

# 2020 Nonpartisan Clinton & Eaton County Voter Guide

This election is important to each of us. It's about:

- our jobs
- our health
- our communities
- our security
- our future



The decisions our leaders make in office will influence public policy for years to come. **Each vote, - YOUR vote - decides who represents us to make those decisions.** On November 3, 2020, Michigan citizens will choose the U.S. President, people who will represent us in the U.S. Congress, on the state board of education, on three university boards of trustees, and our representatives in the Michigan House, judges and many local officials.

We will vote on **state and local ballot proposals** and for people who directly serve our local communities--positions that affect our lives on a daily basis. Those elected officials **make decisions** about the **taxes** we pay, the **roads** we drive on, the **water** we drink and the **schools** our children attend. They affect our communities' **safety** and **well-being** today and for the future.

**A reason people give for not voting is that they don't have enough information.**

The League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area is working tirelessly to break down that barrier with our on-line voting resource, [www.VOTE411.ORG](http://www.VOTE411.ORG), and printed voters' guides which provide information about candidates and ballot proposals. You can even print out your sample ballot to take to the polls.

**Voting is our power to shape our future as a community, as a state, and as a nation.  
Have your say by voting on November 3<sup>th</sup>.**

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# Thank you for reading the League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Voter Guide for 2020

The League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area offers this Voter Guide that includes biographical information about the candidates and their answers to questions about current issues. In addition to candidate information, local ballot proposals are listed. The League also publishes a Voter Guide covering candidates in Ingham County.

A separate publication from the League of Women Voters of Michigan includes candidates for congress and statewide elected positions.

The Voter Guide: The information in this publication is printed as submitted by the candidates and edited only when the answers exceeded the character limit. The League of Women Voters does not take responsibility for the views or facts as stated by the candidates. The words "Candidate did not reply" after the candidate's name indicate that no response was received by the deadline. The names of the candidates for each office appear in alphabetical order with the political party of the current Secretary of State (Democrat in 2020) always appearing first on the ballot.

The League is a national organization, working for 100 years to encourage citizen participation. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate but it does take a position on issues after careful study by the membership.

*Donna Mullins, President, League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area*

## Absentee Ballots

***All registered voters in Michigan can now request an absentee ballot without having to give a specific reason. In 2018, voters overwhelmingly approved the constitutional amendment to allow no reason absentee voting.***

**It's a safe way to vote and protect your health.**

**The process is secure and accurate.**

### How do I request an absentee ballot?

- To request an absentee ballot, complete an online application at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://michigan.gov/Vote) or request an application from your local clerk.
- Requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register. If you request your AV ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.
- The League of Women Voters recommends requesting your absentee ballot as early as possible.

### Where do I return the ballot?

- The LWV recommends mailing it in with the proper postage 10-14 days prior to the election.
- If there is a drop box located in your local jurisdiction, you may place your ballot in the box. Dropbox locations may be found on the Michigan Secretary of State's website, [www.michigan.gov/sos](https://www.michigan.gov/sos) then click "elections".
- Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

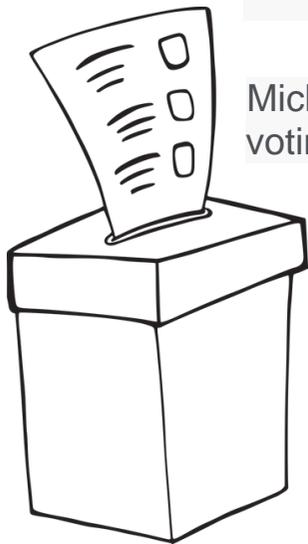
### Did my ballot arrive?

All registered voters can track their ballot by looking up their information at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>.

This QR code will help you find the Dropbox closest to you in your jurisdiction.



## VOTE EARLY



Michigan voters can also vote before Election Day through a process called absentee in-person voting. The period for absentee in-person voting runs from Thursday, September 24, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live. Check with your local clerk for hours before you go.

### What to bring

You will be asked to show current photo ID to vote in Michigan. Acceptable forms include: Michigan driver's license or state ID card; current (non-expired) driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo ID; US passport; military ID card with a photo; tribal ID card with a photo; or a student ID with a photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.

Voters without ID: If you are unable to provide ID, you can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

**BE SAFE WHEN VOTING IN PERSON  
WEAR A MASK  
BRING YOUR OWN PEN  
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING**



### **\*What if I have an emergency on Election Day?**

If an emergency, like a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on Election Day, you may request an emergency absent voter ballot.

Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on Election Day.

The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot. Please contact your local clerk for more information about emergency absent voter ballots.

### **\*I submitted my ballot. Can I change my vote?**

If a voter has already voted absentee and wishes to change their vote (because the candidate has dropped out of the race, or for any other reason) a voter can spoil their ballot by submitting a written request to their city or township clerk.

- The voter must sign the request and state if they would like a new absentee ballot mailed to them or if they will pick it up in person at the clerk's office.
- This request must be received by 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election if received by mail. An absentee ballot may be spoiled in person at the clerk's office until 4 p.m. the Monday prior to the election.
- If a voter has not returned his or her ballot, the voter can surrender the ballot or sign a statement stating that the ballot was lost or destroyed and vote at the polls. There is no option on Election Day to spoil an absentee ballot that has been received by the clerk.

*\*To ensure accuracy, voting information has been copied with only minimal editing from the Michigan Secretary of State's website.*

**This Voter Guide is divided into 3 sections:  
Clinton County  
Eaton County  
Education Positions for Clinton & Eaton Counties**

## CLINTON COUNTY

### Michigan House of Representatives

**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 re-apportioned after each census. **Term: 2 years**

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#### District 93 (choose 1) Biographical Info

**Muhammad Salman Rais - DEM**

**Occupation / Current Position:** Physician, Private medical practice

**Education:** Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, Michigan Master of Science Major: Health Administration

**Qualifications and Experience:** Volunteered in community with free medical clinics, health education, food services

**Graham Filler - REP** Candidate did not respond.

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#### Candidate Responses

1. **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?*

**Muhammad Salman Rais. (DEM)** I support public schools and funding for them. I will involve teachers and do my best with open communication for education. Education is my priority.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

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

**Muhammad Salman Rais (DEM)** I support manufacturing, small business, agriculture and self employment. Limit outsourcing or using out of Michigan services, keep new graduates in Michigan. Pandemic is a new challenge and proper health education and public health measures are needed to start life for new normalization.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

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

**Muhammad Salman Rais (DEM)** Voting must be easy. Campaign funding need to be limited. I am not raising funds and not spending money.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

4. **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?*

**Muhammad Salman Rais (DEM)** We need renewable clean energy and energy efficient devices. I am for protection of our environment and climate as explained by science. We need to protect great lakes. Recycling is important. Stop waste of food. Multiple other measures are needed for environment protection.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

5. **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?*

**Muhammad Salman Rais (DEM)** A: I have worked for under served population as a physician and as a volunteer. I am aware about disparities. It requires multi factorial approach For children equal opportunity in education and resources. For seniors access to health care, and basic needs at the minimum. Rest depends on how we allocate resources to children and less privileged.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

6. **GUNS:** *Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

**Muhammad Salman Rais (DEM)** Gun violence is a public health concern. At this same time for many people this is a very delicate issue. I will do my best with communication and education to alleviate this problem.

**Graham Filler- (REP)** Candidate did not respond.

## Clinton County Clerk and Register of Deeds

The County Clerk maintains county records, serves as the chief election officer for the county, and records statistics on births, deaths, marriages, military discharges and applications for citizenship. The clerk also serves as clerk for the board of commissioners and the tax allocation board. As the chief election official for the county, the clerk supervises all elections and is responsible for administering campaign finance reporting for all candidates that file with the county. The clerk can also officiate at wedding ceremonies. The Register of Deeds records deeds, land contracts, mortgages and other documents showing property ownership within the county. The duties are established by state law.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Clinton County Clerk & Register of Deeds position.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Clinton County Clerk & Register of Deeds?	<b>Question 3</b> How could voter participation, particularly among youth, be increased?
<b>Diane Zuker - REP</b> Phone: 989-224-7169	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond

## County Treasurer

The County Treasurer is the custodian of all county funds and the collector of taxes. The treasurer receives all revenues, invests reserve funds, collects delinquent property taxes, and sells real estate that has unpaid taxes. The treasurer is also the chairman of the Clinton Land Bank.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Clinton County Treasurer.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Clinton County Treasurer?
<b>Tina Ward - REP</b> Phone: 989-292-2887	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

## Drain Commissioner

The Drain Commissioner provides for construction, maintenance and improvement of county public storm drains. That office is responsible for all natural water courses and sewers and drains in the county and all water treatment plants established under the drain codes. Other responsibilities include implementing state environmental laws, particularly those dealing with lake levels and erosion control. The Drain Commissioner also assesses benefitted property owners to pay for costs of a drain.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Drain Commissioner.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Drain Commissioner?
<b>Phil Hanses - REP</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Clinton County Drain. Commissioner <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hanses4ccdc@4wbi.net">hanses4ccdc@4wbi.net</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Re-Elect-Phil-Hanses-for-Clinton-County-Drain-Commissioner-112117427197232/">https://www.facebook.com/Re-Elect-Phil-Hanses-for-Clinton-County-Drain-Commissioner-112117427197232/</a> <b>Education:</b> Associates Degree in Business from Lansing Community College <b>Phone:</b> 989-640-2079 <b>Address:</b> Citizens to Retain Phil Hanses. PO Box 204 Westphalia, MI 48894	I have served Clinton County as the Drain Commissioner for the past 15 years and have been employed in the Drain Commissioner's office for 35 years. With that comes extensive knowledge of the county drainage network. Certified in Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Certified Storm Water Operator. past chairperson of the Greater Lansing Committee for Stormwater Management. Currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, Chairperson of the MACDC Northwest District. I am seeking another term as Drain Commissioner to continue the important work of managing a network of over 630 drains consisting of over 1,075 miles of open ditches and enclosed drains. The knowledge I've gained and the relationships I've built with so many Clinton County residents; city, village, township, and state officials; as well as Drain Commissioners throughout the state has been a great benefit to me, and more importantly to the public who I serve.	Maintenance of existing drains – With over 1,075 miles of county and intercounty drains, maintenance of these drains continues to be a high priority. Completion of petitioned drain establishment and improvement projects – Residents can petition the Drain Commissioner to build new county drains and improve existing county drains. We have several of these projects in various stages that we are working to get completed. Cost control in today's economic climate – Expenses to establish, maintain, and improve county drains continue to rise. Each county drain has an associated drainage district, and the expenses of the drain are eventually assessed to the municipalities and property owners within the drainage district via a special assessment. I have always been conscious of the affects these assessments have on district taxpayers. With the economic challenges many are facing today, these assessment decisions will become even more important.

### Prosecuting Attorney

The Prosecuting Attorney—a licensed attorney—is the chief law enforcement officer for the county. The office reviews, authorizes and prosecutes violations of felony and misdemeanor criminal laws committed within the county. The prosecuting attorney reviews all drug and property forfeiture matters, reviews petitions involving juvenile offenders under 17, and files action to establish family support, as well as serving an array of other legal functions.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Clinton County Prosecuting	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney?
<p><b>Brian A. Ameche - DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County                      Email: <a href="mailto:electbrianamecheprosecutor@gmail.com">electbrianamecheprosecutor@gmail.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> J.D. 1988, B.A. 1985, B.A. 1984  <b>Phone:</b> 517-703-6981  <b>Address:</b> P.O. Box 85                      St. Johns MI 48879</p>	<p>My name is Brian Ameche and I am running for Prosecuting Attorney of Clinton County. I am the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and have been with the office for twenty-four years. In my time with the office I have handled thousands of cases, with more than a thousand trials and over one hundred being by jury. I have conducted all aspects of the office's workload from traffic offense hearings to murder trials and have been assigned special prosecutor for several surrounding counties during my time with the county. For six years I represented Clinton and Gratiot counties on the Michigan Bar Association's Representative Assembly, as well as serving on the State Bar Board of Tellers. I have served in all the different offices of the Clinton County Bar Association and have been president of my local union of assistant prosecutors for the majority of my time with the office. I have the knowledge and experience to take over the duties of Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County.</p>	<p>The single most important issue facing the office is consistence. For thirty two years the office has been held by Charles Sherman and there has been a great respect and working relationship between law enforcement, the courts and the prosecutor's office. It is vital that continue. We as a county are blessed to have the best criminal justice system in the area and one of the best in the state. However some changes have arrived. We are adapting to the new realities of a Covid 19 world, be they temporary or permanent. Specialty Courts are developing and we all need to adapt to better serve the community through their use. And technology will change how the office functions. Court video proceedings and a paperless system are on the horizon and I am prepared for their arrival. We have to always keep an eye on the future and be flexible enough to embrace new ideas and opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Tony Spagnuolo - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Lawyer                      Email: <a href="mailto:amsatty1@sbcglobal.net">amsatty1@sbcglobal.net</a>                      Website: <a href="http://tonyspag2020.com">http:// tonyspag2020.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Tony Spagnuolo for Clinton County Prosecutor  <b>Education:</b> Associates Degree Law Enforcement, BA Criminal Justice, Law Degree Cooley Law School.  <b>Phone:</b> 517-336-9997  <b>Address:</b> Tony Spagnuolo for Clinton County Prosecutor. PO Box 317                      DeWitt MI 48820</p>	<p>I have been practicing law for over 30 years. I have been serving clients throughout Michigan in criminal law, family law, and representing survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. I am also a mediator. I also practice in Federal Court in Michigan. I am running to bring transparency to the office and fair and equal justice no matter whom you are. Furthermore, all cases need to be evaluated so that cases are not dismissed or lost in court. I am active in my community. I am a member of the DeWitt Lions Club, DeWitt District Library Board member, Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation, past treasurer of the Clinton County Bar Association, and Knights of Columbus.</p>	<p>Bring fair and equal justice to the office. Give victims a voice. Meet with them personally and address all their concerns and questions. Be empathetic. Assist cities and townships with quality of life issues in their communities. Create a presence in the community so that I can learn from the community and address community concerns. Evaluate and review cases so that they are not lost in court. Work more closely with law enforcement to create a team that better serves our community. Treat all that have contact with the office with respect and professionalism.</p>

### Sheriff

The Sheriff has civil and criminal jurisdiction throughout the county. This office is responsible for executing orders of the courts, serving papers, arresting and detaining accused offenders, and operating the county jail. The sheriff's office provides support for other law enforcement agencies within the county, particularly for road patrols.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> . Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the the Eaton County Sheriff.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Sheriff?
<p><b>Larry Jerue - REP</b>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-668-6464</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**You are entitled to vote if you are in line at 8:00 p.m.**

## Clinton County Commissioner    Term: 2 years    Partisan    Candidates: Choose One

The Board of Commissioners is the policy-making body for county government, with broad budget powers to provide public services. The board may create boards and commissions, make appointments for administrative positions, buy and sell land for county use, build facilities, borrow money and equalize property tax assessments. They set the salaries for most county employees.

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?	3. Of the many environmental issues facing our world, which do you think are most urgent locally? How do you see county government helping to solve them?	4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?
<p><b>District 1</b>  <b>Patrick Witt - DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b>                      Chemical Processor  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:patrickwitt@hotmail.com">patrickwitt@hotmail.com</a>  <b>Education: Bachelor of Economics, University of San Diego</b>  <b>Phone: 517-648-5914</b>  <b>Address: PO Box 461 Ovid, MI 48866</b></p>	<p>I'm a father of three wonderful children and have been happily married to my wife, Donna, for 26 years. I founded the Ovid-Elsie/St. Johns Lacrosse Club 7 years ago and we've grown from a single Middle School girls team to Varsity level boys and girls teams for Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns Public Schools. While serving as head coach for many of those teams over the years, I've watched with sadness as my own children along with many of the children I've coached have been forced to look outside the area for employment. The loss of these young people drain the vitality of our rural communities, and I believe it is vital that we do all that we can to ensure that our young people have more reason to stay in their home communities than to look elsewhere. As a member and Shop Steward for the United Steelworkers union, I've watched as Republican controlled State legislatures across the nation have worked to erode the bargaining power of labor and strongly believe that we need to protect</p>	<p>I think infrastructure improvements, especially high-speed rural internet, is key to attracting both new businesses and telecommuters to our area. Additionally, ensuring that we are following CDC guidelines and preparing appropriately for future pandemics are paramount.</p>	<p>One of the ways counties can address greenhouse gases and help alleviate global warming is to attract more employers to our area in order to shorten commuter time. During the "Stay home, stay safe" time around the world, we've seen a significant reduction in greenhouse gases as a result of people staying home instead of spending hours in the car. If people have access to jobs closer to home or have the ability to telecommute, we can help continue that trend. We can also initiate incentives for energy companies to build renewable energy infrastructure in our community.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe the County health department should take a more prominent role to help us ensure we're more fully prepared for any future pandemics. It's vital that we're at the forefront of the State and Nation in following best practices and guidelines as set by the Michigan Department of Health and the CDC. We need to be certain that our supply of Medical Counter Measures are sufficient, that we have systems in place to seamlessly work with State, Federal and other local agencies to effectively battle future pandemics.</p>
<p><b>Kam Washburn - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:wash@mutualdata.com">wash@mutualdata.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b>                      989-862-5565</p>	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<p><b>District 2</b>  <b>David W Pohl - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:dwpohl@yahoo.com">dwpohl@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Phone: 989-593-2688</b></p>	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<p><b>District 3</b>  <b>Bruce DeLong - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:bruce.migsigns@gmail.com">bruce.migsigns@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone: 989-640-3070</b></p>	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.



Check out [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for last minute information about voting.



## Clinton County Commissioner (cont.)

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?	3. Of the many environmental issues facing our world, which do you think are most urgent locally? How do you see county government helping to solve them?	4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 4</b></p> <p><b>Kenneth Mitchell - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> County Commissioner  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kmitch59@gmail.com">kmitch59@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KenForCommissioner/">https://www.facebook.com/KenForCommissioner/</a>  <b>Education:</b> Lansing Everett, LCC, GM-UAW  <b>Phone:</b> 517-899-5334  <b>Address:</b> 15725 Grove Rd. Lansing, MI 48906</p>	<p>As current Commissioner, I have a proven 24yr voting record to demonstrate that I take my votes seriously. I have a passion for this office. I am Chairman of the Clinton County Public Safety Committee, Community Corrections, Chairman Tri County of Aging Admin Board, Member of Child Abuse &amp; Neglect Council, Central Dispatch Admin Board, Capital Area Community Services, Building Stronger Community's Council, Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board, Clinton County Local Emergency Planning, American Jail Association, Department Health &amp; Human Services Liaison, Clinton Task Force on Employment, Michigan Sheriff's Association Local Corrections Officer Training Advisory Board, Michigan Association of Counties Judiciary &amp; Public Safety, Tri County Office on Aging Grievance &amp; Personnel Committee, Clinton County RESA Post Secondary Success Network and a Deputy with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office Mounted Division. Why am I running? Because I live here, it's my home for over 38 yrs.</p>	<p>Through sound financial practices and good business decisions, Clinton County is one of the few financially solid counties in the state. Our Pension Fund is 95% funded and Health Care Obligations (OPEB) are 113%. We have no debt. Our buildings are new and we have the lowest operating millage in the Tri-County region. I've been part of that decision-making process that keeps us moving in the correct direction and I will continue to monitor our fiscal positions to maintain our financial strength. I voted to create a partnership with Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, the LRCC and Michigan State University called The Capitol Council of Governments (CAPCOG). The mission of CAPCOG is to work collaboratively between parties to support regional economic development and growth opportunities for the Greater Lansing region at the State Legislature. My part in this made possible the Coleman Road Extension along with many other positive things to be announced.</p>	<p>The Looking Glass River has always been a notable feature by my home. Keeping this river in good health is important. I have been part of the Clinton County Community Cleanup. I have voted to support this as a Commissioner and I volunteer my time working there too. We collect tires, trash, metal, oil and very importantly medicine. Each year we collect at least (1) 55-gallon drum of medicine that otherwise might have been flushed down a toilet and ended up in our water system. I believe that efforts like this are critical to our environment. When zoning issues come before me I make sure that my vote will best represent the residents of our county. As a board member of the Clinton County Health Department, I made decisions that strengthened rules to eliminate health threats and to protect the members of our community. Safe water and a clean environment are issues that I strongly support.</p>	<p>Yes. I have had several reporting issues with the HD. I was able to work with the HD to create a report to share with the public in the beginning of this event. This data was well received by the public and answered many planning questions. The HD resisted sharing this information for various reasons and ultimately changed to a report that was met with a lot of negative comments by both the public/elected officials. The fight to combat the virus by the HD has been strong. There are no issues with this. The problem is information reporting and planning. When we are back to "normal". There will be a face to face with the HD Director to discuss our concerns and the strong suggestions that the HD change their reporting. Eaton County reports to the public using tools that Clinton County is requesting. There is a lack of public information sharing directly to the residents of Clinton County and that will be changed with my lead. The public needs to know current and factual information.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 5</b></p> <p><b>Robert E. Showers</b>  <b>REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Retired Insurance Executive  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rshowers49@gmail.com">rshowers49@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Robert Showers  <b>Education:</b> BBA Western Michigan University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-669-3732  <b>Address:</b> 1225 Calumet Circle</p>	<p>Commissioner for 18 years. Chairman for 7 years. Founding member of (CAPCOG) Capital Area Council of Governments. Member of (LEAP). Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Member of the (LRCC) Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. 4 years Board of Directors member of the Michigan Works State Association, Board of Directors member of the Capital Area Michigan Works. Board of Directors for 10 years. Member of the Michigan Association of Counties. Board of Directors for 7 years. Chairman of the Next Michigan Development Corporation for Capital Regional International Airport for 4 years.</p>	<p>Increase population to 90,000. We initiated a residential/commercial attraction project to move us toward this goal. This will allow us to not have to share a State Representative with another county. He or she will be responsible strictly to Clinton County residents. Become a larger share of State Senator's district. This provides more influence at the Capital. Increase tax revenue without asking for additional millage. Population increase also means more tax revenue without requiring additional millage to support County services. We have the lowest County millage rates within the Capital Region. We have no unfunded OPEB or Retirement liabilities. We have no unstructured debt of any kind. Enhance recreational opportunities for residents to make the County a more attractive place to live and do business. We are in the process through the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission of planning and acquiring future funding for a bike and walking trail from Lansing to the Fred Meijer Trail.</p>	<p>E Coli Bacteria in the Rivers and Streams. E Coli is a human generated bacteria that can be controlled by proper sanitation systems. This is predominately a problem generated in rural areas where municipal sanitation systems do not exist. A countywide inspection of drain fields and septic systems for all rural dwelling and businesses should be initiated immediately to identify polluters so the contamination can be identified and stopped. Thereafter all systems should be examined every ten years.</p>	<p>County Health Departments are formed by State statute and operate under the auspices of the State Health Department. I don't believe the Covid 19 Pandemic will have a significant impact on their future operation.</p>

## Clinton County Commissioner (cont.)

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?	3. Of the many environmental issues facing our world, which do you think are most urgent locally? How do you see county government helping to solve them?	4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 6</b></p> <p><b>Dwight J Washington</b> DEM <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:washindwi@gmail.com">washindwi@gmail.com</a> <b>Education:</b> B.A. Psychology, Master of Education, PhD Natural Resources</p>	<p>I have a doctorate from Michigan State University in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies (2013), and a master's degree from Harvard University (1993). Since, becoming a county commissioner in 2016, I have proudly represented and advocated for Clinton County. My family and I have lived in the Bath and Dewitt Township districts for four generations. As a Commissioner, I sit on several boards and have good relations including Clinton County Parks, and Green Space Commission, Mid-Michigan District Health Department, Tri-County Aging Consortium Administrative Board. Additionally, I have served as the Chair of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Environmental Committee. Having another term as a county commissioner is important to me and our community, in order to strengthen the governmental relationships of Clinton county and build equity and sustainability in government throughout the region.</p>	<p>County administration is primarily directed by the State and the county budget. Otherwise, governance by the Board of Commissioner is what the constituents identify, and the unexpected issues that disrupt our daily lives, health, and well-being. I regularly bring my top three priorities (1) building economic sustainability, (2) fostering community well-being, and (3) improving environmental conservation when deliberating decisions, building consensus, and establishing policy. For instance, the disruptive impact Covid-19 has had on county priorities; and the incalculable impact on our communities and everyday life. The County has prioritized a safe transition through this pandemic. The next term will, likely, revolve around Co-Vid19 and the associated consequences. In addition to normal management, county leadership will have to critically review present policy and practices in order to refine and improve from the lessons learned during this pandemic.</p>	<p>As a passionate outdoor recreationalist and conservationist, I have been working on how to best incorporate biking and walking routes throughout the county and develop connections to trails in other counties. And, I feel that addressing fossil fuel dependency and our dependence on the present energy and transportation system to be the most pertinent issue. I think that we are on the cusp of a transportation revolution that will require local leadership to get "on-board" or "get out of the way." Commissioners fundamentally have to recognize that climate change in this region is imminent and that there is another way because the path to the future is not through an oil pipeline, carbon emissions, or an unsustainable road diet. I am pleased to report that I have successfully advocated for the Clinton County road commission to work with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to develop plans and pursue funding for safe routes to bike, walk, and exercise.</p>	<p>Local public health departments have been under incredible pressure and need to be complimented for the role they have played in the face of limited budgets, and being subjected to political pressure of their local leaders. Services provided by public health departments have been regulated to being reactive rather than proactive. This pandemic has exposed the shortsightedness of a "reactive," disease-focused, health strategy. It is clear that with foresight, preparation, a focus on the quality of life and health that America would have had more resiliency to cope and adapt to Co-Vid19. The role of the health department will be influenced by the decisionmakers, I am hopeful that I will be elected and will be able to continue to work with elected leaders to support a health department that will not be directed to return to "business as usual." But, rather, for local public health to rise from this travesty better than ever, with a focus on health and community based "best practices.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 7</b></p> <p><b>Adam C. Stacey</b> REP <b>Occupation:</b> Chief of Staff, Senator Runestad <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:adam@voteadamstacey.com">adam@voteadamstacey.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.voteadamstacey.com">http://www.voteadamstacey.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/voteadamstacey">www.facebook.com/voteadamstacey</a> <b>Education:</b> Masters in Public Administration - Western Michigan; Bachelors in Political Science - Michigan State <b>Phone:</b> 517-281-4515 <b>Address:</b> PO Box 11 Bath, MI 48808</p>	<p>I have served on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners for the past 12 years. In that time we are the only county in this region to have paid down all our debt and fully funded our pension and retiree healthcare obligations. I am running to continue the reforms we have put in place to make Clinton County financially sound and able to withstand the revenue shocks created by the Covid-19 pandemic. No one will work harder to faithfully represent you, to listen to your concerns and improve our quality of life while keeping county government accountable for every tax dollar spent.</p>	<p>Our immediate priority is adapting county government to a post-pandemic environment where new resources are needed and new procedures need to be implemented. We have completed a comprehensive review of our operations and put together a blueprint to continue to be accessible to the public in a safer way. Our number one priority remains public safety. We will be implementing an upgrade to our 911 communications system with new resources backed by voter approval this spring in order to ensure that when you need emergency services, we are only a phone call or text message away to come to your aid.</p>	<p>The global environment is far too complex and several orders of magnitude beyond the ability of county government to impact. Our farmers are resilient and have adapted before to wet seasons and dry seasons and will do so again. County government has focused on energy efficiency to reduce our share of our state's growing energy demands.</p>	<p>I think the county health department has played a role in county government in the past and will continue to play a role in the future. The Covid-19 pandemic has cast a spotlight on the organization but it has been doing good work for decades to attack severe flu, hepatitis and other disease outbreaks as well as improve our community's overall public health. Water quality will remain a focus for the health department going forward in identifying pollution sources and removing toxins from entering our streams, rivers and groundwater.</p>

### 65A District Court Judge

The District Court is where most people come in contact with Michigan's court system, District Court judges handle civil litigation with claims up to \$25,000, most traffic violations, eviction procedures, landlord-tenant matters, and misdemeanor criminal cases. It also conducts the preliminary examinations in all felony cases. The court administers a small claims division. The legislatures designates district courts, based on population and caseload.

**Non Partisan**

**Term: 6 Years**

**Candidates: Choose 1**

**No questions were asked because there is no contest.**

**Michael Edward Clarizio, Incumbent**

### 29 Circuit Court Judge

The Ingham County Circuit Court is a court of general jurisdiction, hearing civil cases and controversies seeking damages in excess of \$25,000, all felony criminal matters, and all family matters. Judges of the Family Division have jurisdiction over cases involving juvenile delinquents, abused and neglected children, adoptions, name changes, emancipations, parental consent waivers and domestic relation matters.

**Non Partisan**

**Term: 6 Years**

**Candidates: Choose 1**

**No questions were asked because there is no contest.**

**Shannon L.W. Schlegel, Incumbent**

### PROPOSALS

There are proposals for Clinton County residents for **Elsie Public Library, Fulton School District, City of St. Johns, and Watertown Township.**

Go to [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) to see the wording for those proposals.

## THE NEXT SECTION IS FOR EATON COUNTY RACES

### Michigan House of Representatives

**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 re-apportioned after each census. **Partisan Term: 2 years**

### District 65 (choose 1) Biographical Info

#### Nancy Smith - Dem

**Website:** <http://www.votenancysmith.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/VoteNancySmith/>

**Occupation / Current Position:** 2001-2020, Special Education Teacher, Hanover-Horton High School

**Education:** B.S. University of Michigan (School of Natural Resources), M.Ed. University of Toledo (College of Education)

**Qualifications and Experience:** Hanover-Horton Educ. Assoc. Board; Jackson Community Forum, founding member; U.U. Church of E. Liberty, Various Leadership Roles; Jackson Personal Care Ministry, volunteer

**Sarah L. Lightner - REP.** Candidate did not respond.

### Candidate Responses

1. **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?

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** Michigan's school funding is still below what it was pre-Great Recession. Funding must be increased, and made more equitable. I support current proposals to make school funding account for the fact that schools with more at-risk, special education, and ELL populations have greater expenses. Also, funding negatively impacts teacher pay, with Michigan having low starting salaries compared to other states. Teacher shortages are worsening each year with few young people entering colleges of education in Michigan. I support legislation to increase state funding for public K-12 schools, ISDs, and higher education.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

## House District 65 (cont.)

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

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** Michigan workers and their families continue to struggle to make ends meet. I support an increased minimum wage, as originally written in the One Fair Wage ballot initiative, but rewritten during the 2018 Lame Duck session. I support the repeal of "right to work" legislation, which has weakened unions and hurt workers. I oppose measures to privatize basic services in the public sector. I support policies that will help rebuild the middle class and result in fair pay and safe workplaces. In a post-COVID, comeback economy, we should build sustainable transportation, energy and water systems with good-paying, union jobs.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

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

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** I support Prop. 18-2, which created the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as a fair and nonpartisan solution to gerrymandering in MI. I also support Prop. 18-3 (no-reason absentee voting, same-day registration) to make voting more accessible. I support mailing ballots to eligible voters, especially in light of COVID-19, so that voters may exercise their rights in the manner most safe and convenient to them. Related to this, the federal govt. must adequately fund the USPS so that it can deliver all ballots. I support tighter campaign finance rules and an end to the lawmaker-to-lobbyist revolving door.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

4. *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?*

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** Michigan's policies should be guided by science. I accept the scientific consensus that climate change is real and demands a decisive response at all levels of govt. I'll work to counteract climate change by proposing legislation to increase MI's renewable energy standard to 50% by 2030. I support policies and projects that reduce carbon emissions, encouraging public entities to transition to all-electric vehicle fleets, investing in EV charging infrastructure & expanding access to mass transit. I support investing in wind & solar projects. To protect our waterways and Great Lakes, I'll work to secure all pipelines.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

5. *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?*

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** The COVID-19 pandemic has brought MI's racial & socioeconomic inequalities into sharp focus. The pandemic has affected some communities more harshly than others. Consider the disparate racial impact: African-Americans comprise 14% of MI's overall population, yet they account for 40% of COVID-related deaths. To bridge these disparities, I will work to protect & expand access to healthcare, particularly within rural communities and communities of color. In addition, I will work to address underlying causes by pushing to build more affordable housing, funding our schools, and creating high-quality jobs.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

6. *GUNS: Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

**Nancy Smith (DEM)** Death by firearm is a leading cause of death for Michigan youth. I support common-sense measures to make gun ownership safer in households, and to keep firearms out of the hands of children, the mentally ill, and those who are abusive or violent. I support red flag laws, increased background checks, closing loopholes for online and gun-show sales, and disarming domestic abusers.

**Sarah L. Lightner (REP).** Candidate did not respond.

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## District 71 (choose 1) Biographical Info:

### Angela Witwer - DEM

**Website:** <http://www.voteforangela.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/angelakwitwer>

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/angelamihouse](https://twitter.com/angelamihouse)

**Occupation / Current Position:** I currently work as the 71st district State Representative. Additionally, I own a small business.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Administration, Northwood University

**Qualifications and Experience:** 6 years - Elected Vice President of Waverly Community Schools Board of Education Own Edge - Full service marketing company (14 years old/award winning) Served on most local boards

### Gina Johnsen - REP

**Website:** <http://Gina4StateRep.com>

**Facebook:** <http://Gina4StateRep>

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/Gina4StateRep](https://twitter.com/Gina4StateRep)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Businesswoman, Small Business Owner

**Education:** B.A. Wellesley College

**Qualifications and Experience:** Community Service, 30 years business experience (last 20 years in healthcare industry), mother, non-profit Director, Precinct Delegate, Eaton County Parks & Recreation Board Commissioner

**Dalton R. McCuiston - Green Party** Candidate did not respond.

**Candidate responses are on the next page.**

## District 71 (cont.)

### Candidate Responses

1. *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?*

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** I have a strong background as an advocate for public education in Michigan. I was appointed, elected and reelected as Vice President of Waverly Community Schools Board of Education. I have a proven record of supporting teachers and investments in education, from early childhood through K-12. Additionally, while a board member and now as a state representative, I spend time in the classroom in order to better understand the challenges. I support measures that would invest in smaller class sizes, high-quality teachers, early childhood programs, and skilled trades education.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** Improved ratio of teachers to students, and allocate funding accordingly. Allocate increased funding for low performing school districts so they can hire additional teachers. Math and reading education resources allocated locally so teachers have autonomy and independence to meet the needs of their students. One size does not fit all students, classrooms, and communities. Restore the Arts to public education. Restore skilled trades education as an option for high school students.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - Green Party** Candidate did not respond.

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

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** Our #1 goal - in light of the pandemic - should be economic recovery. As a small business owner I understand the difficulty of running a business. I have been endorsed by Small Business Association of Michigan and won numerous - including INC5000 and Top 50 Companies to Watch -awards for my financial and strong business. We need to invest in local jobs and small businesses with legislation to protect them, Buy from Michigan companies first (from the state), provide workers access to training and living wage jobs, work across the aisle to put together a sound economic development strategy.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** Open up all businesses in Michigan before there are more permanent job losses. All jobs are essential to those who have bills to pay. It's not fair to pick and choose who gets to provide for their family. Place a moratorium on lawsuits against businesses because of Covid sickness. Ensure accessibility and affordability of all medications and therapies that doctors choose, without interference of politicians or non-healthcare professionals who arbitrarily decide what should be available. Allow businesses to set their own safety and health standards and take responsibility for their employees and customers.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - Green Party** Candidate did not respond.

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

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** I support the 2018 adopted Proposal 3 for absentee voting. Especially during this time of the pandemic, we do not want people choosing between voting and their health safety. Voters need to have the ease of voting from home. I support a transparent form of campaign funding. Every dollar donated and received should be reported so that the voter can see who donated to their candidates.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** I support open and fair elections and severe penalties for voter fraud.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - Green Party** Candidate did not respond.

4. *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?*

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** Michigan is known for their great lakes. We host 20% of the world's fresh water and it must be protected. We need to oppose efforts to weaken our environmental protections and prevent pollution, prevent drilling and fracking without permission, expand parks and trails. I am committed to promoting a healthy state that promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy. I would like to continue to look into additional renewable energy and energy efficiencies beyond the 10% standard set in 2008.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** We should utilize every possible type of energy sources available, and seek to find new renewable energy sources, processes and production methods that are realistic, sustainable, affordable and efficient. I support appropriate government oversight to ensure clean water, air and soil as these are basic to human life and sustainability.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - (Green Party)** Candidate did not respond.

5. *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?*

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** Michigan and the country need to understand the uniqueness of each individual and remove barriers. We need to fund and provide programs and activities that will teach students and adults how to meet their potential. To fix the above stated issues we need to begin with shining a light on them and educating the public. I make sure listeners understands that 16% of our district is food insecure. We need to look into grant dollars to solve housing issues for those in poverty and think outside of the box to solve hunger and inequities. I believe time is up on racism. We must enact strong laws prohibiting hate and racism.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** Provide more economic opportunity for families so they can make appropriate employment choices to meet the needs of their children and senior parents whom they care for. Encourage 2 parent families for the sake of the economic stability of the children. Supplement senior housing and living costs by encouraging collaboration between government, senior centers, and civic organizations to meet seniors' needs.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - (Green Party)** Candidate did not respond.

6. *GUNS: Do you believe that Michigan has a gun violence problem? If so, what measures would you support to alleviate this problem?*

**Angela Witwer (DEM)** I would like to see a loophole closed for gun licensing. I would like to see the mandatory background check - that are regularly done when buying a gun at a store - done when buying a gun at a gun show. This is a small and widely acceptable change by gun owners.

**Gina Johnsen (REP)** Encourage health and safety education so that women and people in urban areas have adequate access to self defense tools. Make sure communities feel necessary support by having access to resources that decrease violence, cope with trauma, provide adequate police rescue, provide mental health support, suicide awareness, and social workers.

**Dalton R. McCuiston - (Green Party)** Candidate did not respond.

## Eaton County Clerk & Registrar of Deeds

The County Clerk maintains county records, serves as the chief election officer for the county, and records statistics on births, deaths, marriages, military discharges and applications for citizenship. The clerk also serves as clerk for the board of commissioners and the tax allocation board. As the chief election official for the county, the clerk supervises all elections and is responsible for administering campaign finance reporting for all candidates that file with the county. The clerk can also officiate at wedding ceremonies. The Register of Deeds records deeds, land contracts, mortgages and other documents showing property ownership within the county. The duties are established by state law.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Clerk & Register of Deeds position.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Clerk & Register of Deeds?	<b>Question 3</b> How could voter participation, particularly among youth, be increased?
<p><b>Diana Bosworth - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> County Clerk and Register of Deeds  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:lifeisgood1960@hotmail.com">lifeisgood1960@hotmail.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Arts                      Spring Arbor University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-231-4565</p>	<p>Having worked for Eaton County for over 25 years with 19 years served in the County Clerk's office, I have extensive experience in all aspects of operations in the Clerk's office, including coordinating elections, vital records management, communicating with city and township clerks, working with the public and communicating with local, state and federal government offices. It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve as Eaton County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Chief County Election Official for the past seven and a half years.</p>	<p>A key priority in all three offices is the meticulous recordkeeping and preservation of Eaton County's vital records. These records include marriages, divorces, births, deaths, veteran's service records, property records, circuit court case files and election canvassing results, among many others. In all three offices, we will continue to provide excellent customer service and continue to preserve the vital records of the past with the technology of the future. During the coming term of office, I will continue to safeguard elections, provide election inspector training and guidance to ensure free and fair election processes in Eaton County.</p>	<p>I would like to bring more awareness to online election resources for voters. A great deal of voter information is available at <a href="http://michigan.gov/vote">michigan.gov/vote</a> where voters can learn more about their local elections and what is on their ballot, voting locations as well as how to vote safely and securely, either by absentee ballot or in-person voting. I would also like to see more participation by the electors, including young people, working as election inspectors. Working on election day in a polling place is great way to become involved, learn about the election day processes and safeguards and serving your community while receiving payment.</p>

## County Treasurer

The County Treasurer is the custodian of all county funds and the collector of taxes. The treasurer receives all revenues, invests reserve funds, collects delinquent property taxes, and sells real estate that has unpaid taxes. The treasurer is also the chairman of the Eaton Land Bank.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Treasurer.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Treasurer?
<p><b>Bob Robinson - DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Eaton County Treasurer  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bob@bobrobinsonfortreasurer.com">bob@bobrobinsonfortreasurer.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://bobfortreasurer.com">http:// bobfortreasurer.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/reelectbobrobinson/">https://www.facebook.com/reelectbobrobinson/</a>  <b>Education:</b> Certified in advanced public funds investment management and accredited in public relations  <b>Phone:</b> 517-281-8399  <b>Address:</b> 9421 Bismark Hwy                      Vermontville, MI 49096</p>	<p>I have experience in financial services and investments. I am certified in public funds investment management by the Municipal Treasurer's Association of the U.S. and Canada. I am Vice President of the Michigan Association of County Treasurers and will serve as its president in 2021/2022. I am past treasurer for the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, and a past treasurer of the Eaton County United Way. I have extensive knowledge of the General Property Tax Act and have been successful in bipartisan work with the State Legislatures in crafting law to benefit the citizens of Eaton County. My office has had 0 audit findings in 8 years. I want to generate positive outcomes for Eaton County. I have saved hundreds of homes and businesses from tax foreclosure, reduced county debt by over \$5,000,000, reduced borrowing by almost \$1,000,000 yearly, created a new Eaton County Land Bank, and generated \$1,600,000 for a new Foreclosure Stabilization Fund to fight blight in Eaton County.</p>	<p>My priorities include reducing annual borrowing to \$0, expanding use of technology to improve efficiency, and safeguarding the county treasury with advanced electronic security. Our economy will face many challenges in the months ahead including increasing tax foreclosures, reduced state revenues, and declining investment returns. I am prepared to deal with these issues head on in a way that expands opportunities for local families and businesses. Efficiency and good management will continue as the hallmarks of my next administration. Today the Eaton County Treasurer's office is doing twice what the treasurer's office did in 2012 with no increase in staffing. Financial empowerment for citizens will be a focus of my future work. A tight track on spending and good credit control helps people buy homes, pay bills, and better finance student debt. When citizens are empowered financially, it strengthens the economy of the entire county so we can all thrive.</p>
<p><b>Mike Atayan - REP</b></p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>

## Prosecuting Attorney

The Prosecuting Attorney—a licensed attorney—is the chief law enforcement officer for the county. The office reviews, authorizes and prosecutes violations of felony and misdemeanor criminal laws committed within the county. The prosecuting attorney reviews all drug and property forfeiture matters, reviews petitions involving juvenile offenders under 17, and files action to establish family support, as well as serving an array of other legal functions.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney?
<p><b>Doug Lloyd - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Eaton County Prosecutor  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:douglloydforprosecutor@gmail.com">douglloydforprosecutor@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://votedouglloyd.com">http://votedouglloyd.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> @DougLloydProsecutor  <b>Education:</b> BA from University of Nevada Las Vegas, JD from Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School  <b>Address:</b> PO Box 80536. Lansing, MI 48908</p>	<p>I am seeking re-election as I am the most qualified and genuinely committed candidate to run the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office. I have devoted over 24 years of my career to prosecution. I manage a staff of 25. My office handles about 6,000 cases annually. I have a highly-qualified and dedicated staff of attorneys capable of handling all cases, especially major crimes. I believe in a tough, no-nonsense yet fair approach to prosecuting cases, while making victims' rights a top priority. Prior to being appointed Prosecutor in June 2013, I was the Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Senior Assistant Prosecutor of the Economic Crimes Unit (ECU) and Assistant Prosecutor, Drug Unit. I was instrumental in the growth of the ECU, which has to date returned over \$6 million to area businesses at no cost to the taxpayers. I am the proud father of two sons, Matt and Nic. I have been married to Mina for twenty-five years, who is an Assistant Prosecutor in Ingham County. We reside in Delta Township.</p>	<p>I may have had a different answer 3 months ago but Covid-19 has caused changes in how criminal law is prosecuted within Eaton County. My office has worked throughout the pandemic to make sure that victims and defendants alike are treated fairly and that their constitutional rights are protected. My office has made sure that cases continue to be prosecuted (when need be) and that the criminal justice system continue to be protected. As we move forward in these next 4 years, I will continue to focus on victims' rights. I will also continue to use technology to allow victims, witnesses and defendants receive and be heard when it is their day in court.</p>

## Sheriff

The Sheriff has civil and criminal jurisdiction throughout the county. This office is responsible for executing orders of the courts, serving papers, arresting and detaining accused offenders, and operating the county jail. The sheriff's office provides support for other law enforcement agencies within the county, particularly for road patrols.

**Term: 4 years**

**Partisan**

**Candidates: Choose One**

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<p><b>Tom Reich - DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Eaton County Sheriff  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:r.tom820@gmail.com">r.tom820@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.tomreichforsheriff.com/">http://www.tomreichforsheriff.com/</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SheriffTomReich/">https://www.facebook.com/SheriffTomReich/</a>  <b>Education:</b> FBI Law Enforcement Executive Seminar, National Sheriffs Institute, Lansing Community College  <b>Phone:</b> 517-927-4454  <b>Address:</b> 4367 Eaton River Trail, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827</p>	<p>My top priorities are to continue pushing professionalism, ensuring the best training and technology are available to deputies, crime reduction through strategic patrols, and further development of evidence-based policing strategies. In 2019, I was named Michigan Sheriff Of The Year. I spent 25 years as an Ingham County Deputy. After that I served as Gaming Director at the Michigan Lottery, responsible for regulatory enforcement of the Gaming Act. Recently Gov. Whitmer appointed me to the new Suicide Prevention Commission. I serve as President of the Lansing Area Safety Council, and on the MI Intelligence Operations Center for Homeland Security Advisory Council, Eaton County Veterans Court Board, Eaton County Adult Drug Court, and Eaton County Community Corrections Board. I am a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Seminar, the National Sheriffs Institute, and Lansing Community College. I have three grown children and reside in Eaton Rapids with my wife, Michele</p>	<p>Law enforcement must look at strong training programs. When I became Sheriff I implemented regular de-escalation &amp; conflict management training and worked to root out bad apples. Other Accomplishments: Mandated body cameras for patrol personnel. Training to Deputies in Fair &amp; Impartial Policing and Verbal Defense &amp; Influence - two nationally-recognized de-escalation and conflict management trainings. Participated in the region's first mental illness crisis intervention training (CIT) program with many Deputies certified as CIT leaders. Improved relations with the State Police and others to enhance collaboration, share resources, and prevent and solve crimes. Expanded the Meth Enforcement Team to locate and eradicate meth labs. Partnered with Capital Area Violent Crimes Initiative to keep violent offenders off our streets. Working to protect seniors from being the target of scams. Early leader in fighting the opioid epidemic, enacting policies to protect citizens and save lives.</p>

## Sheriff (cont.)

<p><b>Rick Jones - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Former Sheriff and Senator  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rickjones24@gmail.com">rickjones24@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://rickjonesforsheriff.com">http:// rickjonesforsheriff.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Rick Jones  <b>Education:</b> Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. FBI Law Enforcement training  <b>Phone:</b> 517-410-9495  <b>Address:</b> CTE Rick Jones Sheriff PO Box 115 Grand Ledge, MI 48837</p>	<p>31 years with the Eaton County Sheriff Department- served as Deputy, Sgt., Lieutenant, Captain, Jail Administrator and Sheriff. During my service at Eaton County I handled major disasters and evacuations such as the Potterville train wreck. During my service I was shot at twice in the line of duty, stopped two men who were armed and planning an armed robbery, faced several men with butcher knives, faced "suicide by cop". On each situation I de-escalated the violence, talked the men down, and made the arrests safely. I want to have better training for deputies. I trained the first African American deputy sheriff. I want a police department that is diverse like the community it serves. Deputies need better training to de-escalate possible violent situations. I will NOT allow any mistreatment of citizens based on race, religion, or sexual orientation. All citizens have the right to protection and the service of the Sheriff Department.</p>	<p>Severe budget cuts coming soon. Deputies have already been cut from road patrol. I will work for at least \$70,000 less compensation than the current Sheriff to keep a deputy on the road protecting citizens. Over the last 7 years the Eaton County Sheriff Department has been on the front page for many issues. One was: Deputy abusing a citizen for a minor traffic stop. False arrest and jailing. Prosecutor released the man. NO action was taken by the Sheriff. The deputy was allowed to resign. He then went to another police department and assaulted other people. It is the Sheriff's duty to send the report of the bad behavior to the prosecutor for review and possible charges. To simply allow the deputy to resign is malfeasance of duty. There are accusations of racism that must be addressed with better training. It is widely known that the Sheriff works part time. I will be a full time Sheriff. Available 24-7. The tax payers of Eaton County deserve full service.</p>
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## Drain Commissioner

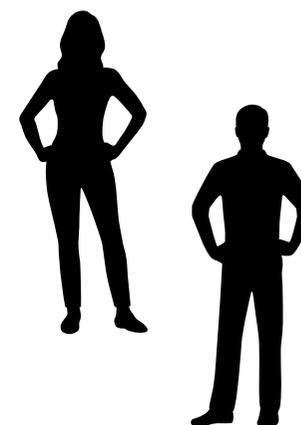
The Drain Commissioner provides for construction, maintenance and improvement of county public storm drains. That office is responsible for all natural water courses and sewers and drains in the county and all water treatment plants established under the drain codes. Other responsibilities include implementing state environmental laws, particularly those dealing with lake levels and erosion control. The Drain Commissioner also assesses benefitted property owners to pay for costs of a drain.

**Term: 4 years      Partisan      Candidates: Choose One**

	<b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Drain Commissioner.	<b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Drain Commissioner?
<p><b>Branden Dyer - DEM</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bdyer352@gmail.com">bdyer352@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-588-8418</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond,</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond,</p>
<p><b>Richard Wagner -REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Drain Commissioner of Eaton County  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cwagner60@aol.com">cwagner60@aol.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://reelectwagner.com/">http:// reelectwagner.com/</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/reelectwagner">www.facebook.com/reelectwagner</a>  <b>Education:</b> Graduate of Waverly High School and attended Lansing Community College.  <b>Address:</b> 9415 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48917</p>	<p>I have been the Eaton County Drain Commissioner for two terms (8 years). I have been certified by EGLE (formerly DEQ) as a Storm Water Operator and am experienced in administering projects under the State of Michigan Drain Code. As Drain Commissioner, and a past excavation contractor I have over 12 years of practical knowledge handling personnel and managing drain construction sites. I am an experienced leader and have successfully maintained the Eaton County drains in a cost-efficient manner. I have saved Eaton County property owners millions of dollars by refinancing drain bonds at much lower interest rates. I have the experience, knowledge, and expertise to manage the Office of Drain Commissioner here in Eaton County. I am running for re-election as your Eaton County Drain Commissioner to keep the momentum and continue the essential work which we are doing for the property owners. I fully understand the role and enjoy being your drain commissioner.</p>	<p>1.Road Flooding: I have been and will continue to work with citizens and local government officials using the petition process required by the state Drain Code to improve and upgrade areas where road flooding has been a significant issue. 2. Road Culvert Failures: I will continue to work with the Eaton County Road Commission to identify, coordinate and repair County Drain culvert failures to avoid home, farm field and road flooding. 3 . Excessive runoff due to extreme weather/ rain over past several years. We have identified the problem areas across the 800+ County Drains and are cleaning brush and debris to improve drain flow. Many of the drains were installed over 50 years ago and are undersized given development that has occurred over the years. We are working to find cost effective solutions and/or upgrade those areas as petitions are received and found necessary per the Drain Code. We welcome property owners input and strive to address problems as they arise.</p>



# Remind your neighbors and friends to VOTE



The following proposal is for all residents of Eaton County. There are also proposals for residents in Charlotte Schools, Eaton Rapids Schools and Grand Ledge Emergency Services. Please go to [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) to see the wording of those proposals.

## EATON COUNTY PROPOSAL

### EATON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (EATRAN) MILLAGE RENEWAL AUTHORIZATION QUESTION

Yes

No

For the purpose of providing funds for the exclusive use of public transportation purposes, to include accommodation for the elderly and handicapped by the Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN), at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2012, shall the previously voted increase in the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Eaton, Michigan, be continued and renewed at up to 0.2500 of a mill (\$0.25 on each \$1,000 dollars of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2022to 2026, inclusive, and shall the County of Eaton be authorized to levy such millage for said purposes? The estimate of the revenue for the County of Eaton in the 2022calendar year is approximately \$1,025,873. A small portion of the revenue collected (approximately \$11,875 in 2022) may be required to be distributed to Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authorities established in cities of Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Potterville, and Village of Bellevue.

### Eaton County Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners is the policy-making body for county government, with broad budget powers to provide public services. The board may create boards and commissions, make appointments for administrative positions, buy and sell land for county use, build facilities, borrow money and equalize property tax assessments. They set the salaries for most county employees.

**Term: 2 years    Partisan    Candidates: Choose One**

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?	3. Of the many environmental issues facing our world, which do you think are most urgent locally? How do you see county government helping to solve them?	4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?
<b>District 1</b> <b>Rob Piercefield - DEM</b> Email: robpiercefield@gmail.com Phone: 517-449-3246	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>Tim Barnes - REP</b> Email: volsfaninmi@gmail.com Phone: 517-763-5250	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

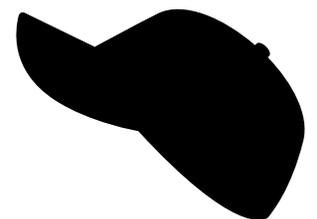
## Eaton County Commissioner (cont.)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 2</b></p> <p><b>TJ Bucholz - DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> President and Managing Partner, Vanguard Public Affairs  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tj.bucholz@gmail.com">tj.bucholz@gmail.com</a>  <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://votetjbucholz.com">http://votetjbucholz.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> TJ Bucholz For Eaton County Commission District 2  <b>Education:</b> BS, Central Michigan University; MPA, Western Michigan University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-898-4641  <b>Address:</b> 914 Oneida Woods Trail, Grand Ledge, Michigan</p>	<p>Professional Journalist, 1994-1996, Communications Director for two Michigan school districts, 1997-1999, State of Michigan Communications and Policy Professional, 1999-2008, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2008-10, Senior Director, Lambert, Edwards, and Associates, 2010-2014, Founder, President and Managing Partner, Vanguard Public Affairs, 2014 to Present. I have extensive government experience working in the realms of health care and education. Since joining the private sector, I have guided public officials, political candidates, foundations, private corporations, and non-profits to successes in their respective industries. I believe strongly in volunteerism and serve on several boards across the region. I'm running for County Commission because I believe it's time for new leadership and increasingly innovative ideas for Eaton County as we work toward being competitive in the 21st century.</p>	<p>My three priorities for Eaton County are: Innovation – We have to do more to improve the way we tax our businesses and our people – with the challenge of a weakening economic climate, we need to collaborate on innovative solutions that address our legacy costs, improve our infrastructure, and reform our tax system so we put local government first. If we do, we will thrive as a state and a nation. Investment - Eaton County will only thrive when we focus our collective work on supporting every community fairly, while continuing to support better-paying jobs, accessible health care, affordable housing that fits every budget, and cleaner drinking water for all. I am supportive of seeking new ways of funding our priorities, while seeking efficiencies and government reform across the board. Transparency – Citizens need a government that puts them first. For too long, county government has done its work in the shadows. We've made significant improvements but more needs to be done.</p>	<p>There are a multitude of environmental issues we need to have a laser-like focus on - the water quality of our aquifers has to be a top priority for county officials so we ensure our drinking water remains pristine. There are many communities in the county where this is a challenge because of the high mineral content in our water alone and we have to keep our eye on that development. Without clean water, we will not survive economically and we must safeguard that resource at all costs. I'd also like Eaton County to be a leader in alternative vehicle development - as that industry transitions away from gasoline and toward electricity, the County could do more to create charging stations for electric cars and trucks regionally - right now our infrastructure doesn't support the need and government could do more, in concert with federal and state officials, to make this a reality. This development would encourage more alternative vehicles on the road, which improve our air quality.</p>	<p>I think Eaton County has been a leader in its public health response to the COVID-19 challenge and its health department has done a good job tracking and monitoring cases. The Commission has done a lot to ensure it understands the challenges facing the state of Michigan and has generally been supportive of Governor Whitmer and her work. Police and first responders across the county have done a good job patrolling and keeping people safe. So far, I haven't been disappointed in their work and I believe conversations are beginning to pivot into economic issues. I'm worried that some officials think COVID-19 is some sort of hoax and would love to see elected embrace health guidance and the continued use of masks. It's easy to get complacent and our leaders can't let us. That's why we need to ensure we are recruiting the best and brightest to help lead our county's continuing response to this pandemic.</p>
<p><b>Blake Mulder - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:blake@blakemulder.com">blake@blakemulder.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-331-7435</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>



### Can I wear election-related clothing to the polls?

Michigan has prohibited the practice of displaying election-related materials at the polls for decades. This includes clothing and buttons as well as materials such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If you go to the polls with a shirt or button bearing election-related images or slogans, you will be asked to cover or remove it.



## Eaton County Commissioner (cont.)

<b>Eaton County Commissioner</b>	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?	3. Of the many environmental issues facing our world, which do you think are most urgent locally? How do you see county government helping to solve them?	4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 3</b></p> <p><b>Terrance Augustine</b>  <b>DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Co-Owner Flour Child Bakery /CFO  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:terrance12_2000@yahoo.com">terrance12_2000@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> Bachelors in Business Administration Minors Finance/Economics &amp; Marketing, Maple Valley High School  <b>Phone:</b> 517-643-1849  <b>Address:</b> 1211 Pennington Circle Grand Ledge MI 48837</p>	<p>I am currently serving my fourth term as County Commissioner representing the majority of the great City of Grand Ledge and was elected Chairperson, almost unanimously by my peers on both sides of the aisle in 2019 and continue to serve in that capacity today. My wife and I own and operate the family owned and award-winning Flour Child Bakery in Grand Ledge. Prior to starting our business, I worked for 15 years in the banking industry at local community banks including in my most recent capacity as a Senior Executive. I am also a long-time member of the GL Downtown Development Association, Past President of GL Rotary and the GL Farmer's Market. My wife and I continue to leverage our businesses success to give back to the Grand Ledge Community, Lansing Region and beyond. I have lived in Eaton County my entire life and believe my experience in both the public and private sector as well as my leadership uniquely positions me to be the best choice for Eaton County Commissioner.</p>	<p>The top priorities of Eaton County Government include keeping our citizens safe and secure with a high level of quality of life, facilitating fiscally responsible operations to ensure financial sustainability and to improve local infrastructure and economic development opportunities. In order to address these priorities, it is crucial to engage with local and regional partners and elected officials on all sides of the aisle, and I have experience doing that. I also have experience working with private and public budgets and am know as the numbers guy to my peers. I also have a record of delivering results to the residents of Eaton County in improving our infrastructure, as a commissioner and leader. As a small business owner with a strong financial background and a record of bipartisanship, I have worked hard and will continue to work hard to forge regional relationships and partnerships across the aisle with other officials to improve the life of Eaton County residents.</p>	<p>While much of the work that needs to be done cannot be done at the local level, we must do what we can locally to sustain a clean and lasting environment for this generation and those that follow. Partly due to changing weather patterns and extreme weather events that scientists believe are tied to climate change the farmers in this county have suffered in recent years and will continue to if nothing is done at all levels of government. This year I will be appointing a Sustainability Committee that will look at ways we can help address climate change and take action to be more sustainable on a local level. I have worked with other regional organizations and governments to improve local recycling capabilities and am in the process of working with other board members to design a more efficient and effective structure to our local recycling programs. As Board Chairperson, I will continue to make our environment and sustainability a priority, locally and regionally.</p>	<p>As Board Chairperson, I have worked closely with our local Health Officer during the Covid-19 pandemic. Overall, I believe we have done a good job maintaining operations and keeping our residents safe, there are certainly things we can learn from to be better prepared for an emergency like this in the future, even if it means being critical of ourselves and our responses if the data dictates such. As an owner of a small business that has been forced to temporarily close due to this pandemic and a county leader, I believe we must continue to review our actions for opportunities to learn from our mistakes. While reflection cannot change the current outcome, it can help to be better prepared for the next crisis we will face. As we move into the next phase of this crisis and hopefully soon into the post Covid world, I will work with the Health Officer and Board of Health to make sure we review our response and continue to improve our local preparedness for future events.</p>
<p><b>Darren C. Musolff</b>  <b>REP</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:dmusolff510@gmail.com">dmusolff510@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b>517-290-1346</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>District 4</b></p> <p><b>Brandon Haskell -</b>  <b>DEM</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Project Manager  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:brandon.m.haskell@gmail.com">brandon.m.haskell@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://electhaskell.com">http://electhaskell.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Haskell4Commissioner/">https://www.facebook.com/Haskell4Commissioner/</a>  <b>Education:</b> Grand Ledge Graduate 2006 U of M - Flint BA Political Science  <b>Phone:</b> 517-282-3200  <b>Address:</b>  <a href="mailto:electhaskell@gmail.com">electhaskell@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Prior to being a project manager I worked as a legislative staffer serving Eaton County. That experience put me in touch with the needs of our residents from Bellevue to Delta and everywhere in between. During that time we faced down foreclosure crisis, unstable employment, and much more. My history will be valuable for the country in the coming years.</p>	<p>The budget will be the biggest problem for county governments everywhere. The counties need to make a concentrated effort to seek full reimbursements for damages from covid-19. I am also open to soliciting the advice from nonpartisan groups line the MSU extension.</p>	<p>Not too far from my district lies a coal fired power plant that is planned for decommission. Expediting the process would improve air quality and overall regional health. Easton County should reinforce a message of openness for green power development.</p>	<p>Overall, no. I see the impact the county health dept has now and I am satisfied with the impact and professionalism I have seen. That being said, rumors of Barry county wanting to break away from the current agreement means that Eaton should be ready for an alternative arrangement.</p>

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<b>District 4 (cont.)</b> <b>Rick Olivarez - REP</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Department senior Analyst <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rickolivarez8@gmail.com">rickolivarez8@gmail.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> Rick Olivarez for Eaton County Commissioner District 4 <b>Education:</b> Masters in General Administration, Central Michigan University 1995. BA in BA from CMU in 1985 <b>Phone:</b> 517-303-3534 <b>Address:</b> 6616 Old River Trail Lansing, Michigan 48917	Education and work experience makes me qualified for the County Commissioner of Eaton County. Work experience in workforce programs, worker's compensation, agricultural programs, and Energy and environment, and Great Lakes issues and concerns. As long with my volunteer services, Knights of Columbus, meals on wheels, Cristo Rey Community center, and greater Lansing area United way. All of these education and work experiences make me highly qualified for the Eaton County Commission.	1) concern about our drinking water and quality of air. I want to have testing of air quality and water quality, tested for PFAS and lead, test for any chemical or substances in the soil. Provide federal grants funding to meet federal requirements for safe water, air and soil within Eaton County. 2) law enforcement and community relations. Strengthen the relationships between law enforcement and community relations. I would implement a community relations program with law enforcement. With my experience in Civil rights implement a law enforcement racial sensitivity training. 3)	1) major concern in the environment within Eaton County had to do with drinking water. Eaton County needs to test for PFAS contamination. And Eaton County needs to be provided information on how to properly utilize your water to lower contamination of lead and other chemicals in our drinking water. I will draft a resolution to test our drinking water and educate the entire county on safety drinking water tips!	Yes, COVID-19 virus, is still being tested and scientific research for a vaccine and how to prevent the virus from spreading. Permanent procedures implemented to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
<b>District 5</b> <b>Jeanne Pearl-Wright - DEM</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Non profit Director/retired teacher <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:wrightj531@yahoo.com">wrightj531@yahoo.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> County Commissioner Jeanne Pearl-Wright <b>Education:</b> B.A. Western Michigan University -secondary education <b>Phone:</b> 517-321-7956 <b>Address:</b> 531 Rapidan Dr., Lansing, MI 48917	Completing my 10th year of being a County Commissioner representing part of Delta Township on the Eaton County Board. First elected Nov. 2006 to Dec 2010. Returned to serve elected Nov. 2016 to current. Chair of Health and Human Services committee. I also hold an associate's degree in business from Lansing Community College. Currently on the Board I am also a member of Ways and Means committee and technology committee. I am running to serve the residents of the county in these trying times and am passionate about the services provided to our young people, working people and senior (growing population). I also have served the last four year on Tri-County Office on Aging board and Capitol Area Community Services board. Both of these boards with people of my interest area.	Due to these uncertain budgetary times due to the Covid-19 virus, balancing the County's budget in both 2020/2021 fiscal year and 2021/2022 fiscal year will be a challenge. The County always has to have a balanced budget to present to the State yearly, so I want to be part of helping to determine the direction of that process. I have served many years over my time on the Board on Ways and Means. At this point I am unable to be specific on how to address going forward how the balanced budget will have to be accomplished. Part of balancing the budget will be based on state revenue sharing. Delta Township has a contract for police protection of the township with Eaton County. I will be concerned with that contract and also funds going to human services such as CEI CMH and the other agencies I sit on their Boards. Eaton County Board of Commissioners does not contribute to the Eaton County Road Commission budget or projects from our general fund, there is a local road millage.	In 2019 the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approved using solar panels in larger area in the rural areas that the Board has zoning obligations over. That was a big step forward in allowing solar to be used in the rural area. Delta Township has their own planning commissioner, thus even though I represent residents from the Delta Township area, I have no influence on increasing the use of solar energy in the area I reside in. At the County offices, there is many energy efficient solutions in place such as using energy efficient lighting.	Yes I do see the Barry-Eaton District Health Department changing in light of the Covid-19 virus situation. A Board of Health is there leadership. Three commissioners from Eaton and three commissioner from Barry County make the decisions that guide the operations of the health department. What we do know is there will be a need for increased staffing due to "contact tracing" efforts that will be ongoing for at least the next year. The staff that has recently been moved to help in the monitoring of the positive cases and the contact tracing soon will need to return to their previous obligations as the community "reopens". This is going to create the need for additional staffing related to the Covid-19. At this point it is unsure where the funds will come from since a great deal of funding for our health departments comes from the State of Michigan. The County provides some funding but certainly not enough to cover the influx of staff that will be needed over the year to come.
<b>District 6</b> <b>Jane M. Whitacre - DEM</b> <b>email:</b> <a href="mailto:janeywhitacre@gmail.com">janeywhitacre@gmail.com</a> <b>Phone:</b> 517-290-1128	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

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<b>District 7</b> <b>Mark J. Mudry - DEM</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Retired - GM Skilled Trades <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ctemarkmudry@gmail.com">ctemarkmudry@gmail.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://CTEmarkmudry@gmail.com">http://CTEmarkmudry@gmail.com</a> <b>Education:</b> Flint St. Agnes Elementary & HS, Flint Luke M. Powers HS Grad 1971 Genesee/ Mott CC, Lansing CC <b>Phone:</b> 517-321-1179 <b>Address:</b> 1013 Meadowview Lane Lansing, MI 48917-4210	Since moving from Flint, MI to the Lansing area in 1984, interest in the community was especially appealing me. I have been a great cheerleader of Delta Township and Eaton County. It's a great place to live and develop roots; it's the only place my daughter knows as home. I served for a short period of time on the Waverly/ Business Partnership Committee. I wanted to be involved in Delta Township and applied and was appointed to the Delta Planning Commission in 2009. It was a great education in the workings of local government and structure. While on the Planning Commission I also served on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This committee was especially enlightening regarding the needs and wants of each Township department. Each township manager met with us. This background gave me the idea to serve on a more elevated level as a County Commissioner. I feel it my duty to serve.	The priority issue that is given the Commission the most work and concern has to be the county budget. Any municipality that is flush with revenue has an easier job and fewer headaches. The continual tightening of revenue sharing from both the State and Federal budgets cascades down to our County. Voters need to understand that tax cuts by those upstream legislatures have an impact on our local needs and requirements. Roads and infrastructure is always an impact issue. I think some of that has been addressed in recent years.	Environmentally speaking, I believe the County Commission has done a good job with I would continue to support. The move to encourage coal burning power plants to convert to natural gas is an improvement. Encouraging solar farms and possible wind generation would also help. I'm personally a big proponent of solar power. I've had solar panels on my home since the 1990s. I grew up at a time of air smog, oily rivers, and acid rain. We would go to the cemetery and see the old tombstones being eaten away by the acid rain; it was sad. I'm fully convinced that pollutants should be monitored and contained.	I sure hope the Eaton County health department has learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic. I think we all have. I hope the lessons of attention, preemptive planning, and quick response even when it's unpopular or seems to be unnecessary. We must always be proactive rather than reactive. We must be visionary. I for one have been impacted by this dreaded virus. I lost one cousin in Flint and two other cousins tested positive but recovered in St. Paul, MN.
<b>District 8</b> <b>Joseph Brehler - DEM</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jbrehler@sprynet.com">jbrehler@sprynet.com</a> <b>Phone:</b> 517-882-7491	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond
<b>District 9</b> <b>Brian Droscha - REP</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:b.droscha@eatoncounty.org">b.droscha@eatoncounty.org</a> <b>Phone:</b> 517-204-2836	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond
<b>District 10</b> <b>Matthew S. Bowen DEM</b> <b>Occupation:</b> General motors employee <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:runred@sbcglobal.net">runred@sbcglobal.net</a> <b>Facebook:</b> Re-elect Matt Bowen county commissioner <b>Education:</b> High school graduate, 1.5 years of community college. <b>Phone:</b> 517-896-8317 <b>Address:</b> 225 E. Quincy St. Dimondale MI 48821	I am the current incumbent and was elected in 2018. I am still new to the board of commissioners and have learned a lot over the past two years. I am running for commissioner again because I believe I represent the common population of our county and those voices. I have always <u>made my</u> decisions that way as a commissioner and will continue to do the same.	One of the primary issues is revenue, we have many wonderful reasons to visit and stay in Eaton county. We need to advertise these outdoor facilities to draw more attention and participation from within and outside the county. Another issue that I am committed to is to have the county work as a cohesive team. We do not have the resources or time to be divided.	Obviously the world has recognized that we need to find a way to slow the use of fossil fuels. Here at the county we voted to move into the direction for the use of renewable energy, while still preserving the natural beauty of our wonderful county. By placing regulations on how those types of energy can be utilized and where they can be built.	The county health department has already taken steps to build in more protections for employees and residents, but there overall role I do not believe will change.

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<b>District 10 (cont.)</b> <b>Dairus Reynnet - REP</b> <b>Email:</b> dfr1946@yahoo.com <b>Phone:</b> 248-252-7834	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>District 11</b> <b>Wayne Ridge - DEM</b> <b>Email:</b> wlridge@ameritech.net <b>Phone:</b> 517-667-8526	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>District 12</b> <b>Tim Lewis - DEM</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Retired Educator <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:timlewis72@yahoo.com">timlewis72@yahoo.com</a> <b>Education:</b> B.A. Eastern Michigan University, M.A. Eastern Michigan University <b>Phone:</b> 517-281-1446 <b>Address:</b> 860 Chads Way, Charlotte, Michigan 48813	<p>I served on the Grand Ledge City Council for three terms and was a member of the Eaton County Commissioners for one term while living in Grand Ledge. When we moved to Charlotte, I was elected to the Charlotte City Council for one term. I was then elected Mayor of Charlotte and served from 2015 to 2019. I have worked with political people at all levels and have always kept my focus on what best serves the people I represented. I am running to work on various issues that I think will clearly benefit the people of our district and our county as a whole. I also want work to provide better communication between the Board and our citizens.</p>	<p>I am running to focus on issues that I feel are important for our citizens. I want to be a champion for development of our new county park. I would work to see that we keep it as a top project for the Board. I also want to improve communication between the Board and our citizens. I would begin: "Tim Talks Eaton County". It would be a live Facebook event held each month. The purpose is to let people know what the Board is doing and to interview people who impact individual citizens lives. I did this as Mayor, and had an excellent citizen response. I would also look into the future of recycling in our county. I would work to see if we can find a county solution for recycling services. A final issue is keeping our first responders equipt with the best tools and resources available to keep them safe and secure in their day to day activities.</p>	<p>Eaton County has not had a central recycling center. Individual units of government have attempted to provide recycling services in different ways. Charlotte Area Recycling Authority has served the City of Charlotte and neighboring townships. It has people working that are available to assist recyclers. Potterville in Alliance Park provides bins for citizen drop-off. Other cities and townships offer their own solution for collection of material. I would like for us to see how other counties have set up their county recycling center. It might provide another option for people outside their local community efforts.</p>	<p>Every department within county government will change as a result of the COVID-19 virus. In the health department, I see a larger role in education the citizens on major health issues. I would see a continued focus on prevention and importance of being informed as a local citizen to keep yourself and your neighbors safe from illness. I would see the department team working with all the county departments on returning to "normal" in relation to keeping a workplace safe.</p>

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<p><b>District 12 (cont.)</b>  <b>Brian Lautzenheiser - REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Insurance Agent  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:brianlautz6@gmail.com">brianlautz6@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Elect-Brian-Lautzenheiser-to-County-Commissioner-611473418949847">https://www.facebook.com/Elect-Brian-Lautzenheiser-to-County-Commissioner-611473418949847</a>  <b>Education:</b> 2001 Charlotte High School  2005 Central Michigan University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-896-7450  <b>Address:</b> 3292 E Daryls Way  Charlotte, MI 48813</p>	<p>I have served on the Eaton County Board of Commissioners for 3 terms. I have been on the board long enough to see how and where I can have an impact. I was the chairman of Public Works and Planning and have served on Ways and Means Sub-Committee for all 3 terms. I am aware of the financial issues facing the County. On a personal note I was born in Charlotte, I have worked in Charlotte, and I have lived in Charlotte my entire life. I know the culture and have worked hard to know the constituents of the 12th District. I am running for another term because we need solid, realistic leadership going into the years to come. We need people who are going to have a level head and do what is best for Eaton County.</p>	<p>Future budgets are a concern coming off of the economic fall out from COVID 19. There will be some tough decisions in regards to the revenue and funding for programs and departments within Eaton County in coming years. I will work with County and State leadership to make sure Eaton County is positioned to survive and begin to thrive again. Developing Crandell Park is a goal of mine. We have been blessed with the amazing green space. We now need to understand what our community desires from this park. We need to begin staffing it and developing it for the future. Creating a sustainable plan for all the Eaton County recycling sites. The business of recycling has not been good and we need to come up with a comprehensive plan on how that will be accomplished. I am currently serving on a bipartisan committee addressing the recycling and environmental issues of Eaton County.</p>	<p>At the County we are investigating how to take our campus off the grid. We are researching what the costs are and how we can lead by example with our government buildings. Our most urgent local issue is the decline of service and revenue for the local resource recovery centers (recycling centers). We need to find a way to help them continue or look into a more regional approach. This issue is being looked at from both sides of the isle.</p>	<p>Personally I do not wish to see the department expanding their enforcement roles. They are doing a great job of collecting the data and providing that information to the public. They are working with any portion of the district that experiences an outbreak just like they would if there was any other kind of health emergency. Their changes will be seen in the funding arena. So much of what they do is based on budgeted reimbursements from DHHS or other grant sources and we are all in uncharted waters when it comes to COVID. They are doing what is best for the people and citizens of Eaton &amp; Barry County. They might not be rewarded for it from a budget perspective. Difficult times to say the least.</p>
<p><b>District 13</b>  <b>Jim Mott - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:mottforeaton@gmail.com">mottforeaton@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517749-4236</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p><b>District 14</b>  <b>Lisa A. Deavers - DEM</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:merrit36@yahoo.com">merrit36@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-749-8400</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>

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<p><b>District 14 (cont.)</b>  <b>Jeremy Whittum</b>  <b>REP</b>  <b>Occupation:</b>  Economics Professor  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:jeremywhittum@aol.com">jeremywhittum@aol.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Jeremy Whittum  <b>Education:</b> Master's of Public Administration  Bachelor's Business Administration. Associate's Degree  <b>Phone: 517-243-5692</b>  Address: 8066 Horace Lane, Eaton Rapids MI 48827</p>	<p>I served the citizens of District 14 from 2010-2016. My County service went well. I served for three consecutive terms and chose not to run for a fourth term. The commissioner who succeeded me did not complete the last term she was elected to serve. The current incumbent commissioner was appointed. I have been asked by many community leaders and a plethora of district residents to return to the Board of Commissioners. I hold a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. I served a 21-year total in the US Army/National Guard, 2008/09 I deployed to Iraq. Prior public service includes Hamlin Township Supervisor, City of Eaton Rapids Planning Commissioner, currently I serve as the alternate member to the County Zoning Board of Appeals. Community reinvestment I served as Eaton County United Way Treasure. I am currently a member of Eaton County Hospice/Palliative Care Board. (This response was edited by LWVLA.)</p>	<p>Throughout my six years of County service the concerns I heard the most were: affordable property taxes, retaining private property rights, environmental concerns and preserving Americas Second Amendment. Public Safety and mental health issues are high priorities. Infrastructure and roads are constant concerns. I was a member of the ad hoc committee that developed the secondary road millage ballot request. Eaton County voters passed the secondary road millage ballot proposal funding secondary roads for twelve years. The 15 members of our Eaton County Board of Commissions are elected to serve a County of 110,000 people. Putting egos and hidden agendas aside, working in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, with the focus of community service the budget will prioritize the needs of our County.</p>	<p>When we as a society do not have clean air, water, and soil we do not have life. Counties in Michigan have limited jurisdictional authority to regulate environmental issues. Heath Departments are the agencies empowered to act on the local level. Private sector markets are transiting from finite non-renewable energy sources to renewable energy sources. The County Board of Commissioners when leasing or purchasing vehicles should explore the cost and benefit of hybrid vehicles. When technology makes it financially prudent our Eaton County Courthouse Complex should be converted to renewable energy.</p>	<p>We are fortunate the initial Covid-19 projects were inaccurate. Health Departments are the local unit of government for the enforcement of covid-19 safety protocols. The World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, Surgeon General, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and numerous hospital and medical universities have not acted in unison. The subject matter experts and institutions have developed conflicting guidance and have changed guidance. A quick google search on the above agencies one will see how the guidance has changed in the last few months and confliction among organizations occurred. Until all health organizations throughout the United States are in succinct agreement, local health departments should remain flexible with local heath guidance and protocols relevant to the specifics of local areas. As guidance becomes standardized local health departments should incorporate uniform standardization for Covid-19 local protocols.</p>
<p><b>District 15</b>  <b>Barbara Ann Rogers - REP</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:barbararogers@rossassociates.net">barbararogers@rossassociates.net</a>  <b>Phone: 517-663-8775</b></p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>

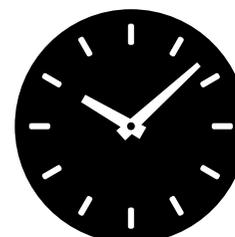
**56th Judicial Circuit Court**

The Ingham County Circuit Court is a court of general jurisdiction, hearing civil cases and controversies seeking damages in excess of \$25,000, all felony criminal matters, and all family matters. Judges of the Family Division have jurisdiction over cases involving juvenile delinquents, abused and neglected children, adoptions, name changes, emancipations, parental consent waivers and domestic relation matters.

**Non Partisan                      Term: 6 Years                      Candidates: Choose 1**  
**No questions were asked because there is no contest.**

**John D. Maurer, Incumbent**

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**Stacia Buchanan, Incumbent**

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	1. Please describe your qualifications and experience and explain why you are running for the position.	2. What is your position regarding alternative courts to meet community needs?	3. Do judges have an obligation to improve public understanding of the courts?
<p><b>Ben Cwayna</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ben@hmclawmi.com">ben@hmclawmi.com</a>  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://votebenforjudge.com">http:// votebenforjudge.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VoteBenForJudge/">https://www.facebook.com/ VoteBenForJudge/</a>  <b>Education:</b> Michigan State University, 1999-2003 (BA)                      Michigan State University College of Law, 2003-2006 (JD)  <b>Phone:</b> 517-881-3884  <b>Address:</b> 1203 Candela Lane                      Grand Ledge, MI 48837</p>	<p>It is important to have judges with the requisite experience and knowledge on both ends of the legal spectrum, civil and criminal, to render just and lawful decisions pertaining to everything from landlord tenant disputes to collection matters to criminal sentencing and rehabilitation efforts. As lead defense counsel for the Eaton County Veteran's Court (and as a public defender), I have seen firsthand the value that our various treatment courts bring to the table. As a private attorney, I have litigated numerous civil disputes in the district court. I have practiced in both spheres of the law (civil and criminal) and believe that I have the requisite judgment, knowledge and even temperament to make an effective judge. I also believe practicing in the private sector for my entire career gives me a unique perspective on the challenges that small business owners and private citizens encounter when entering the legal system.</p>	<p>I am very much in favor of these types of specialty/treatment courts. As noted above, I am currently serving as the defense counsel for the Eaton County Veteran's Court. In this role I work with a team of high qualified individuals, including the Circuit Judge and treatment professionals, to work to deliver rehabilitation and services to our veterans who have been convicted of crimes and who are currently going through probation. In this setting, a team approach supersedes any adversarial trial tactics as the prosecutor, defense attorney, judge, probation officers and treatment professionals work together for the betterment of our veteran defendants. This has been a very rewarding experience for me. If elected I will continue this path of treatment courts which have already been established in the district court by Judge Reincke.</p>	<p>Most certainly. There is a great deal of mystery about the procedures of courts and it is no secret that many litigants in the district court proceed without attorneys. A judge needs to understand this reality and work both in and outside of the courtroom to improve the public understanding of the court system. As a down to earth lawyer, I will remain a down to earth judge and all who enter my courtroom will be treated with respect, dignity and with an eye towards understanding that the individual may not exactly understand the process. Outside of the courtroom, I believe it is incumbent upon a judge to speak to civic organizations and utilize the position to improve knowledge and education about the court system in all manners. I have taken an active role in this sort of legal education in my own practice by hosting free seminars on estate planning for a number of years.</p>
<p><b>Kelly Morton</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:kelly@mortonforjudge.com">kelly@mortonforjudge.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://mortonforjudge.com">http://mortonforjudge.com</a>                      Facebook: Morton for Judge  <b>Education:</b> Michigan State University College of Law – Juris Doctor Magna Cum Laude  <b>Phone:</b> 517-420-8846  <b>Address:</b> PO Box 156                      Charlotte, MI 48813</p>	<p>From 2000 to 2002, I served as a Law Clerk for the 26th Circuit Court. From 2002 to 2003, I served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Alpena County. Since 2003, I have served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Eaton County. During that time, I worked in District Court, was assigned as the dedicated Drug Prosecutor, the dedicated Domestic Violence Prosecutor, and have prepared appeals including argument before the Court of Appeals. Currently, I handle a Circuit Court docket and prosecute the majority of our sexual assault cases. I am running for District Court Judge because the citizens of Eaton County need a Judge with the right kind of experience to protect their rights, fairly decide all matters, and who understands the ever-evolving treatment and rehabilitation available. District Court is where all criminal cases begin and about 80% of the docket is criminal. My extensive experience in this area uniquely qualifies me for the position, along with the civil experience from my clerking days.</p>	<p>I am a firm believer in treatment courts or alternative courts. I do not believe they are appropriate in all cases but if, for example, a substance abuse or psychological issue of some sort is driving a person's behavior, public safety is best served by addressing the issue. Research tells us that the use of treatment courts reduces recidivism. All courts should be using an evidence-based approach to treatment and sanctions. I have extensive experience in all the treatment courts in Eaton County and was a member of the organizational team for our Domestic Violence Treatment Court, the Jeffrey L. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court, and the Swift and Sure Sanctions program. In addition, I have participated in the reorganization of the Sobriety Court and Adult Circuit Drug Court. I have participated in numerous trainings and conferences on the treatment court model. I am committed to continuing to use that model to improve outcomes and public safety.</p>	<p>Judges play an important role in educating the public about the role of courts. In fact, the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct allows judges to speak, lecture, and teach about the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice. MCJC Cannon 4. In the past, our local court has engaged in programs such as Courts in Schools where Court is held in a local high school so the students can see for themselves how the process works. Because judges are non-partisan, they are in the best position to provide unbiased information about the legal system and how it works to people who are not involved in the courts on a regular basis. Many negative misconceptions exist regarding the justice system, whether civil or criminal, and judges have an obligation to combat those misconceptions and improve the reputation and perception of courts in general. In any individual case, it is important for the court to be sure the participants understand the process they are engaged in.</p>

The following pages contain information on the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees and School Board elections in Eaton and Clinton Counties.

**Lansing Community College Board of Trustees - 6 year term**

Lansing Community College is directed and governed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members, elected at large in the community college district on a nonpartisan basis.

**Nonpartisan**

**Term: 6 years**

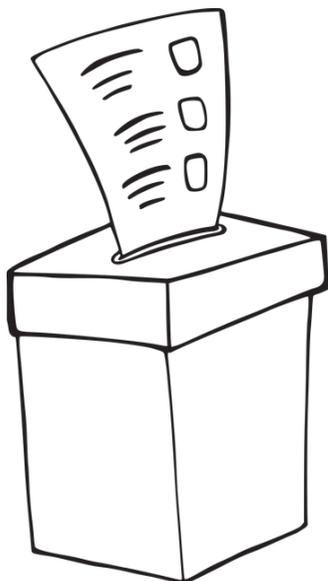
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	<b>Question 1</b> What special qualities do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?	<b>Question 2</b> What is your vision for LCC? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?
<p><b>Andrew P. Abood</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:andrew@aboodlaw.com">andrew@aboodlaw.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Andrew P. Abood  <b>Education:</b> JW Sexton (1983) MSU (1987). Cooley Law School (1990). Also have attended LCC  <b>Phone:</b> I don't have a campaign phone. But i have a cell phone 248-930-6635 and an office phone 517-332-5900  <b>Address:</b> I don't have a campaign address, but I live in Lansing and work in East Lansing at the Abood Law Firm.</p>	<p>I am the only candidate who has been on the Board for the last six years. I was also previously appointed to the Civil Service by Governor Granholm. I am attorney, licensed in the State of Michigan for the last 30 years. I have my own private practice located in East Lansing. I attended and graduated from JW Sexton, Michigan State University and Cooley Law School. I am a life long student of Lansing Community College. I have raised four children who all have graduated from college (Colorado, MSU and U of M) and understand the importance of a quality education at fair price. I am a lifelong resident of Lansing and have been involved in numerous community service programs and continue to give back to a community that has been so generous with me.</p>	<p>Our priorities have been and will continue to be to focus on student success. Particularly in regards to persistence and completion. We also need to continue to look a non traditional forward looking educational environments and tools especially in light of the current pandemic. Our online tutoring has been a success and we need to push for reduced costs associated with books for the classes. The community college role is an important step for Lansing and the districts student to get from point A to point B without going into a mountain of debt. The college is an economic engine that partners with business to provide professional development, and we offer continuing education and development for our residents. My vision for LCC is to continue on our current trajectory of success but our double down on issues like development education and the importance of successful outcomes for our minority student body.</p>
<p><b>Kimberly Kaye Azima</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Retired  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kimberly.kaye.azima@comcast.net">kimberly.kaye.azima@comcast.net</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Kimberly Kaye Azima for LCC Trustee  <b>Education:</b> Nursing Degree from LCC Phlebotomy Certificate. Cosmetology License  <b>Phone:</b> 517-281-2825  <b>Address:</b> 1132 Woodwind Trail Haslett, MI 48840</p>	<p>As a former LCC student, a small business owner, a nurse, a mother, a grandmother, and a person with a husband who has been a professor at LCC for over forty years, I bring to the table a broad range of viewpoints, as well as an understanding of the workings of the college.</p>	<p>I would like to see true shared governance at LCC. I believe getting everyone (faculty, staff, students, administrators, and board members) involved, rather than a top down model of governance, would help to promote student learning and student success. A community college should be responsive to the needs of its diverse student population, by being a place for everyone to learn and grow, no matter what their age, who they are, their background, and so on. The success of every student, whatever a student considers their success (be it mastering a skill, achieving a certificate, earning a degree, transferring to a four-year institution, or just personal growth), is my highest priority.</p>
<p><b>Gregory Sinicropi</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Restaurateur  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:gsin5150@yahoo.com">gsin5150@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> @sinicropiforLCC2020  <b>Education:</b> Bachelors in business administration from western Michigan university  <b>Phone:</b> 517-282-0950</p>	<p>I'm from lansing and still live in lansing. I graduated from lansing eastern My children Have attended lansing schools since kindergarten and are currently going to everett high school. My father has dedicated his Entire professional life to education and is currently the superintendent of Lansing schools. I have been in business for 22 years. I started with Kroger and was in retail management for almost 8 years and have been self employed with restaurants now for almost 15 years. I own Crossroads Grill and bar in leslie and I am co owner of arts pub in Lansing. I bring a business background with expertise in operations and have grown up in the education field. I know the struggles and have lots of resources to help me learn the processes I need to learn to help LCC.</p>	<p>I would like to see LCC raise awareness in the local school districts to help grow enrollment. I would like to put a spotlight on LCC and it's many wonderful programs. I see my role as a business person who can provide that insight into budgeting and spending. My first priory is to get in and learn everything I can about the structure of the school, the professors and the students and see how I help. I believe In open dialogue and communication and I think I will do all I can to provide a fresh set of eyes on the problems we face in 2020 and beyond.</p>



## Lansing Community College Board of Trustees - 6 year term (continued)

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What special qualities do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What is your vision for LCC? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?</p>
<p><b>Howard T. Spence</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney - Arbitrator - College Instructor - State of Michigan Retiree (State Exec - Licensing Exec - Ad Law Judge)  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:htspence@gmail.com">htspence@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://howardspence4lcctrustee.com/">http://howardspence4lcctrustee.com/</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> howard t. spence for lcc board of trustees 2020  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/howard.spence.921/">https://www.facebook.com/howard.spence.921/</a>  <b>Education:</b> BA Honors College Mich State U; MBA MSU; MS MSU; MLIR MSU; JD Univ of Mich Law School; MPA U Mich  <b>Phone:</b> 517-321-8775  <b>Address:</b> 1637 Willow Creek Dr., Lansing, MI 48917</p>	<p>Resident of Greater Lansing area since 1967 with considerable community contacts, and activism; 30+ years of exec management state of Michigan in depts of corrections, commerce (public svc commission, insurance bureau, and occupational licensing); experience in human resource management, organizational development and team building; legal counseling and litigation experience representing both management and employees in the state civil service and courts; strong people skills to respect and consider needs and issues affecting ALL area residents; a love, passion and experience in advocating and implementing diversity/inclusion; 3 terms elected Eaton County Commissioner representing Delta Township; Active in Mich state bar, professional organizations and nonprofit community programs; member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc; experience and training in public policy, strategic planning and org oversight; a Lifelong strong enthusiasm for self-advancement through continuing education.</p>	<p>LCC has been one of the most notable community institutions and community assets since its inception. It already provides a multitude of education and training opportunities for a wide range of community players - including young people who want to get education or training experience to begin their post secondary education, to learn a skill or trade, or to explore and mature in both knowledge and experience and ability. LCC also offers businesses training and special assistance for their growth and employee development. Individuals can "self-actualize" by developing interests in the arts and sciences. I am happy with what LCC has been able to accomplish thus far. As a Board member, my priorities would include working with a new and incoming president and COO to continue well established programs and to identify needed new education trends and programs to offer to the community during what could be turbulent and challenging times.  "I believe that Education is a great equalizer."</p>
<p><b>LaShunda Thomas</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> State of Michigan  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:lagriff2@aol.com">lagriff2@aol.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Citizens To Elect LaShunda Thomas  <b>Education:</b> Bachelors of Science Publication Administration/Community Development. Student-Masters Social Work  <b>Phone:</b> 616-951-1847  <b>Address:</b> 1615 N. Waverly Rd Lansing, MI 48917</p>	<p>Becoming a Lansing Community College Trustee, I will bring previous board experience, along with first hand experience. Lansing Community College enabled me to begin my education as a single mother of five. I have also counseled many students and their parents, allowing me to be the bridge builder between faculty and students from many educational institutions. Being a mother, mentor, community activist, and a youth advocate, has allowed me insight on real issues that our communities face. It has allowed me the opportunity to form a relationship with students, parents, and faculty within the greater Lansing area.</p>	<p>My vision for Lansing Community College is to see students continue to experience success and be well equipped to enter a world unlike anything we have seen in the past. That means addressing the needs of students in the classroom as well as outside. I want to empower our student body to be the world shapers I know they can be, through rigorous academic standards geared to an ever changing social and cultural climate. My priority would be safety for all students, faculty, staff, and Administration. Preparing everyone to return to a safe campus, assuring each individual that Lansing Community College has their safety in mind. My priority will also be to ensure that quality education continues even during the pandemic. Everyone deserves to have confidence that LCC is providing a safe place to continue the awesome work that is already being done.</p>



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## DeWitt School Board Election

**Nonpartisan**

**6 year term expiring 12/31/2026**

**Choose 2 candidates**

<p>The Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiates staff contracts, and sets the budget. The board members are elected at large and have overlapping terms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What are the priority issues facing the School Board during this pandemic and how would you address them if elected?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p>
<p><b>Jason Hanselman</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jhanselman@dykema.com">jhanselman@dykema.com</a>  <b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.dykema.com/professionals-jason_hanselman.html">http:// www.dykema.com/professionals-jason_hanselman.html</a>  <b>Education:</b> University of Miami. School of Law, JD; Michigan State University, BA; J.W. Sexton High School</p>	<p>Having served on the Dewitt Board of Education for the past six years as a Trustee, Secretary, and now Treasurer, I have the knowledge needed to help guide the district in this tumultuous time. My 20 years of experience as a public policy attorney also provides unique skill sets that have been helpful in this role. Finally, my experience of having two students in the district provides a parent's perspective and empathy with parents multi-tasking their day jobs at home while also helping with school work throughout the day.</p>	<p>Our priority has not changed-delivering the highest quality education to all students. The delivery mechanism to accomplish that goal has changed in light of the pandemic and, frankly, continues to evolve each day. I would love to have kids and teachers in the building as soon as we can do so safely. Until that time, we need to make sure all students are receiving a high level education and support they need.</p>	<p>Following a district wide technology survey, we have worked with the district's IT professionals to ensure all students have access to internet and devices necessary to participate meaningfully in classes. We have experienced only a few hiccups and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from parents with regard to our technology delivery.</p>
<p><b>Bradley Stoddard</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Director of Public Safety Communications  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:stoddardbradley@gmail.com">stoddardbradley@gmail.com</a>  <b>Education:</b>                  Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering, Colorado Tech  <b>Phone:</b> 517-668-6463</p>	<p>I am running for the school board as an active member of my community. It is important to me to be active and effective in the community ensuring our future leaders are provided the education and tools to prepare them for their future. I have been a member of the school board for the past 5.5 years, and coached a number of sports teams for the community, while also volunteering in my children's classes through the years. I have been a consistent voice for the community as I represented the community members on the school board. My career has me involved all around the state and the nation leading strategic direction for first responders, leading national and state organizations, Boards, committees, and working groups. This experience has provided the foundation I have utilized as a school board member for Dewitt Public Schools. I am running for the Board to continue to represent the community and their expectations to make the appropriate decisions as a member of the Board.</p>	<p>The priority issues facing the School Board during the pandemic are three fold, 1)Safety for students, teachers and the community; 2)Online Schooling and the transition to "in-classroom learning", ensuring the teachers are providing an effective curriculum and are engaging with their students; 3)Budget will be one of the greatest challenges as the district will be faced with making difficult decisions if the school aid budget is decreased. Unfortunately all three of these are tied together in our community due to the ongoing pandemic. Balancing safety while reviewing the CDC guidance to safely transition back to an in classroom learning environment has been an ongoing discussion and effort to shift back to the learning environment that the parents, students, and teachers need.The budget challenges will not be resolved in a single budget year, and continuity in that planning process would be in the best interest of the community to ensure the communities best interests are raised.</p>	<p>During the pandemic,there are technology issues that affect the district virtual environment and also in the classroom environment. Adequate internet access across the district (in district and school of choice) for students posed a problem when the pandemic started earlier this year and many still see some challenges of adequate home internet access. Additionally, having tools for all of the students is only the start as parents had to quickly learn those same online tools. I would propose that the district offer some level of virtual training for parents with the online tools, providing them with the opportunity to ask questions and be informed of the k-12 online environment the district has adopted. Reevaluating technology priorities by school, provide the appropriate tools for the students to gain the education their parents would expect. Additional investment in STEAM in earlier age groups, while continuing it through high school that would drive preparation for the job market.</p>

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## East Lansing School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

<p>The Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiates staff contracts and sets the budget. The board members are elected at large and have overlapping terms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 1</b> Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 2</b> What are the priority issues facing the School Board during this pandemic and how would you address them if elected?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Question 3</b> What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p>
<p><b>JOSHUA R. BARBER</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Pharmacy Currier  <b>Email:</b> jrbarber13@gmail.  <b>WebSite:</b> http://joshuarbarber2020.com  <b>Facebook:</b> @joshua.r.barber2020  <b>Education:</b> MSU, The School of Hospitality Business  <b>Phone:</b> 231-740-8106</p>	<p>I come to you a humble and concerned father. My background is in the service industry. I graduated from The School of Hospitality Business at MSU and served as the General Manager of the Okemos Olive Garden for seven years before I left to become a full-time father. I am now currently working as a courier for the Clinical Center Pharmacy at MSU where I am part of an amazing team that is taking care of some of our most vulnerable citizens and neighbors throughout this pandemic. Although my background is not rooted in education, I understand leadership, service, safety, and have a strong passion for education. I understand it is our outstanding public-school system here in East Lansing that makes this a great place to live and raise a family.</p>	<p>I was motivated to run by my son. He has allowed me to truly see what is most important in this life. His bravery, his kindness, his generosity, his tenacity. He has put on a brave face during this pandemic and now he was left out of Kindergarten due to his parents work schedules and absence of realistic options. I want to help. I want to help others that have not had a voice in this process. I want to help get our children back to in-person learning. I want to be a voice for those that have none.</p>	<p>There is one primary issue right now. We have no options other than virtual learning for our children in this community. I would address this by providing a voice for those parents that have had to sit back and allow the decisions of the few o u t w e i g h t h e n e e d s o f t h e community. I would push for options. At home virtual learning may work for some right now, but we need options for working families and children with special needs that cannot be met on an iPad. Essential workers have braved this pandemic in many capacities and now I am asking for some brave individuals within our education system to work with parents. Please help us to start getting students into the classrooms on a voluntary basis to ease the transition. I would work with neighboring districts to find best practices.</p>
<p><b>MONICA M. FINK</b>  <b>Occupation:</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:vote.monica.fink@gmail.com">vote.monica.fink@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/votemonica.fink">www.facebook.com/votemonica.fink</a>  <b>Education:</b> Human Resources, Administration, Mediation and Criminal Justice  <b>Phone:</b> 4 05-412-3594  <b>Address:</b> 600 Bainbridge Dr. East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>I am a U.S. Air Force veteran and former Department of Human Services (DHS) employee with 20 years of experience in human resources and administration and certified in general civil mediation. I have over fourteen years of knowledge and experience in the criminal justice system. I am also a mother of two and have been involved in East Lansing Public Schools since we moved here in 2013. My roles within ELPS include: breakfast and lunch Monitor at Marble Elementary, co-founder and president of the Marble Equity Team, Marble Parent Council, District Parent Council, HS Black Parent Union, room parent, Safe Routes to School. I'm active in securing grants and donations for students and staff. Provided input to the ELPS Office of Curriculum and district learning plan. I believe in quality public education and have a personal investment in preserving, promoting, and improving the quality of our school system. I have served and advocated for the educational needs of our community since 2013.</p>	<p>The priority issues facing the School Board during this pandemic are: Returning to school amid the covid-19 pandemic: Reopening schools this fall should be done as safely as possible, in the least disruptive way, with as much fluidity as possible. While we have a responsibility to ensure we create a welcoming, nurturing, and safe environment for all our students, staff and families, I don't believe this is possible if we were to open schools 100% in person. I believe a hybrid approach that meets stringent safety protocols is the best way to ensure maximum safety, flexibility, and a non-disruptive learning environment for our staff and families. Until implementation of robust safety protocols can be met, the safest approach to reopening is online only. We have to come together as a community to make sure that we are providing as much support to our leadership and families as possible if we are going to thrive in this new era of schooling.</p>	<p>1:1 technology implementation is an issue affecting the district. It has been recognized for many years now that in order to keep up with technological advances, putting technology into the hands of all students is worth pursuing. Rapidly developing science and technology has necessitated fundamental changes on educational approaches and has affected every field of education that make traditional methods outdated and inadequate for preparing our students to be global citizens. Computing initiatives have become widespread in K-12 schools with the benefits of 1:1 computing being tremendous, but we must take careful consideration when planning for this initiative. Some considerations for before a successful 1:1 implementation can occur are: overcoming fears, changing beliefs and attitudes, and strengthening professional development in order to shift pedagogy and accessibility are imperative. We have to create an atmosphere where technology is embraced.</p>

# East Lansing School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

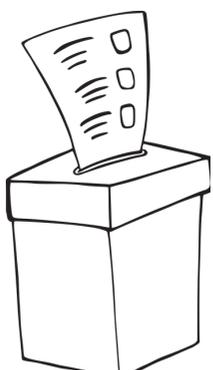
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<p><b>Matthew J. Heos</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:heosmatt@gmail.com">heosmatt@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.matthewheosforschoolboard.com/">http://www.matthewheosforschoolboard.com/</a>  <b>Facebook</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Matthew-Heos-for-East-Lansing-School-Board-106618747813434">https://www.facebook.com/Matthew-Heos-for-East-Lansing-School-Board-106618747813434</a>  <b>Education:</b> BA from MSU in Telecommunications with a cognate in social studies and a JD from Cooley Law School  <b>Phone:</b> 517-256-4240  <b>Address:</b> 1229 Old Hickory Lane East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>I have lived in East Lansing most of my life and attended ELPS as did my siblings. My daughter and niece are second graders, and my nephew is in early 5s at ELPS. My gratitude for the effective education we received through ELPS shaped my appreciation of our school system and has led to my decision to serve the district. By running for the board of education I hope to be part of the solution to problems we face in maintaining quality education. I attended MSU where I earned a BA in Telecommunications with a cognate in social studies. My Law degree is from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. My law practice is in East Lansing where I work to resolve conflict issues for my clients. I serve on the Parish Council at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. My education and experience can have a positive impact on our district since I can effectively work with multiple points of view to create consensus. Equity, anti-bullying and special education are the issues I am focused on.</p>	<p>Equity of experience among pupils is paramount for a successful society. We cannot let great talent fall behind because of factors beyond our students' control. The Covid-19 pandemic has drawn sharp focus on the need for equitable access to online learning. Some students have computers, tablets, and unlimited internet access, while others do not. In these times, all our students need access to the district's online learning capabilities. That means access to hardware, software, and wireless internet that will give each pupil the same opportunity to learn without additional costs to families. We all want our students back in school this fall, but there is conflict among those who want in person instruction and those who fear putting students, faculty, and families at risk of infection. We can adapt to this challenge if we can focus our resources in an equitable way.</p>	<p>Distance learning has been difficult for students, faculty, and families. Being at school provides an equitable environment because all students have the same access to their teachers and the materials necessary for their education. Learning at home on a tablet or laptop over broadband internet cannot be equitable given that all families do not have the same internet access and technology. That disparity will leave some students behind if we do not act now. Federal and State officials must partner with tech companies to provide wireless 4G LTE internet compatible devices and wireless internet for schools to deliver high quality distance learning to students at no additional expense to families. Congress must appropriate funds and use all the resources of the federal government to remove socio-economic barriers to education during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our district needs a plan with alternative programs--distance learning, a hybrid system, and in person instruction.</p>
<p><b>Gregory Hess Occupation:</b> Enterprise Architect / Doctoral Candidate  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:gregcorleone@yahoo.com">gregcorleone@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> M.S. in Computer Science (Montana State University) - enrolled at Michigan State University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-930-0892</p>	<p>I think the qualifications for the position are minimal but I do meet them. I live in the district, have committed non felonies and have at least a high school degree. My experiences are that my wife was a teacher for grade school level and I have taught at community college and University level. I also have a daughter that goes to East Lansing Schools and so am very vested in how the school is run</p>	<p>The pandemic introduces issues like safety, cleaning and how to account for the silent effects of children *not* being at school. Other priorities for me are that E.L. schools comply with anti-bullying laws already on the books, that we review and standardize our process on how we engage parents and guardians in our processes and will want to review the school's five and ten year fiscal plans. I would also like to create a review of pay/compensation disparity and inclusive hiring and placement</p>	<p>I do not know of any immediate issues other than the remote learning for COVID support. As a computer scientist and IT person would like to review their IT strategic plans.</p>

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# East Lansing School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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<p>The Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiates staff contracts and sets the budget. The board members are elected at large and have overlapping terms.</p>			
<p><b>Elizabeth Guerrero Lyons</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> College of Human Medicine Director of Minority Recruitment  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:guerre21@msu.edu">guerre21@msu.edu</a>                      Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VoteElizabethGuerreroLyons">https://www.facebook.com/VoteElizabethGuerreroLyons</a>  <b>Education:</b> Ed.D. in K-12 Administration  <b>Phone:</b> 517-204-4989  <b>Address:</b> 302 Northlawn Avenue East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>I graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Human Ecology with an emphasis on youth. I continued my post-graduate education at MSU and received a Master's in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education and, most recently, my doctorate in K-12 Educational Leadership K-12. I worked as a coordinator for pre-college youth programs at MSU for three years and then moved to the Undergraduate Office of Admissions, where I worked closely with high school students and their parents. I then transitioned over to the College of Human Medicine Office of Admissions, where I have been working for the last 10 years as the Director of Diversity Recruitment. I began volunteering in the East Lansing school district when my daughter started school at Glencairn and my son at Donley in the Y5 program. I have been active in the Glencairn PTO meetings, served as a room parent, and coordinated the staff appreciation week.</p>	<p>Diversity, Equity, &amp; Inclusion is essential for the school board to clearly define what diversity and equity mean and have policies that reflect this understanding. The pandemic has amplified issues of historical trauma felt by communities. We must put policies in place to change systemic structures that prevent and hinder our children's success in the classroom. I think this is the time to look at our curriculum while making sure that our teachers are given training to teach and continually enhance culturally relevant coursework. Mental Health/Trauma Informed-I believe mental health is s t rongl y l inked to educat ional outcomes. These circumstances with the pandemic have compounded already existing issues many of our families and teachers were dealing with both within the classroom and outside. We have to make sure our teachers/ social workers/ administration receive support, have quality access to training and other resources to provide various levels of support to the students.</p>	<p>As we begin fall semester online, the board must provide leadership to ensure remote learning is as equitable and accessible as possible. The current board and ELPS administration are taking important steps by distributing devices to all students who need them. A continuing concern is access to high quality internet that can support streaming and other remote learning activities. Also, many students and parents are navigating technology and applications that they have not used before. It is imperative that there is a training onboard for parents to help with the transition to online learning. Parents need to feel confident in helping their students navigate their lessons. Another concern is communication through email, which can be overwhelming for families. There should be a central location where families can access new updates without having to receive frequent emails. The ELPS website should be more user-friendly, as parents will need to access it regularly during online learning.</p>
<p><b>Nichole Martin</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Child Welfare Business Analyst  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:martinforeschools@gmail.com">martinforeschools@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/martinforeschools">https://www.facebook.com/martinforeschools</a>  <b>Education:</b> Dual Bachelor of Arts Degree-Criminal Justice &amp; Psychology, Master of Arts Degree-Forensic Psychology  <b>Phone:</b> 508-274-4771  <b>Address:</b> 1332 Chartwell Carriage Way S East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>With over twenty years of experience in the areas of behavior therapy, developmental needs assessment, program design and development, educational planning, academic support building, community collaboration and fundraising, I believe I provide a well-rounded skill set that helps to address a variety of ongoing topic areas that we face in our district. I previously ran with a focus on building collaborative relationships, striving to create a better awareness and emphasis on mental health resources, access to creative technology solutions, collaboration with local businesses, and working to honor diversity and cultural understanding among students, teachers, administrators, and community. I believe as a district we have worked to improve in all these areas during my time with the board. My tagline continues to be "Committed to Community, Dedicated to Progress" and that remains my focus; to learn, collaborate, adjust, and strengthen the collective educational community in East Lansing.</p>	<p>Access to food is a priority, as many of our children rely on food, through the school system's food program. The process to maintain food distribution throughout the duration of the pandemic was successfully completed and a new process was set up for the current year to tend to updated eligibility and distribution guidelines. The district is providing single platform options, in Seesaw and Goodgle classroom to allow students to become more successful this fall and reduce frustration, opening the path for classroom engagement. Through the increased isolation many have felt over the past six months it will be important moving forward that we, as a district, are well versed in any potential signs of increased anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation or any other influential factors that could jeopardize the health and well-being of our students. Lastly, we need to support parents with resources and provide opportunities to get involved in ways that</p>	<p>Prepandemic, 1:1 electronic devices were not necessary as buildings utilized mobile electronic carts to share devices. At onset, there was no way of knowing how long or what financial extent would satisfy the need to support students via distance learning. In trying to manage the various options for virtual and in-person learning, the more and more evident it became that one to one electronic device accessibility had become a reality. Recent purchase for iPads, Chromebooks and Laptops are expected just after Labor Day. When students are able to return to in-person instruction it is highly likely that the sharing of devices that once was will no longer be available to students. Devices will assist all our students with not only a smoother transition to in-person instruction but will maintain device accessibility if we need to move between in-person and virtual learning. The district is working to better understand the ongoing connectivity needs of families to support virtual learning.</p>

## East Lansing School Board Election (cont.)

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<b>Debbie Walton</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Stay-at-home Parent, Math Tutor, Former NASA Engineer <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:votedebbiewalton@gmail.com">votedebbiewalton@gmail.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://votedebbiewalton.com">http://votedebbiewalton.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/votedebbiewalton">https://www.facebook.com/votedebbiewalton</a> <b>Education:</b> S.B. '97, S.M. '99, Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology <b>Phone:</b> 517-214-5625 <b>Address:</b> 515 Southlawn Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823	I began volunteering in the East Lansing Public Schools in 2009 when my son entered Kindergarten at Donley Elementary. Since then, I have volunteered in many capacities including: creating STEM events at the elementary and middle school levels, initiating a "Needs Closet" at MMS, providing music enrichment to Special Ed classes, and tutoring Algebra at ELHS. I've also served as President and Vice-President of the Donley, MMS, and District Parent Councils. Through this work, I have built strong relationships with teachers, administrators, and families across the District. Now I hope to join the Board so that I can help our District provide exceptional, rigorous academics to every member of our diverse student body. Professionally, I have two degrees from MIT, and I am a former NASA engineer. Given this technical background, I believe that I am well-suited for making impartial, data-driven decisions to benefit our entire community.	The most urgent issues facing our District are how to maximize the value of online learning and safely and quickly return to in-person school. This pandemic provides a unique opportunity to rethink our approach to education. Right now, the best thing we can do is allow our teachers broad creative latitude to engage students academically and support their emotional health in whatever ways they consider necessary. We should provide Professional Development that doesn't merely teach the technical aspects of moving online, but rather supports alternative teaching methods like flipped classrooms and project-based learning. We need to plan now to find ways to keep our students and teachers safe as we transition back to in-person instruction. Looking ahead, we must address the fact that resource disparities across our district mean that our achievement gap will be significantly wider when we return. If we plan now, we will be prepared to address these challenges.	Our most pressing technology issue is the need to provide devices and internet access for every student who lacks these resources at home. Providing these necessities is the first step in creating an equitable online learning environment. Our district is off to a promising start, but computers are not due to arrive until early September, so we must monitor the order and be ready to make changes as necessary. Second, excessive screen time is of great concern to many parents during this pandemic, particularly among our youngest learners. We must encourage teachers to embrace creative non-screen-based methods to more effectively engage our students. Third, cyberbullying and social media misuse are scary byproducts of our online culture. It is imperative that we teach our students how to maintain online safety and to cultivate relationships between students and teachers/counselors so students feel comfortable reaching out for necessary support.

## Eaton Rapids School Board Election

Nonpartisan

6 year term expiring 12/31/2026

Choose 3 candidates

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<b>Steven Curry</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Educator <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:stecurry2013@gmail.com">stecurry2013@gmail.com</a> <b>Education:</b> BA-Psychology: Univ. of Bridgeport; MA-Teaching: Columbia Intl. Univ.; MA - Educational Admin.-CMU	My wife Sarah and I are both seasoned educators who have three high school students that attend ERPS. I have been an educator for over 20 years as a teacher, instructional leader, curriculum director, and consultant supporting districts throughout Michigan. My work has enabled me to travel across the country to collaborate with other educational leaders on issues concerning district/school improvement. I am passionate about ensuring each student in Eaton Rapids, regardless of background, receives a high quality education that provides a solid foundation for exceeding personal goals through lifelong learning and positive civic contributions.	The School Board's priority is to ensure policies are in place that support a framework of cohesive systems for providing a world-class education for each Eaton Rapids student, regardless of current circumstances. Uncertainties will always exist, however strong leadership supported by effective systems will provide the vision for a successful path forward. Furthermore, sound fiscal stewardship is equally important. Therefore, as an elected Board member I will promote improving the current framework of systems such as communication, collective problem solving, instructional infrastructure, student supports, budgeting, and others. To ensure sustainable improvements producing excellent student outcomes, I support requiring a 3 to 5 year cohesive academic, facilities, and fiscal improvement plan cycle. No plan is pandemic proof; however, systems ensuring fiscal stability, academic excellence, and support for every student will withstand and learn from any challenge the district faces.	First, and foremost, it is critical to have a clear vision for technology integration into the instructional program. Therefore, as part of a systems review and cohesive continuous improvement plan, I will promote policy that supports the development and cyclical review of this vision. The expense of consistent maintenance and technological upgrades to support integration of technology is a critical factor for strategic planning. Currently, the district has a bond proposal on the ballot for consideration that will not cause our taxes to increase. Within this bond proposal are plans to update classroom technology. For this and other reasons, I will be supporting this bond proposal.

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<b>Daniel E. Guy</b> Email: <a href="mailto:danielguy80@gmail.com">danielguy80@gmail.com</a> Phone: 517-712-5569	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
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## Grand Ledge School Board Election

Nonpartisan

6 year term expiring 12/31/2026

Choose 2 candidates

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<b>Jamil Jamil Cage</b> Email: <a href="mailto:jlcase@gmail.com">jlcase@gmail.com</a> Phone: 517-862-1617	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>Raymone E. Gude</b> Email: <a href="mailto:raymone.gude@gmail.com">raymone.gude@gmail.com</a> Education: B.A. in History, Limestone College. M.S. in Sports Administration, Canisius College	One of the main reasons I am running for School Board is due to the fact, that I have a vested interest in our public school system as my children attend both Neff Kindergarten Center and Beagle Elementary School. Also, it is no secret that our school was recently faced with a serious grievance and the current school board members were indecisive at best and only acted after community outrage. I believe it is time to bring change with a fresh set of ideas and perspective. As a former Detention Officer and current Analyst with the Michigan State Police, I have heard and heeded the call to public service and feel that I can bring that perspective and experience to helping elevate the standards within the Grand Ledge Public School District for the benefit of the students and our community.	The next school board members will be tasked with interviewing and selecting a new Superintendent and I believe making the process transparent to the public and thorough in terms of narrowing the choice to the most qualified individual with a vision for the district. It is essential to me to restore the community's faith in the School Board and reclaim leadership as the school to attend and graduate from. I want to ensure that the tax dollars our community has chosen to invest in our school district are not only properly allocated but are employed to ensure that Grand Ledge Public Schools provide the best education in the region if not the state as a whole. As Grand Ledge Public Schools continue to provide exceptional education to our students, our schools and community will continue to grow. I can lend ideas and work with other board members to best navigate the challenges faced by such growth.	With the current mandate of our students learning virtually I believe that one of the main issues facing our district is the amount of communication between, students, their teachers, and parents. I feel that although as a district we are doing the best within our abilities nothing is perfect but that does not mean we cannot strive for perfection. I would just suggest to our teachers continue the great work and should something present a bigger problem in the future, make sure to have an open communication line with both the students and parents.
<b>Andrea L. Herrst</b> Email: <a href="mailto:election@drherrst.com">election@drherrst.com</a> Phone: 503-943-9302	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>Patrick McKennon</b> Email: <a href="mailto:patrickmckennon@comcast.net">patrickmckennon@comcast.net</a> Phone: 517-281-4982	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

## Grand Ledge School Board Election (cont.)

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<p><b>Nicole Shannon</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Attorney  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:shannon4gl@gmail.com">shannon4gl@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://shannon4gl.com">http://shannon4gl.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Shannon4GL">https://www.facebook.com/Shannon4GL</a>  <b>Education:</b> B.A. in International Relations, Michigan State University. J.D., University of Michigan Law School  <b>Phone:</b> 517-798-6682  <b>Address:</b> PO Box 105 Grand Ledge, MI 48837</p>	<p>I decided to run for School Board because I'm an alum, current parent of a First Grader, and problem solver. If you check the minutes, you'll see I've attended every single Board Meeting for the last several months--something that was pointed out during a recent meeting. I'm ready for the challenges facing GL. I'm a public interest attorney, handling cases pro bono for clients. I served on the Board of Directors for Housing Services Mid Michigan, where we addressed homelessness--and got veteran homelessness down to "functional zero." I also serve on the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force, where we are transforming how our state handles elder abuse. The Task Force is working on legislation, training law enforcement, improving Adult Protective Services, and increasing services for older adults. Finally, as the daughter of an independent school board auditor, I'm familiar with the financial challenges facing the district.</p>	<p>1. The fallout of the superintendent's termination. When Dr. Metcalf was fired for making his comments about George Floyd, the community made clear we want action. I'm glad the Board hired an expert from MSU and is forming a committee to address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I want a new superintendent with a track record of addressing racial equity. 2. Safely educating our students. As a working parent, there are no perfect solutions. I want to support families by providing safe care options for our youngest students who need it. Teachers need our support as they go above and beyond to teach under these circumstances. 3. Administering the bond issue. The board has a duty to oversee the bond and make sure things are done on time and on (or under) budget. 4. Budget. K-12 education is facing an unprecedented budget challenge. I've reviewed the financial documents and know Grand Ledge is prepared for a rainy day. I will continue that financial responsibility.</p>	<p>I'm proud of the steps the district has taken so far, and I'm sure there will be bumps along the way. As the school year starts, we're learning about the technology access gaps in our district. I am glad the district has made thousands of devices and wireless hotspots available to our students who requested them. My concern is for the families who may not be receiving the emails, texts, or phone calls and the families who may have numerous students who all need to access class materials simultaneously. I also know that our special education students may need services that can't be delivered virtually. I propose the district makes clear how families can access technology and tech support as the school year goes on. I also propose that to the extent technology can't do the job, we prioritize in-person services for special education students.</p>

## Haslett School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 2 candidates

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<p><b>Greg Bird</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Director of Legislative &amp; External Affairs, Michigan Economic Development Corporation  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bird.greg@gmail.com">bird.greg@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook page:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Greg4HaslettSchools">www.facebook.com/Greg4HaslettSchools</a>  <b>Education:</b> BA, Michigan State University's James Madison College  <b>Phone:</b> 517-282-2346  <b>Address:</b> 5625 Ventura Place, Haslett, MI 48840</p>	<p>For over 20 years, I have been fortunate enough to provide vital legislative and public relations counsel in both the public and private sector. During this time, including five years with the Michigan State Budget Office, I gained extensive experience with the State's education budgets. For ten years, I was the Director of State Relations for Wayne State University where I helped to successfully advance the strategic goals of the University. I was also grateful to have served on the Haslett School Board for two years where I supported efforts to increase technology in the classroom; increase pay for our hard working and dedicated teachers and support staff; and improvements to our school's infrastructure and classrooms.</p>	<p>The most important issue facing administrators and school boards this school year is how to provide a quality education while ensuring the health and safety of our students, educators and support staff. I will strongly encourage that our district continue to listen to local and state public health experts when making decisions during this pandemic. We must also encourage state and federal officials to ensure that districts, like Haslett, have the resources necessary to keep our students, educators and support staff safe when they eventually come back to school.</p>	<p>As a member of the School Board to support the most recent milage, I did so in part due to the additional funds that were made available for technology in the district. I was encouraged to see that the district was able to provide every student with a device for the start of the (remote) year. As a member of the Board, I will always encourage ways to improve technology in the district in order to improve the quality of education for our students. I will also support initiatives that will ensure that students and parents are familiar with and can effectively use that technology.</p>



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## Haslett School Board Election (cont.)

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<p><b>Tracy Collins</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Former Teacher and School Board Member  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:collinstracy114@gmail.com">collinstracy114@gmail.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> B.A. in History and English, M.A. in Curriculum and Teaching, M.A. in Special Education  <b>Phone:</b> 517-242-1221</p>	<p>I am interested in continuing my service on the school board because I am invested in the future of Haslett Public Schools. While I am concerned for my own children, there is not one particular issue or reason that pushes me to serve. Instead, I want to help build upon the District's success and improve the educational experience and opportunities for all students in the district. I am a strong supporter of public education. Serving on the Board would allow me to do the two things I love most: Serve the community and be involved in education. I believe that my experience will bring a unique perspective to the Board of Education. I am a certified teacher and a parent. I have over 20 years experience in both general and special education classrooms and I believe that helps me understand the real world implications of Board decisions. This experience also makes me uniquely qualified for a position on the school board.</p>	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic has put stress on our education system, teachers, parents, students and administrators. While we survived the impromptu online learning of the Spring, our greatest challenge is to make sure our students are being educated well and safely as we move into the 2020-21 school year. Things will not look or feel the same as they did before and we need to adjust our teaching and learning to meet these trying times. If elected, I plan to continue working with the Superintendent, staff, students and parents to create a safe transition to in person learning. This pandemic has shown a bright light on the inequities in education. I plan on addressing the learning gap that is created by inequities in technology, transportation and food security. I also want to make sure that our students with special needs are getting the support that is required through their IEP's. This is an opportunity to address many of the issues that have been present, but have not yet been solved.</p>	<p>Haslett voters have consistently supported education and in 2018 they passed a bond that has been used to update our technology and buy new devices for students. That money is providing our students and staff with the most current technology available for the classroom. This past summer, all buildings in the district were rewired and chromebooks and ipads were bought so that all students have access to a device. This process has taken almost two years, but our schools are ready for the future of education. We still face challenges because close to 10% of our families do not have consistent access to devices and the internet; however, we are working to close that gap with our 1:1 initiative and the purchase of internet hot spots for families. We need to continue to meet the technology needs of our parents and students so that all children can be successful. If elected, I will continue to make this a priority.</p>
<p><b>Camara Lewis</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Communications Manager  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:lewiscamara@gmail.com">lewiscamara@gmail.com</a>  <b>Campaign Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.camaraforhaslett.com">http://www.camaraforhaslett.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> B.S. Advertising: Management and Media, Michigan State University  <b>Phone:</b> 847-436-4992</p>	<p>I have years of servant leadership under my belt. Working for state government in both the Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity has allowed me to better serve statewide communities. Aside from being a professional communicator and public relations practitioner, I volunteer as a board member for Central Michigan Public Relations Society of America, Grand River Connection and the Peppermint Creek Theatre Company. Six summers ago I began volunteering for Riverwalk Theater's – Young Artisan Workshop, where I first became passionate about helping the young children who were using the theater as a means to escape from the unpleasant environment they faced at school. Haslett Public Schools is part of a community of children that need a strong and effective school board - their achievement depends on it. I have an undeniable ambition to be and do better for the community. Being able to serve on the school board will allow me to assist my more direct local community.</p>	<p>The biggest priorities facing public education, including Haslett Public Schools, is funding and agility during this ongoing pandemic. If elected, I hope to work with the current Haslett Public School Board Members in advancing and strengthening systems of communications in the virtual space. This will include updating policies, communications procedures and other practices that provide timely and consistent updates to the community. Additionally it will entail taking grassroots advocacy efforts, encouraging our community to contact the Michigan Legislature and ensure we get the statewide funding and federal assistance that public schools in Michigan will need over the next year to function appropriately. Finally, given the nation's reckoning with social justice and racism I want to work with the rest of the Haslett School Board to ensure Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is integrated with every policy and system set forth as well as update new policies to reflect an inclusive lens.</p>	<p>Given the widespread effects of COVID-19 and the need for distance/virtual learning, we are seeing the true inequities that are caused by lack of internet access and technology at home. While I have my own thoughts, the biggest priority to fix this will be to work with the board to ensure technology and internet are as small of a barrier as possible, creating practices in place to support families during this historic movement of remote learning. Funding will always play a part here, as well as with Legislature changes. I will work to use resources from the statewide school board association, the Michigan Department of Education and create stronger advocacy calls-to-action to alleviate this as a barrier for students and their families.</p>
<p><b>Joshua Morey</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:morey.joshua@gmail.com">morey.joshua@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 765-532-5481.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>



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# Holt School Board Election

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6 year term expiring 12/31/2026

Choose 3 candidates

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<p><b>Amy M. Dalton</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Teacher  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:daltonamym@aol.com">daltonamym@aol.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> MBA, University of Michigan-Flint, BS, Central Michigan University, AA, Jackson College  <b>Phone:</b> 517-694-7459  <b>Address:</b> 1960 Heatherton Drive, Holt, MI 48842</p>	<p>I have dedicated my life to public education through work as a K-12 teacher, a college instructor, and a school board member. I believe that our public schools provide a path for students to achieve their full potential, to actively and thoughtfully participate in society, and to prepare them for adult living. I have been a Holt Public Schools Board of Education trustee for the past three years. I am proud of many things that this board has championed and accomplished, and I would be honored to continue serving the students and families of the Holt Public School District.</p>	<p>The Holt Public Schools Board of Education has many urgent issues to address during this pandemic. First, we must ensure that we educate students in a format that is safest for students and employees. Second, we must utilize and coordinate all external resources available to address the needs of our students, especially those needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic, such as mental health, childcare, and racial inequality. Third, we must support teachers and staff as the demands placed on them are ever increasing.</p>	<p>Technology is crucial to reach all students during remote instruction. Holt Public Schools has purchased hundreds of devices, as well as many hotspots, to assist families with accessing online instruction. Now that families are connected, Holt Public Schools must provide quick and easy access to answers for families' technology questions, including use of digital learning platforms and student information systems. Holt Public Schools must also work with teachers and staff to enhance their technology skills and leverage their existing educational expertise to facilitate student learning.</p>
<p><b>Francisca G. Garcia</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:g.franziska1@outlook.com">g.franziska1@outlook.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-528-2575</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p><b>Mark Perry</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:marper@yeoandyeo.com">marper@yeoandyeo.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-242-7805</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p><b>Jennifer Robel</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Department Manager  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jsmith63075@hotmail.com">jsmith63075@hotmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook page:</b> Jennifer Robel Holt Public Schools Board of Education Trustee  <b>Education:</b> Bachelor of Arts, Alma College  <b>Phone:</b> 517-712-1210</p>	<p>I have served on the Holt Public Schools Board of Education for the past two and a half years and am seeking re-election. I am a proud community member who has lived in the district for nearly two decades and have two children who currently attend Holt Public Schools. In addition, I am a school volunteer, a member of the Community Task Force, and a member of the Holt Equity and Access Team (HEAT). I believe in Holt Public Schools, in our staff and in the work that they do. I want to continue working to ensure that every student in our community has equitable access to the high-quality education they need and deserve.</p>	<p>It's more important than ever that our schools have the funding necessary to ensure that students, educators and staff have access to the tools and resources they need to be successful. No child should have to worry about where their next meal comes from, especially when they are not able to physically enter a school building. Holt Public Schools has done an incredible job during the pandemic working to ensure that all students have access to meals. It is imperative that we continue to provide food distribution to any and all students who need it, at no cost, and that we continue this effort as long as it is necessary, even after CARES dollars and other funding mechanisms subside. It is also vital that we keep working to provide equitable access to technology and the internet so that every student in our community can continue to grow and learn. Lastly, I believe that we must also do everything possible to support and rally around our educators during these unprecedented times.</p>	<p>Like so many districts across the state, it has become clear that there are many technological disparities amongst our students, particularly access to devices and the internet. We must continue to work to secure enough Chromebooks so that students who need them can connect with their teachers and peers, and have access to their coursework. We must also provide hot spots throughout the community, including in homes and shelters where they are needed, and ensure there is transportation available so students can access them. I also believe that it is imperative that we do everything in our power to ensure that there are safe and secure places for our students to learn and for our teachers to teach.</p>

**Lansing Public Schools School Board Election**

**Nonpartisan.**

**6 year term expiring 12/31/2026**

**Choose 3 candidates**

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<p>The Board of Education is responsible for setting educational, fiscal and administrative policies of the school district. It hires the superintendent, negotiates staff contracts and sets the budget. The board members are elected at large and have overlapping terms.</p> <p><b>Guillermo Z. Lopez</b></p> <p>Occupation: Retired                      Email: <a href="mailto:zamorag0109@gmail.com">zamorag0109@gmail.com</a>                      website: <a href="http://www.citizensforglopez.com">http://www.citizensforglopez.com</a>                      Facebook: Citizens for Guillermo Z. Lopez                      Education: Attended Pan American University, Saginaw Valley State College, Lansing community College, and WHS.                      Phone: 517-974-5113                      Address: 1927 Pleasant View Avenue</p>	<p>Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p> <p>I have served on the board since 2000. This gives me great insight on the work of the board and a good bit of historical knowledge of the school district. Through the years I have taken opportunities to learn and be better prepared to act or represent the board by attending workshops, seminars, or online courses specifically for school board members. I have also been very open and available to our school community when they are in need of help in any number of scenarios, such as parents needing help in understanding school policy or procedure, community groups and organizations wanting to partner with the school district on any number of ways, and yes, working with other elected officials to work on similar needs to better serve the community.</p>	<p>What are the priority issues facing the School Board during this pandemic and how would you address them if elected?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The most important priority is to keep everyone safe, students, staff and community. And to address this, I continue to support learning screen to screen until we have the best opportunity to bring students back to the buildings. In the mean time, all staff is following all safety measures as per CDC protocols and those of the local health officials.</li> <li>2. Making sure that our teaching staff has all the support necessary to teach in this manner. To date, all teachers and administrators have been given professional development opportunities through on-line courses or seminars meant to help them be ready for this new teaching circumstance.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	<p>What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p> <p>We need to continue to work with the intermediate school district to insure that the broad band is sufficient to support out technology needs and to give our technology department the tools necessary to handle any issue that may occur.</p>
<p><b>Robin M. Moore</b></p> <p><b>Occupation:</b> Circulation Specialist  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:robinmmoore20@gmail.com">robinmmoore20@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/robinmmoore20">https://www.facebook.com/robinmmoore20</a>  <b>Education:</b> General Associates, Lansing Community College  <b>Phone:</b> 517-331-0120  <b>Address:</b> 7001 Richard Rd Lansing, MI 48911</p>	<p>I am a Lansing School District graduate and a mother of two children who have successfully completed their studies in Lansing Schools. In addition, my youngest child is currently enrolled. Professionally, I have over 20 years experience in Higher Education serving students as a mentor, advocate, and support person in my current position. My goal is to make sure every student is given a quality education that is equitable and inclusive.</p>	<p>I believe the most-pressing issue facing the current School Board is how to reopen in the most safe and effective way. Additionally, there is a significant need to provide helpful guidance and support for students and their families during this time. If elected, my approach would be to seek input from the members, students and families of the Lansing School District and the greater Lansing community. I am a firm believer that every voice counts and should be heard.</p>	<p>I believe the lack of current technology hinders the success of the students. In that regard, educators also suffer due to limited resources. In contrast with surrounding districts; LSD has made great strides, but has significant work to do. To address this issue, I am interested in partnering and developing relationships with stakeholders who can help bridge the gap.</p>
<p><b>Nino Rodriguez</b></p> <p><b>Occupation:</b> Retired from Lansing School District  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rodri231@msu.edu">rodri231@msu.edu</a>  <b>Education:</b> Ph.D. from Michigan State University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-505-4772  <b>Address:</b> 2513 Dunbar Dr. Lansing, MI 48906</p>	<p>I have dedicated my whole life to education, to children and their families, as a teacher, administrator, and board member. The Lansing School District has been my home for 40 years. I know this city and the people who live here. I know our schools and the teachers who teach here. I believe I know what our community wants and that's why I ask you to allow me to continue to serving on the Lansing Board of Education. My promise to this wonderful community is to make sure our children are on a path to a great future.</p>	<p>1. To be sure that every child is receiving the services they need to learn. 2. To ensure every family and child is connecting with the school services, including teachers, counselors, nurses, and administrators. 3. To ensure every student receives psychological, mental, social, and instructional services. 4. Be sure that every student receives meals to continue their education. 5. To make sure that no one with symptoms of COVID-19 presents to work and implement the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. 6. Be sure that we are in continuous communication with medical experts.</p>	<p>We are doing everything we can to serve our community; however, I am sure that we will need to improve technology services to accommodate zoom meetings, google classroom, etc. We hope that the department will be monitoring all the services we are providing to solve any and all situations that may present.</p>

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<p><b>Jonathan Bair</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> MDHHS                      Departmental Analyst  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bairjon.jb@gmail.com">bairjon.jb@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JonathanBairForPortland">http://www.facebook.com/JonathanBairForPortland</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JonathanBairForPortland">www.facebook.com/JonathanBairForPortland</a>  <b>Education:</b> Youth Ministry - Indiana Wesleyan University; Business Management - Cornerstone University  <b>Address:</b> 9831 Pheasant Ridge, Portland MI 48875</p>	<p>Since moving to Portland in 2013 I've been passionate about the people and the area and tried to be involved as much as I can. I was a volunteer with the Portland Main Street program on the Promotions and Marketing committee, planning and working events such as the Block Party, Wine the Walk, and Holiday Fest. I've also been involved with the Portland Community Theater and the Portland Civic Players and have loved the opportunity to interact closely with the community. While in the camping industry, I was part of a team which developed and taught an accredited outdoor experiential education program, with courses heavily geared toward earth sciences and biology. I'm currently involved on a daily basis with in-person (prior to COVID) and virtual training of Medicaid Providers pertaining to State and Federal initiatives and billing requirements. I would love to act as a voice for the people of Portland and ensure our schools continue to provide a quality education for our children.</p>	<p>In the immediate short-term, the COVID pandemic should rightly be at the forefront of board discussions. Retaining a quality educational experience while protecting our community will likely be the focus of board meetings for many months. However, as the pandemic wanes and the board phases into a more traditional role, I'd like to see an improvement to the overall performance of PPS. While we are above the state average, we lag behind schools with similar characteristics in several key areas, such as our graduation rate, attendance, and advanced coursework. I believe utilizing and improving some of the framework being created for virtual enrollment will be able to help address these key issues, better assisting disenfranchised students and offering additional support and experiences for advanced coursework.</p>	<p>I'd like to see Portland develop enhanced virtual instruction (beyond just the COVID response) pertaining to real-world application. Specifically, in our district we have many highly respected and successful business owners/CEO's and trades members. The requirements of traditional in-person schooling have made it difficult in the past for teachers to provide direct real-world experience and education from such individuals in a manner to which students could relate. This real-world educational information can then be packaged and distributed to students in a manner students can relate to and learn from in a profound and impactful way. Gone are the days of rolling a TV into a room and playing a video – students can now virtually walk through a work day at a career they're interested in and experience learning on a completely different level!</p>
<p><b>Anthony W. Edwards</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Investment Accountant  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:awedwards37@gmail.com">awedwards37@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/291130358629415/">www.facebook.com/groups/291130358629415/</a>  <b>Education:</b> Olivet College 2014 Cum Laude  <b>Phone:</b> 517-231-8560</p>	<p>I have been an Investment Accountant for the past 6 years for the Bureau of Investment with the State of Michigan. I have also sat on the board for Association of Government Accountants for 4 years. I am currently sitting on the board of Astera Credit Union as the Treasurer. I have extensive experience with financial statements and budgets and am excited to share my knowledge with Portland Public Schools. I decided to run for School Board because I believe it is my duty to give back to such a great community. I want to be able to share my experience to ensure that the level of education at Portland is high. I have also been praised for thinking outside the box, and in this time of uncertainty, I believe that is needed now more than ever. I want to stand up for the students and teachers so they have a voice that is heard. I have two young boys, ages 8 and 2, so I am fully invested in the greatness of Portland Public Schools.</p>	<p>Our biggest priority right now in 2020-2021 is keeping our students and teachers healthy. This has been such an unprecedented time and we have blueprint on how to address it. We as a community need to take the politics out of this pandemic and focus and ensuring the health and safety for our loved ones. There is no perfect solution and it will need to be prepared for the worst case scenario. We need to do everything in our power to keep schools sanitized, students and teachers wearing masks, and maintain the social distancing practice. We also need to prepare for our students to be forced back virtual learning. In order to ensure smooth transitions between in-school and virtual, we need every student has access to their classes. We need to keep our students educated, and I applaud all the amazing teachers who have made countless sacrifices to make sure they are.</p>	<p>The 2019-2020 school year shined a bright light that our district was not prepared for a pandemic, but what school district was prepared? We have an amazing opportunity to improve how we teach our students. This year, we have the opportunity to allow our students to attend class while they are at home! Imagine being able to allow students who may be ill, on vacation, or snow days to still attend class. This could be utilized either in a live or recorded broadcast. A student would have the ability to go back to an archive of classes to watch a lesson they didn't understand. This could lead Portland Public Schools level of education to a higher standard! Imagine better ACT/SAT scores. Imagine what this could do for our students. Imagine what this could do for the future of Portland Public Schools. This type of talk truly excites me and I hope you could read the passion. This is the type of excitement and passion I plan on bringing every day as a School Board Member.</p>

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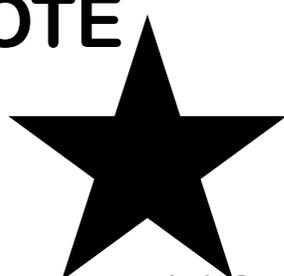
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<p><b>Beth Goodman</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> Insurance Management  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bethgoodman012@gmail.com">bethgoodman012@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> Beth Goodman for Portland School Board Re-Election 2020  <b>Education:</b> Bachelors of Arts, Michigan State University                      MBA, University of Phoenix</p>	<p>I am completing my first 6-year term on the school board and am currently serving as the Board Vice President. I am running for another term due to my dedication to the continued success of this district and because I feel consistency is important especially while we are facing COVID challenges and completing bond work. I earned a bachelor's degree from MSU and earned my MBA after all of my kids were in Portland schools. I am a believer in continuing education and am currently in the process of earning my CPCU insurance designation and CBA which is a training program for school board members. I work as a Regional Director in the insurance industry and my business experience and dedication to children has allowed me to make decisions based on business needs as well as the needs of our district. I current serve as the Chair of the Operations Committee which handles buildings, grounds, transportation and safety and serve on the Policy and Community/Public Relations Committee.</p>	<p>The first priority during this pandemic is the same as our top priority has always been which is how to best educate our children with their safety and needs at the forefront. This pandemic has changed a lot about how we do that but the priority is the same. Our district has worked very hard to create a plan that meets the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. The dedication of our administrators, teachers and staff have been unwavering. We will continue with the plan that has been set out and make modifications when necessary to ensure we are best meeting student needs while keeping them safe.</p>	<p>Through our current bond work and with other budget dollars we have been fortunate to be able to provide devices for all student who need them this academic school year. We have purchased a learning management system which will allow us to manage virtual education for all students when necessary. We will continue supporting staff and training students and families how to best face the challenges and opportunities with virtual learning and how to succeed in this new environment.</p>
<p><b>Andrew M. Huhn</b>  <b>Occupation:</b> IT Project Manager  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:andrewhuhn@hotmail.com">andrewhuhn@hotmail.com</a>  <b>Education:</b> Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University  <b>Phone:</b> 517-648-2309  <b>Address:</b> 6585 Ionia Rd                      Portland, MI 48875</p>	<p>I am a Portland native, veteran, and proud to call Portland home for my family. I received a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University, where I also received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. I currently work as a PMP certified IT Project Manager in Lansing. After I separated from the military, I wanted to give back to my community. I started by coaching my son's baseball teams and eventually got involved in the Education Trust Fund at our church. Since moving back to Portland, I have become active at VFW Post 4090, serving as the Senior Vice Commander and website/social media coordinator, serving on the Planning Commission for Portland Township, and the Board of Education for Portland Public School.</p>	<p>The highest priority for us on the School Board is the safety of students, faculty, and staff that resumed school in August. Our mission is simple- to educate our students. Unfortunately, we cannot do that without following the safety protocols. I would ask student-athletes to be leaders on and off the field/court and encourage their peers to follow the safety guidelines within the school district. Without school there will be no sports. Also, these have been stressful times for everyone. I would encourage any student, faculty, or staff member who feels overwhelmed to reach out to the skilled counselors that we have and seek help. I also believe it is important to ensure our free and reduced lunch program participants are able to receive a good meal if we are transitioned into all-virtual learning.</p>	<p>The current School Board did a great job of anticipating the impacts of COVID-19 on our students by purchasing enough Chromebooks for each student to be issued their own. However, not all families have access to reliable high-speed internet. I would continue the expansion of WiFi networks into the parking lots at all Public School facilities for parents and students to access. I would also encourage the School Board to reach out to local internet service providers to express the urgency of granting reduced/no fee services for virtual students who could not afford service at their home.</p>
<p><b>Nancyann P. Lufkin</b>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:NPLufkin@gmail.com">NPLufkin@gmail.com</a>  <b>Phone:</b> 517-282-2838</p>	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

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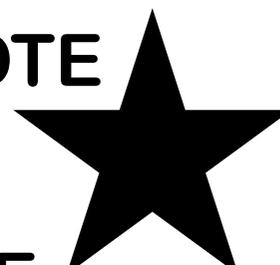


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<b>Joe Polasek</b> <b>Occupation:</b> State E-Rate Coordinator, Michigan Department of Education <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:joepolasek@gmail.com">joepolasek@gmail.com</a> <b>Education:</b> B.S. Central Michigan University	While we have only lived in the district for 2+ years, my wife has been teaching for over a decade here in Portland. Our three young children are enrolled in the public schools and we feel very blessed to live here. I thought, as I explored ways I could contribute and give back to the community, that this opportunity makes sense for me. I have worked 6+ years for the Michigan Department of Education in the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE), the Office of Special Education, and currently in the Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology (OSET) in the Education Technology Unit. I understand the "state perspective" and, through my wife who teaches in our district, how those policies effect classroom instruction. My work at the department revolves around educational technology infrastructure (connection, devices, software). As education leans more on technology, I understand the importance of integrating tools into instruction as an enhancement and not just an add-on.	1) Safety of students, staff, and community members- Regardless of how instruction is delivered, physical and social/emotional safety must be the top concern. I applaud the current Board of Education and district leadership as they have worked to meet these challenges. As information and situations evolve, I would work with the board to address them directly. 2) Technology Integration and Access to Broadband Internet- With the high likelihood of distance learning for students at some point this school year, I once again applaud the current Board of Education and district administration for their handling of the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We all learned a lot. Sadly, we also learned about inequities of broadband access. That needs to be a focus moving forward. 3) Post-Secondary Outcomes- So much focus is given to the grad rates. Why not look at what happens after a student leaves? Did our public school system prepare students well for life after high school? That is my focus.	I want to, again, give kudos to the current Board of Ed and district administration for their leadership. The current bond funding has improved classroom technology, device availability, and software inventory. The district has more and better technology assets than ever before. As always, the biggest hurdle to effective use of technology in education remains integration of the tool into instruction. So what are the barriers to that seamless integration? Professional development for teachers is paramount- training for teachers on how to use the technology tool(s) to support their classroom instruction, not just adding "one more thing" for teachers, students, and parents to navigate. More tangibly, the lack of effective broadband connections to all homes in the district is a huge problem. When and where possible, the district must support home connections and public/open Wi-Fi serving all community members. It's not just about schoolwork, it's also about access to the digital economy.
<b>Angela M. Shinaver</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Senior Audit Supervisor <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:angelashinaverforppsboard@gmail.com">angelashinaverforppsboard@gmail.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> Angela Shinaver for Portland Public School Board <b>Education:</b> Bachelors Business Admin <b>Phone:</b> 517-647-7950	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

### League of Women Voters Lansing Area Contribution Form

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My check is made out to the "League of Women Voters Lansing Area Education Fund" which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

I wish to support the League's action priorities.

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Comments:

Thank you for your support.

Please mail this to LWVLA, PO Box 971, East Lansing, MI 48826

## Waverly Community Schools Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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<b>Adre D. Brown</b> <b>Email:</b> Adrebrown@yahoo.com <b>Phone:</b> 517-285-7429	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>Amy Krause</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Stay at home mom <b>Email:</b> akrause@waverlyk12.net <b>Education:</b> Took classes at L.C.C. <b>Phone:</b> 517-648-8842	I have been a resident of Delta Township for over 20 years. My husband graduated from Waverly over 30 years ago and our 3 children have all grown up in the Waverly School District. My eldest two have graduated and my youngest is currently at Waverly High School. I was appointed to fill a vacancy 2 years ago and hope to continue working for the students, parents, teachers and staff of Waverly.	I feel that the highest priorities facing our district right now are getting our students back to learning in person while simultaneously keeping them safe. I think families should be given the opportunity to choose which type of learning best suits their situation. I also believe that we have the ability and dedication to do this safely and responsibly.	Our biggest challenge is having the funds to keep up with new and ever-changing technology. We are always exploring new ways to increase our budget.
<b>Tamia McClain</b> <b>Email:</b> tmccclain42@gmail.com <b>Phone:</b> 517-281-9430	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
<b>Holly Nester</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Policy Analyst <b>Email:</b> hollymnester@yahoo.com <b>Education:</b> BA Michigan State University, MBA Cleary University <b>Phone:</b> 517-242-3906	I have two children, in 8th and 9th grades, who have attended Waverly Community Schools since they began school. I have first hand knowledge as a parent and School Board member of the stellar education provided at Waverly in both the general and special education. I chose to run for Waverly School Board in 2016 because I believed, and continue to believe, that I can provide a strong voice for students, particularly those with special needs. As I have grown in my role as a School Board member I have learned more about the deficiencies of the American education system in recognizing the role minority citizens had in the development of our great nation. Waverly needs to have a teacher population that resembles our student population giving new and diverse voices to the learning environment. We also must develop a curriculum that no longer adheres to old standards. All children benefit when the voices of all our citizens are spoken together with equal importance	My priorities during the COVID pandemic are to ensure that all students have equal access to the education we expect from Waverly schools. I will advocate for our children who need more support to stay on track and to help caregivers who are struggling with their new work-life-school reality. I have pushed to help working parents by increasing access to child care that will also support student online experience. Also, teachers must be given the resources and flexibility to use their experience and creativity in teaching their students. I believe that the best place for students to learn is in the classroom with their peers and in-person access to their teachers but understand that in these unique circumstances the best way to ensure the safety of our students and teachers is an online environment. I will work to return our children to school buildings when our leaders and medical experts indicate that it is safe to do so.	During these unique and difficult times I know that all children do not have access to everything they need to connect them to the learning environment. As a school board member I have supported efforts to make sure all students have a laptop and an internet connection in order to continue their education in the same manner as their peers. As a parent and school board member I know that we need to improve access to the latest and greatest technology specifically tailored to the unique needs and abilities of our special education students. I will advocate for incorporating external, online services as part of a full complement of education resources. I believe that students benefit from diverse instructional techniques to give them an edge in this highly technological and global age.

You can absentee vote in person at your Clerk's Office beginning September 24, 2020.

Bring ID and please wear a mask.



## Waverly Community Schools Board Election (continued)

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<b>John E. Robertson</b> <b>Occupation:</b> Data Quality Consultant <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:johnr48917@hotmail.com">johnr48917@hotmail.com</a> <b>Education:</b> Master's in Information Technology, Bachelor's in Vocational Education, & Associates in Logistic <b>Phone:</b> 517-763-2429	<p>I was in the Air Force for eleven years where I attended college on base obtaining enough credit for my bachelor's degree within a year of being honorable discharged. Work was hard to find, so I decided to get my master's online in information technology through American Intercontinental University. I have worked at the Michigan Department of Education for over twenty years: about ten years as data analyst and ten as Data Quality Consultant. One of my duties include quality review of student and teacher data that Michigan sends to US Department of Education. Student disciplines, attendance, graduation, and dropout rates are usually issues, especially for minority students. Those are the areas where I believe I will be able to help districts identify where funds will be most effective. Plus, I wasn't the best student in high school and believe all student can succeed with the right support. My son and two step daughters graduated from Waverly High School. Now, my grand kids are going</p>	<p>Making the right decision on whether to do online classes or open schools for face-to-face classes is the most important one they will have to make. It is a life and death decision. Everyone wants children to be in class, because most learn better that way and the social aspect is a benefit to their well being. However, if the risk of the spread is still high, students must stay home. Learning online is safe from the virus but not all students have web access or computers. The digital divide is still a problem for many people of color or those living in poverty. If elected, I will analyse the current environment and develop a plan to ensure each child has what they need to learn, and staff have what they need to educate.</p>	<p>The technology issues facing the district is the same as stated above and as it always has been, except the pandemic exacerbate them. Actually, I read some of the board minutes and they did a wonderful job getting devices into students hands. My five-year-old granddaughter received one and was very happy and seem to enjoy different apps available. For that, I will like to say thanks Waverly. Also, I reviewed their strategic plan and am looking for a place to apply my particular skills to assist them in continuous improvement.</p>
<b>Tou Vue</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tou.vue@gmail.com">tou.vue@gmail.com</a> <b>Phone:</b> 517-331-2678	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

### League of Women Voters of the United States

The League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### League of Women Voters Education Fund

The League of Women Voters Education Fund works to register voters, provide voters with election information through voter guides as well as candidate forums and debates.

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#### Our Mission, Vision, and Value

##### Mission

Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

##### Vision

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

##### Value

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

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### Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

# Voting Tips from the Secretary of State\*

## Stay safe and avoid Election Day crowds

### VOTE EARLY Starting September 24

- Vote from home.
- Apply online at *Michigan.gov/Vote* to have your ballot or accessible ballot sent to you.
- Vote and submit your ballot at your clerk's drop box or office  
OR return it as soon as possible by mail (by Oct. 19).
- **Be sure to sign the outside of the envelope.**
- Vote at your clerk's office. Enter your address@ *Michigan.gov/Vote* to find your election clerk's office.
- Go to your clerk's office, ask for your absentee ballot, vote and submit it in one trip.
- For those who choose not to vote early, polling places will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Accessible voting

Call your clerk's office ahead of time to make sure your voting site is free of obstructions. If your site isn't accessible, you will be directed to an alternative site that is. Hearing impaired residents with questions may contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections by email at *elections@michigan.gov*.

The Bureau of Elections now has an Ombudsperson for Accessible Elections to respond to and assist individuals with disabilities attempting to vote. To speak with the Ombudsperson for Accessible Elections, call 800-292-5973 ext. 3 or email *MDOS-ADAVoting@michigan.gov*.

### How do I apply for an accessible absentee ballot?

Voters with print disabilities may apply for an accessible electronic absent voter ballot that can be completed electronically, printed, and returned to the local clerk. To apply online for an accessible electronic absent voter ballot: <https://sites.omniballot.us/26/absentee/app/home>

### How do I vote in person with an accessible machine?

All voters, including voters with disabilities, have access to a Voter Assist Terminal in all polling places. The Voter Assist Terminal helps the voter mark a ballot. It will mark the ballot with the voter's choices but does not tally the votes. Once the ballot is marked, it is counted in exactly the same fashion as all other ballots.

## Election Day Problems?

Report an election issue by calling:

- 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
- 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)
- 1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

\*Information on this page is from <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>

## \*Who is eligible to vote?

- A United States citizen
- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

\*To ensure accuracy, voting information has been copied with only minimal editing from the Michigan Secretary of State's website



Election Day is November 3rd

You can request your Absentee Ballot **NOW**

Mail your AV ballot by October 20, 2020

Your ballot must arrive at your clerk's office by  
8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020

## **VOTE411.org**

VOTE411.org is a one-stop website where you can see what's on your ballot, check your voter registration, find your polling place, find links to candidate forums, and other information related to voting. All federal, state and local races are available on-line. The site is presented by the League of Women Voters United States Education Fund.



Scan this QR code to find out where your closest dropbox is.  
You **must** use a dropbox in your municipality or township.

### **How YOU can support the League of Women Voters**

The League is dedicated to working toward a more perfect union by encouraging citizen education and participation. Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all people over the age of 16 without regard to gender, gender identity, race, political affiliation, religion or belief, color, ethnic origins, sexual orientation, veteran or disability status. For information about joining or to contribute to the work of the League visit our website at [lwvlansing.org](http://lwvlansing.org) or email [donnamullinslwvla@gmail.com](mailto:donnamullinslwvla@gmail.com).

# How can I vote?



## In person:

- Election Day is November 3, 2020
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time. **You have the right to vote if you are in line by 8 p.m.**
- Please wear a mask and practice social distancing

## Absentee Ballot

- Directions are inside and at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org)

AT [WWW.VOTE411.ORG](http://WWW.VOTE411.ORG) THEY HAD ALL THE INFORMATION I NEEDED. I KNOW WHERE I GO TO VOTE AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES AND THE CANDIDATES. EVEN THE PROPOSALS MAKE SENSE NOW!



THE SITE IS NONPARTISAN AND IT'S SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. GIVE IT A TRY!

I GOT A CUSTOM BALLOT I CAN TAKE TO THE POLLS.

SOUNDS GREAT!

## LATER

ARE YOU STILL DOING RESEARCH?

NOPE! I'M ALL DONE. I'M PLAYING ANGRY BIRDS.

GOODBYE PIGGIES!