidity, preserve local police and fire services while emerging with a quality credit rating and virtually no debt was an outstanding achievement for our community. | 1.) Continue the work of the current Treasurer in modernizing department. Monitoring and constantly reviewing best practices will continue to be a top priority.  
2.) Maintain an open and transparent investment policy for the Treasury and County as a whole. Working in conjunction with the County Executive and the Board of Commissioner Treasurer need to foster and recommend practices that reflect the highest ethical and financial standards.  
3.) Improve public access to Treasurer records and County documents related to finance. Reaching out to local cities and communities for advice and guidance will continue to be a priority for Treasurer's Office during my tenure. |
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**ONE 4-year term**

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ROBERT WITTENBERG  
13302 Borgman Ave.  
Huntington Woods, MI 48070 | I currently serve as a third term state representative in southern Oakland County. I’ve also worked as a licensed life & health insurance agent for 15 years helping thousands of individuals & businesses navigate their insurance & employee benefits. In the legislature, I served as the top-ranking Democrat on the Financial Liability Reform Committee & on the House Tax Policy & the Financial Services Committees.  
I love helping people, that is why I am in public service, & I believe an effective public servant should be both fiscally responsible & socially conscious. My professional & legislative experiences helped me develop the skills needed to serve as Treasurer. I'm a proven, trustworthy leader whose track record of fighting for Oakland County residents’ financial wellbeing is strong. My wife & I grew up in Oakland County, & we’re raising our family here because we love this community & want to ensure that Oakland County remains a place where everyone can be proud to live. | 1) Fighting for the financial security & well-being of all residents - For most people, their home is the largest investment they make. I will ensure that people are able to stay & thrive in our neighborhoods. I'll be a compassionate steward of resources for all residents across the county. I will actively engage with residents facing financial challenges to help address their needs & set them up with plans to prevent foreclosure.  
2) Recruiting new businesses while supporting existing ones - I will lead on innovative policy solutions to boost our local businesses. I’d leverage the county's relationships in the private sector to implement public-private partnerships creating small business/homeowner relief funds that will address the impact of COVID-19.  
3) Maintaining our AAA bond rating - We want our county dollars to be invested wisely & we want the best rates on public bonds. Our communities & schools benefit from our rating, directly contributing to our strong quality of life. |
| Republican  
| SUSAN E. ANDERSON  
| 2602 Vinsetta Blvd.  
| Royal Oak, MI 48073  |
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| **Question 1 (150 Words or less):**  
| Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.  |
| I am the Founder and Owner of SE Anderson & Associates, a professional firm providing quality and efficient computerized accounting, bookkeeping and tax services to small and medium sized businesses. I believe my responsibility to my clients include ensuring an effective system of controls designed to safeguard their assets and income, assure the integrity of my clients’ financial statements, compliance with all ethical standards, applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations.  
I am a Graduate of Walsh College with a Master of Science Degree in Accounting and a BBA. I am an Enrolled Agent with the IRS.  
I was elected to the Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Trustees in 2016. I was appointed Treasurer of OCC by my fellow Trustees and serve as Chairperson of the Audit Committee for the College.  
I currently serve on the Board of Directors of OUR Credit Union. I was appointed by my fellow board members to serve as the organization’s Secretary.  |
| **Question 2 (150 Words or less):**  
| What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?  |
| Incorporating over 30 years of accounting, tax, financial and investment experience, I would be a dependable and effective administrator of Oakland County funds and resources. My top priorities are:  
• Securing our financial future  
• Protecting our property values  
• Maintaining Oakland County’s AAA bond rating  
I will continually study and monitor county investments and banking functions to achieve maximum efficiency in the Treasurer’s office. I will look at ways to improve office functions to provide an even higher level of customer service to the citizens of Oakland County. Everyone is challenged with limited budgets. This is true for individuals as well as government operations. Safety of fiduciary funds is critical especially in a low interest rate environment we are experiencing today. The Treasurer’s Office collects over 1.4 billion dollars every year, and these funds must be handled responsibly. I have the experience to successfully manage the Oakland County Treasurer’s office.  |
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**ONE 4-year term**

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<td>This is my 25th year as a self-employed tax accountant. I'm licensed by the US Treasury. I hold an MBA from the University of Michigan and a bachelor’s degree from the MSU College of Business. I’m the only Oakland County Treasurer candidate to sign the Americans For Tax Reform pledge not to support tax increases. I’ve knocked on thousands of doors supporting better tax policies for homeowners. I’m an appointed church leader. I serve on the board of directors of Crossroads For Youth which provides foster care and therapy. I’m past president (and a Paul Harris Fellow) of my local Rotary Club, which provides beds to disadvantaged children. Lastly, I’m a past district finance chair for scouting. I’m running because we need a treasurer who will be an advocate for the people of Oakland County, protect L. Brooks Patterson’s legacy of financial stewardship and be a strong voice against higher property taxes. My wife, teen children and I feel blessed to call Oakland County home.</td>
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<td>First is the public’s access to information. In 2019 a curtain was drawn around the county's books by eliminating “fiscal notes” that disclose the impact of changes to the county's budget. I will advocate for the reinstatement of this practice and make additional financial data public. Second is the protection of property rights. Aggressive foreclosure practices recently landed Oakland County in front of the MI Supreme Court when a home was seized and sold because of $8.41 in unpaid interest. I will conduct a thorough and impartial review of foreclosure policies. Third is securing the future. Oakland County residents will face higher taxes if the county loses its AAA bond rating. This is a risk due to rising discretionary expenditures and the previously mentioned lack of transparency. I seek to return Oakland County to the fiscal conservatism and cautious investment policies that made the L. Brooks Patterson administration the nation’s standard for excellence and stability.</td>
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**1 Democrat and 3 Republicans are running for this office**

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<td><strong>I'm an engineer, PhD, professional engineer, with many years of experience and 70+ reviewed articles to my credit. I think the water engineering of the county is pretty bad in some respects, and think I could do a much better job. We have water bills that are too high, we have floods and sewer backups, and we release near raw sewage into the rivers and lakes once or twice a month. I could take care of all of this and could reduce our bills doing so.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Issues 1 and 2 are high water bills and sewer backups/ pollution dumps. These issues are connected because they are caused by bad, expensive engineering projects that don't solve the problems, but that you have to pay for. To site my least favorite project, the current administration has proposed to build a 4 mile long sewer containment tunnel, 16 feet in diameter that is to sit 100 feet beneath highway I-75. Tokyo built a tunnel storage of the same size and length recently; it cost them $2 billion. Tokyo land prices make this almost worthwhile, but there are much cheaper options for Oakland county. These are far safer to build, and can be quite attractive, The most attractive of these is a Disney-style river, similar to San-Antonio's riverwalk, ruling parallel to I-75. As in San Antonio, most of the water would be carried in a culvert just below street level.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Item 3 is to keep whats working working: upgrading pipes and water towers, keep good employees, keep doing public education.</strong></td>
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**Republican**

**STEVEN L. JOHNSON**

4616 Desert Bridge Ct.,
Highland, MI 48356

Steven L. Johnson has been an Oakland County resident for over 30 years. Professionally Johnson has been a small business owner and in corporate management roles where he developed strategic long-term business plans and managed the tactical execution of those plans. Additionally, planned staffing requirements, budgets/finance, marketing, and analysis of metrics.

Academic credentials include: MBA, Plymouth State University, University System of NH + Graduate Certificate: Strategic Marketing Management, BS Business Management & Economics, SUNY- State University of New York, Harvard University JFK School, Certificate U.S. Public Policy: Social, Economic, and Foreign Policies (currently enrolled), AS, Associate Degree in Business Management - Oakland Community College + Certificate: Business Entrepreneurship, AA, Associate Degree in Liberal Arts - Oakland Community College

"I'm running to provide leadership in securing the safety and stability our water resources for all."

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**Question 2 (150 Words or less):**

What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

1. **The safety and stability of the water resource infrastructure is the top priority.** Developing and implementing plans for the replacement of old systems that may put residents and businesses at risk of failure of their water resources.

2. **Create a plan for a minimum basic water and sewer service at no cost.** This may be for all or low-income residents.

3. **Develop a gray-water recycling plan for irrigation and urban agriculture.**
### Question 1 (150 Words or less):
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**Republican**

**JIM STEVENS**  
3394 Coolidge, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

I want you to know some Large companies have damaged our Great Lakes, our Water drains which start off small, which over time end up in our Wonderful lakes. I have a plan to get our Lakes and water ways clean again.

### Question 2 (150 Words or less):
What are the top 3 Priority Issues that this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?

1. We need to Educate Our Future Children to be the Gate Keepers of Clean Water.
2. From January 1 to April 18, 2018, a total of 95.4 million gallons of partially treated sewage were released into the Rouge River from retention treatment basins in Birmingham and Beverly Hills. More than another billion gallons of water were released from retention basins in Macomb County, the majority of which included wastewater discharged from the George W. Kuhn treatment basin, which collects sewage from 14 communities upstream of the Red Run Drain, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Troy and Beverly Hills... This needs to Stop.....
3. In these tough times I plan to Donate $25,000 towards Water or Grocery Bills for Oakland County Citizens Who fell Victim of this Economy and Start a Charity which would help Families.
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4 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

2 Democrats and 2 Republicans are running for this office in District 11

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| **Democrat** TIM BURNS           | Husband to Barbra for fifteen years. Dad of 11-year-old Jack & Maggie who attend Troy Public Schools. Attorney, small business owner, youth soccer coach and community volunteer. Currently on Board of Directors for Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society plus my neighborhood homeowners association. Previously served on Board of Commissioners for State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Parks Commission, and Oakland County International Airport Authority. Past president and board member of the Troy Community Coalition, named “Democrat of the Year” in 2010 by Troy Democratic Club, and honored as “Distinguished Citizen of the Year” in 2011 by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge. Also served as County Commissioner representing Troy from 2007 – 2011. Looking to re-engage in government because tired of elected officials acting more like school yard bullies than good neighbors. I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work making a positive contribution as your County Commissioner. | TACKLE THE PANDEMIC

Oakland County’s Health Division has crucial role in combating the coronavirus pandemic through enforcing health standards, providing medical services including testing, and eventually distributing vaccinations. I will provide guidance and support so we can efficiently and effectively tackle this public health emergency. We need leaders who understand science and facts matter in making decisions. Oakland County’s recovery is my top priority!

PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Enhance County’s home improvement program to stimulate local jobs while increasing property values. Collaborate with colleges and hospitals to create biotech industry jobs expanding our economic base.

MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

During the Great Recession, as a County Commissioner I worked on passing balanced budgets which helped residents through tough times and preserved essential services without raising taxes. I will use that experience to help us be fiscally responsible moving forward now.
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<td><strong>Republican</strong> THOMAS E. KUHN 1595 Pebble Point Dr. Troy, MI 48085</td>
<td>I have been an elected official in Oakland County for 26 years, serving 12 years at the local level and 12 years on the Oakland Community College board, 2 years as chair, as well as currently serving as your County Commissioner. I have a BA, MA and PhD in Political Science and have been an attorney for 35 years. In addition to my service as an elected official, I have been active in youth sports as a coach and board member, and as a homeowners association board member. In all those years of service, I have never seen the lack of oversight, no-bid contracts and fiscal irregularities brought upon us by the current Oakland Co. Democratic leadership. We need change. As your commissioner, I will continue to work closely with our city leaders to provide improved roads and infrastructure, and provide support for our businesses, neighborhoods and families. I am totally committed to assuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely and that contracts are properly bid. Website: votetomkuhn.com</td>
<td>Restore Fiscal Responsibility: For decades, Brooks Patterson, Sheriff Mike Bouchard and the Republican County leadership maintained strong fiscal responsibility that provided our critical county services at the best value for taxpayers. The County’s AAA bond rating allowed for dramatically improved infrastructure. We need to return to the wise and rational policy that served the County’s taxpayers so well for so many years. Restore Accountability: Currently, the County Commission does not allow adequate oversight and review prior to important votes. The Commission needs to re-establish its previous operating committees which can provide meaningful oversight of county expenditures and programs. Restore Commitment to Oakland County Residents: The Commission is now spending massive amounts that don’t benefit our residents, including subsidizing political groups. The County needs to be re-committed to providing essential services and infrastructure for Oakland County residents.</td>
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<td><strong>Republican SUSAN KUHN&lt;br&gt;2172 Wattles Rd.&lt;br&gt;Troy, MI 48085</strong>&lt;br&gt;I= With looming budget deficits, Oakland County must spend tax dollars on essential services and infrastructure that are needed by our citizens and communities. The current commissioner, however, has voted massive subsidies for political organizations and supported no-bid contracts. We need to stop the political subsidies and assure that all our contracts are properly bid out. 2= We need to be supporting our local businesses. The County issued orders that unreasonably restrict small business and are hurting our economy and destroying our jobs. Small businesses like the Dairy O in Clawson are essential to our economy. We need to get everyone back to work and be the Land of the Free, Home of the Brave again. 3= Oakland County needs to maintain the high AAA rating sustained for decades by former Republican County Executive Brooks Patterson. That bond rating allowed us to obtain massive infrastructure improvements in sewers, streams, roads and technology at a reduced cost.</td>
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| Republican  
| MATT PRYOR  
| 38145 Dequindre Rd.  
| Troy, MI 48083  |

**Republican MATT PRYOR**

38145 Dequindre Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

**Former Mayor and Councilman, Troy, Mi. 40yr Business Owner; Landscape Design and Construction. Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan, Troy High graduate. In 1993, Troy had lost $52 million in business along Big Beaver. As Councilman I fought for new zoning methods, environmental buffers, regulation changes and controlled spending. By the time I was Mayor we had brought in $8 billion in new investment. We lowered taxes all 3 years I was Mayor and were ranked one of the safest cities in the U.S. My track record as an elected official in Troy speaks well for my ability to deal with the current economic crisis.**

**Government takes money from all of us. Therefore, spending and taxation should be determined by the consensus of a clear majority, not just a simple majority. Government should not tell us how to live, but protect our freedom to choose how we live so long as we do no harm. No single individual should be allowed to determine this. At many levels, government is currently failing at each of these priorities. There is not the additional priority of helping both individuals and our businesses recover from the economic devastation of COVID. My goal is to address these issues as your Oakland County Commissioner by reviewing all County spending and require a 60% majority for all spending and taxation. The County should have its own legislative response to situations like COVID and rigorously defend the Constitutional rights of our residents so long as those rights are exercised responsibly. All programs to boost business and jobs should be kicked into high gear. No stone left unturned.**
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Unopposed in Primary             |                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Republican                       | DAVID J. HARRELL
Unopposed in Primary             |                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |

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## VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
### CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE – 6th Circuit

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**
**POLLs ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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**Vote for no more than ONE**

The 6th Circuit Court includes all of Oakland County.

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| **CLARENCE DASS**  
I served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office from 2012-2016. I was a member of the Special Victims Unit, which prosecuted some of the most violent crimes in our county. After leaving the Prosecutor’s Office, I founded a law firm devoted to protecting individual’s rights and liberties.  
I have dedicated my entire career to serving our community. In 2017, I received the Leon Hubbard Community Service Award from the Oakland County Bar Association for “promoting cultural diversity, advancing social equality, and working to enhance the quality of life for all people.” In 2019, I received the Unsung Hero Award from the State Bar of Michigan for continuing to serve my clients and community while fighting (and beating) stage 4 colon cancer.  
As a prosecutor, I appeared in every court in Oakland County and worked with every law enforcement agency and probation department in the county. I prosecuted serious crimes, including domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse, and murder.  
As an attorney, I have represented individuals in family, criminal, and business law primarily in Oakland County, but also throughout Michigan. I have advocated for treatment courts, fought for the civil rights of individuals, and sought to ensure a level-playing field for all in our justice system. I believe this kind of well-rounded experience is vital to the position of Judge.  
Having been a prosecutor, defense attorney, and manager of a law firm, I have seen our justice system from many angles. I have diverse, well-rounded experience that will create empathy for every litigant and improve our justice system. I believe I have a temperament suited to serving as Judge, an appetite for hard work, and a devotion to service in my community. |
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| **MAURA BATTERSBY MURPHY**  
I graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School in Beverly Hills, Michigan in 2002. I went on to obtained my B.A. from the University of Michigan in 2006, and my J.D. from Marquette University Law School in 2009. I was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega (community service) Fraternity while at the University of Michigan and graduated with an honors designation for my community service. While at Marquette, I continued this service in the Public Interest Law Society, which included significant fundraising to assist fellow students in pursuing public interest careers. I have continued my service to my community in working to obtain necessary items and support for foster care children through the Judson Center, and in supporting pediatric and neo-natal research. | I have been a litigator for the last 11 years. I have litigated criminal, civil and family court matters, across jurisdictions. I began my legal career in Wisconsin, and litigated in all counties across the state, and in civil, criminal and family matters. I litigated civil matters in federal courts. In my practice here in Michigan, I primarily litigate in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. I spend most of my time in court, or taking depositions. I have experience in complex civil litigation, including cases involving fraud, significant injuries, and/or financial matters involving individuals of high net worth and complex financial claims. | My background qualifies me to be a great judge. I am the child of first-generation Americans, and understand the challenges of building a new life in a new country. I am the daughter of small business owners. My father runs the business his father started forty years ago. I understand the concerns of small businesses, and the importance of them to our economy. I am a mother, and active in my oldest son’s school organizations. I am the product of public schools. I recognize the importance of excellent education to our future. |
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<td>Degrees: University of Michigan, A.B. in Political Science and Sociology (1992); Wayne State University Law School, J.D. (1995). Career: Oakland County Friend of the Court Referee since 2003. 25-year legal career with an emphasis on family and juvenile law at a law firm, legal aid, and a non-profit organization. Represented clients in many other different types of legal matters. President of Referees Association of Michigan. Appointed to three State Bar of Michigan committees relating to ethics and professionalism, including 10 years on the Judicial Ethics Committee. Published author and speaker on ethics, family law, and cultural competency. Community: Resides with her husband and two daughters in West Bloomfield. Served as Doherty Elementary PTO Treasurer and Diversity Committee Chair. Temple Israel, NCJW, and 100+ Women member.</td>
<td>As a Family Division Referee in Oakland County, I have approximately 1,800 enforcement and evidentiary hearings related to custody, parenting time, and child support annually. I am a trained mediator and often use these skills to help parties reach an agreement. I resolve 99% of the matters without the parties needing to see their assigned judge. Additionally, I direct a team of six others and handle administrative tasks. Previously, I primarily represented adults in family and juvenile court matters in private practice and at legal aid, and children in abuse and neglect cases through a non-profit organization. I also served as a court-approved family law mediator. I have worked with clients from all different backgrounds, experiences, and income levels.</td>
<td>In my 17 years as a hearing officer, I have demonstrated an ability to conduct hearings impartially, patiently, and effectively in high-conflict cases. I am well respected in the legal community because I am acknowledged as fair, knowledgeable, prepared, and providing well-reasoned and thorough recommendations based upon the law. I am hard-working and committed to providing excellent service to the public. My volunteer work with legal organizations demonstrates my commitment to ensuring everyone has equal access to the courts and is treated fairly in the legal system. It also demonstrates my belief that judges need to meet the high standards expected of them when placed in a position of such responsibility. I also commit to remain accessible and accountable to the voters that elect me.</td>
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City of Troy Elected Officials

Troy City Council - Nonpartisan

The council is the legislative body; its members are the community's decision makers. Power is centralized in the elected council, which approves the budget and determines the tax rate, for example. The council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning. The council hires a professional manager to carry out the administrative responsibilities and supervises the manager's performance.

Candidates (Choose One):

David Carl Anderson

**Education:** B.A. from Adrian College. Law degree from Detroit College of Law.

**Family:** Married to Judge Martha Anderson. One daughter and two handsome grandsons

**Length of Troy Residency:** 40 years,

**Prior Community Involvement:** 35 years on Troy Election Commission; Stoneridge and Beach Forest homeowners Board of Directors; Troy Beautification program; Troy Rotary Club

**Web Site:** http://www.davidfortroy.com

**Email:** dcalaw08@att.net

**Social Media Links:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

**Campaign Phone:** (248) 408-8096

Q: Why are you running for City Council? What personal qualities, skills, and experiences make you the best candidate?

A: I have lived in Troy for 40 years and have had my business in Troy for 43 years. Because I have been involved in living in and working in Troy for over 40 years, I know and understand the concerns and aspirations of my Troy neighbors. I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Troy City Council because of my combined legal skills and historical knowledge of Troy. My legal background gives me a special understanding of city government issues. My business background provides me with the knowledge to understand the needs of our business community and the ability to provide innovative and cost efficient solutions through city government initiatives. My opponent is a recent transplant to Troy from northern Michigan and simply has not lived in Troy long enough to know and understand the needs of Troy's citizens. My Troy community activities, coupled with my decades of living in, working in, and caring passionately about Troy and its residents, makes me the best candidate for city council.

Q: What do you see as the priority issues facing Troy right now?

A: When elected to Troy City Council I will focus on: 1. Assisting Troy businesses recover from the coronavirus pandemic; 2. Make sure the Troy City Budget is balanced and that taxes are kept low for Troy residents; 3. Support the Troy Library Millage Renewal; 4. Maintain city services with priorities of police, fire, and safety always in focus; 5. Promote diversity in community and government activities; 6. Improve and maintain streets, bridges, and the supporting infra-structure; 7. Promote civility and transparency in running city government; 8. Follow the Troy City Master Plan and execute long term planning for the city; and 9. Promote rational residential and commercial growth while protecting green space.
Q: Given the COVID-19 pandemic, how can Troy best balance the health of both its citizens and its economy?

A: Troy City Council needs to participate in city sponsored initiatives which protect the health of every citizen in Troy while helping jump start the local economy. From a health standpoint, Troy city government must continue to promote social distancing, promote wearing masks in public places, test citizens for Covid-19, work with county, state, and federal authorities to contain and eliminate the pandemic, and set a good example for citizens by running city government in a safe and responsible manner. Troy City Council must listen to the needs of the business community to hear what support businesses require in re-opening the local economy. Troy City Council needs to explore ways to promote renewed citizen participation with local merchants. Troy City Council also needs to reach out to county, state, and federal governments to obtain all aid available for Troy businesses including tax incentives. By following this balanced approach, Troy can be healthy and prosperous again.

Q: How will you ensure that you represent all demographic groups in Troy fairly and adequately?

A: One of Troy's greatest assets is the diversity of its citizens. I will represent all ethnic groups in Troy fairly and adequately by being transparent and listening to all segments of our community carefully regarding their needs and concerns. I will always explain to the citizens of Troy how and why I make my council decisions. I will never let outside interest control my council decisions. My paramount concern will always be what is in the best interest of Troy citizens. I will hold regularly scheduled meetings with my Troy neighbors to determine what is important to them. I will listen to Troy citizens regarding their needs and concerns and not lecture to them. We have two ears and one tongue. As a Troy City Council member, I promise to listen to my Troy neighbors twice as much as I speak. As your Troy City Council member, I promise to listen to all ethnic groups intently and work tirelessly to represent each demographic group in Troy fairly and adequately.

Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga

Education: PhD London School of Economics; MSc LSE; BA Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Family: Married for almost 19 years to Dr. Ovidiu Creanga with one son, William.
Length of Troy Residency: 4 years
Prior Community Involvement: Before being appointed to Troy City Council, I served on the Troy Downtown Development Authority and Global Troy Advisory Committee.
Web Site: http://rebecca4troy.com
Email: ElectRebeccaChamberlain@gmail.com
Social Media Links: @Rebecca4Troy - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
Campaign Phone: (248) 457-5251

Q: Why are you running for City Council? What personal qualities, skills, and experiences make you the best candidate?

A: With a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and a career that spans international development and philanthropy, I am running to retain my seat on Troy City Council to listen, be a problem solver and tackle any challenge Troy faces during these uncertain times. Troy has given me so much: my career and a beautiful community in which to raise our son. To ensure that every Troy resident enjoys the same opportunities my family has, I will leverage my experience working for the world’s leading development and financial institution, the Word Bank, and The Kresge Foundation - a top private foundation and leader in economic revitalization based in Troy. I have also recently taught a nonprofit management course on evaluation at Oakland University. Evaluation is an important skill to help governments learn from what they do - to ensure that every tax dollar spent is used efficiently. This skill set is exactly what Troy needs as we face the economic uncertainties brought on by COVID-19.
**Q: What do you see as the priority issues facing Troy right now?**

A: Strengthening our local economy: The pandemic has given rise to financial hardship and uncertainty. It has put everyone at risk, especially our seniors. I pledge to use every resource available to support Troy’s small business community and to keep our residents safe. Supporting our quality of life: I will continue to protect the building blocks of our community - the Stage Nature Center, Troy Historic Village, Troy Public Library and other community resources. Drawing upon my background in philanthropy and teaching nonprofit management, I will support their funding, while ensuring that every tax dollar spent is used effectively. Advocating for community-driven development: Residents should have a voice in the development process. With my experience on Troy’s Downtown Development Authority and through active community engagement, I will listen and work with residents to update the City of Troy’s Master Plan, protecting the quality and character of our neighborhoods and green spaces.

**Q: Given the COVID-19 pandemic, how can Troy best balance the health of both its citizens and its economy?**

A: COVID-19 is one of the greatest crises our city has faced in a lifetime. I have been working on the pandemic in my workplace since January, serving on a task force to advise our leadership on the closing and reopening of our organization based in Troy. Through this work, I have found that the balancing of health and economic activity must be grounded in values and mission. For Troy City Council, our fundamental mission is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of those in our community. While municipalities like Troy have limited decision-making power over public health and re-opening the economy, we do play important coordinating roles with county, state and federal government. We can also partner with the Troy Chamber of Commerce, as I have proposed, to help foster dialogue between businesses, health professionals and residents on our shared wellbeing. I pledge to continue to use every resource Troy has available and to coordinate in a non-partisan manner to keep us safe.

**Q: How will you ensure that you represent all demographic groups in Troy fairly and adequately?**

A: My entire life has been devoted to tackling inequity and promoting belonging. My Ph.D. research and early career focused on conflict-affected parts of the world, where people faced discrimination and even outright bloodshed based on their differences. During my time at the World Bank, I addressed these issues head-on: I led a study that showed how diversity and strong development outcomes go hand-in-hand. I also drafted a policy brief on youth inclusion and civic engagement, recognizing the important role of all age groups in public life - from our youth to seniors. My husband and I chose Troy precisely for its diversity, as we raise our son in a multicultural household. Before joining city council, I served on the Global Troy Advisory Committee. On council, I have continued to champion diversity and inclusion by supporting a recent council proclamation that stands in solidarity with those suffering from racial injustice. I pledge to listen to and represent all residents in Troy!