

2020 Nonpartisan Ingham 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, 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 3th.**

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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 is also publishing a Voter Guide covering candidates in Clinton and Eaton counties.

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 then click "elections".
- Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

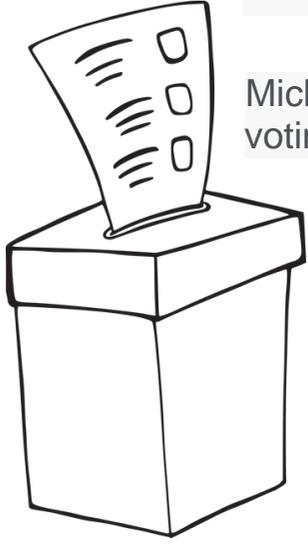
Did my ballot arrive?

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.*

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 67 (choose 1) Biographical Info

Kara Hope - DEM

Website: <http://votekarahope.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/KaraHopeHoltMI>

Twitter: twitter.com/KaraHope7

Occupation / Current Position: state representative

Education: Juris doctor cum laude, WMU-Cooley Law School; bachelor of arts with high honors, Phi Beta Kappa, Michigan State University

Qualifications and Experience: I am an attorney with experience in the public, private, and academic sectors. I previously served (2012-18) as an Ingham County Commissioner, including a term as board chairperson.

Nate J. Ross - 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?*

Kara Hope (DEM) Public funding for education is inadequate. Michigan struggles to attract and retain qualified teachers in part because of the poor pay. While we make more demands of our teachers, we don't provide them with the support they need. I would support incentives, like scholarships and student loan forgiveness or deferrals, to get Michigan's best and brightest into the teaching field. I support returning support personnel like school nurses, social workers, and librarians to our public school buildings, and I have already supported legislation to these ends.

Nate J. Ross - (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?*

Kara Hope (DEM) A major investment (most likely with federal dollars and state dollars) in infrastructure would help create good jobs. Before COVID, Michigan needed major improvements in our roads, bridges, dams, and communications infrastructure. Those needs have not gone away. Michigan could use its public universities to attract and retain talented individuals in the fields of technology, science, and medicine. This could entail tuition breaks for students in these fields who promised to remain in Michigan for a set period after graduation. I also support raising the minimum wage and implementing other protections for workers.

Nate J. Ross - (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?*

Kara Hope (DEM) I have introduced legislation that would enhance reporting requirements for so-called "dark money" groups. And I have introduced legislation that would give local clerks the tools they need to efficiently process absentee ballots. Even before the pandemic, more voters were expected to take advantage of the expanded eligibility created by Proposal 3 in 2018. With the SOS's decision to mail absentee ballot applications to all eligible voters, these reforms become all the more important. Yes, I do support making voting as accessible, inclusive, and fair as it can be; that includes mailing ballots to voters.

Nate J. Ross - (REP) Candidate did not respond.

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?*

Kara Hope (DEM) I support "polluter pay" legislation, and I support putting more resources into ensuring compliance with environmental regulations. I support moving aggressively to producing more renewable energy, and energy efficiency is low-hanging fruit when it comes to reducing Michigan's reliance on fossil fuels. I also support making sure that environmental justice is a focus of all environmental regulations. Too often, low-income communities and communities of color are forced to endure bad corporate actors in their neighborhoods.

Nate J. Ross - (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?*

Kara Hope (DEM) Raising the minimum wage to a living wage would help many escape poverty. Paid family leave and quality, affordable or free child care would also help. Better housing options would help families and seniors alike as would improved access to quality free or low-cost health care. I have introduced the Fair Scheduling Act that would give working parents more certainty regarding their work schedules, so they can plan for child care and participate in their children's school activities.

Nate J. Ross - (REP) Candidate did not respond.

District 69 (choose 1) Biographical Info:

Julie Brixie - DEM

Website: <http://www.JulieBrixie.com>

Facebook: <http://www.Facebook.com/StateRepJulieBrixie>

Twitter: twitter.com/JulieBrixie

Occupation / Current Position: State Representative

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Geography; University of Illinois; 1988 Master's Degree in Crop and Soil Sciences with a specialization in Environmental Toxicology; MSU; 1991

Qualifications and Experience: State Representative, 2019-Present Meridian Township Treasurer, 2008-2018 Meridian Township Trustee, 2000-2008 Environmental Consultant, 1991-1998 Public Funds Investment Manager

Grace S. Norris - 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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) Make sure we're working with the brightest minds in education when we make decisions about our children's education, not the DeVos family. 2. Put an end to the senseless cuts and raid on the School Aid Fund. 3. Invest in pediatric literacy programming and establishing universal preschool. 4. Invest in the early childhood reading coaches and classroom support staff so every child has the one-on-one support they need to read at grade level. 5. Invest in our community colleges and universities again to reduce tuition rates and make college affordable for everyone. Read my full plan at JulieBrixie.com/Julies-Plan.

Grace S. Norris - (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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) We have to diversify our economy. We still rely far too heavily on manufacturing, which is why we have been hit hardest by the two most recent recessions. We have made some progress, but nothing like Minnesota. In the late 90s, we had the same median household income as Minnesota and were among the top states. Since then, Minnesota has increased educational attainment and retained their graduates in order to attract 21 century employers, while we have continued the failed policy of offering business incentives. We also have to increase the minimum wage to ensure people working full time are not living in poverty.

Grace S. Norris - (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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) I fully support mailing ballots to all eligible voters and any policy that make it easier to vote. For far too long, barriers have been placed on the right to vote to disenfranchise certain groups. We took a major step forward in 2018 when we passed the Voters Not Politicians' proposal to end gerrymandering and approved Proposal 3 to restore and expand voting rights. I'm working to protect the new redistricting commission as Republican lawmakers have repeatedly tried to underfund. I'm also working to support bipartisan legislation to make sure we can count absentee ballots in a timely fashion.

Grace S. Norris - (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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) If we're going to be successful tackle climate change, we must establish a state-wide plan to achieve 100% renewable energy production by 2050. It's deeply ironic that the Capitol is currently having a geothermal system installed, which will make the Capitol 100% renewable. Yet, lawmakers inside haven't seen the value in establishing a plan to achieve 100% renewable energy production. I am also working to increase energy efficiency, recycling and a statewide septic code to address the thousands of failing septic systems that are polluting our waters. Residents can read my full plan at JulieBrixie.com/Environment.

Grace S. Norris - (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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) The first thing we have to do is increase the minimum wage to ensure people working full time are not living in poverty. We also need to increase our educational attainment. States with higher educational attainment have higher medium household income. In order to achieve this, we have to make college affordable again and reduce barriers that many families face. For instance, single parents and low/middle-class households need affordable child care in order to pursue their education and professions. As it relates to lifting up our seniors, we need to support retirement benefits/plans and reform social security.

Grace S. Norris - (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?*

Julie Brixie - (DEM) Yes, and I have introduced legislation to establish a "Red Flag" law and to prohibit the possession of firearms in the Capitol so far during my first term in office. In order to address gun violence in our communities, we must: 1. Enacting Universal Background Checks 2. Robust Enforcement of Mental Health Record Reporting 3. Prohibiting Domestic Abusers from Purchasing Firearms 4. Closing the Open Carry Loophole 5. Enacting a Red Flag Law 6. Establishing a Child Access Prevention Law 7. Banning large-capacity magazines, bump stocks and assault weapons Residents can read my full plan at JulieBrixie.com/gun-safety.

Grace S. Norris - (REP) Candidate did not respond.

Ingham 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 style="text-align: center;">District 1</p> <p>Victor G. Celentino DEM Occupation: Special Education Teacher Email: victorcelentino8201@comcast.net Website: http://www.voteceleitino.com Education:Diploma: Waverly High School; AD, LCC; BA, Olivet College; MA Western Michigan University. Phone: 517-285-9049 Address: 1029 Andrus Ave., Lansing, MI 48917</p>	<p>20 years as a County Commissioner, Chairperson of the BOC 2004, 2006, 2014, 2018 (partial). Member of the Law and Courts and County Services Committees. Capital Region International Airport Authority Board; member of of NAACP; Italian American Club of Lansing; St. Gerard Catholic Church. Former Lansing Township Trustee (1992-2000). Presently a Special Education teacher at Sexton High School with the Lansing School District. I am running for reelection because my years of experience is needed in these challenging times. I've been involved with many issues during my tenure ranging from infrastructure, recreational opportunities, and regionalism. In 2020, Waverly Road from Old Lansing Rd to St. Joe street along with MDOT's project on the interchange, will be resurface and restructured. I would like to monitor this important project which I've been involved with and benefits all the citizens of our region. I would like to continue to offer positive and responsible progressive leadership</p>	<p>The first priority is the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. Making sure we are doing all we can to ensure our employees and our citizens of are safe and healthy. We have taken many proactive steps when responding (declaring local state of emergency; activating our EOC, working with officials and others within the region, making sure our employees finances are not disruptive, keeping businesses aware of the stimulus money flowing into the region their continued operations.etc.). The second priority is to closely monitor the financial impact this will have on our finances for the continuation of the FY 2020 and when preparing for the 2021 FY budget. Being prudent in any additional spending right now is being practiced by the Board. My third priority is the continuation monitoring the completion of the Waverly Road/MDOT infrastructure project, which has already began this spring.</p>	<p>Ingham County has always been a steward on being environmentally aware. Global warming is an issue facing our country. Ingham County has always established "green" policies for building projects to the extent possible. Our committee process has always tried to identify any environmental concerns within our country structure and looking at possible solution, for example going 'green' on building projects, as I mentioned, or any other environmental policy which would benefit. Also, our Health department does an exceptional job monitoring lead levels in our water, which is an environmental concern for our community.</p>	<p>The Ingham County Health Department has been a leader throughout our state when responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our County Health Officer, Linda Vail, has exhibited exceptional leadership with her proactive approach when this first started. The results of our policies has kept the numbers at a minimal, however, we are very saddened for those who have lost their lives from this virus and our thoughts and prayers goes out to their families and loved ones. As a result of the the policies, our hospitals have not been overburden and they have been able to handle the crisis. We are very grateful for the many health care workers who risk their lives taking care of us. We will continue to work toward keeping our citizens healthy and safe during this pandemic crisis. Ingham County has been a strong and steady leader throughout this crisis.</p>
<p>Kathy Prout - REP Email: kprout@email.com Phone: 517-372-3549</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;">District 2</p> <p>Ryan Sebolt-DEM Occupation: Government Relations, Labor Email: rsebolt@gmail.com Website: http://voteryansebolt.com/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/voteryansebolt/ Education: B.A., Albion College 2005 Phone: 517-927-3917 Address: 1555 N Genesee Dr Lansing, MI 48915</p>	<p>I am currently serving in my second term as County Commissioner. I also have more than a decade of experience working in the legislature, and through that, working with various levels of government. Prior to being elected to office, I also was on the boards of Suits and the City (an LGBTQ professional networking group) and Michigan Pride (which hosts the LGBTQ Pride Festival in Lansing each year). I am seeking reelection because I believe strongly in the work done by county government. We provide critical services that improve the lives of the residents of Ingham County.</p>	<p>The biggest issue that will now face Ingham County will be our ability to continue to provide the quality services our residents rely on while dealing with the anticipated budget shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>There are many environmental issues that we can focus on locally, from preserving green space to increased use of renewable energy to addressing traffic and urban sprawl. I think the most important role the county can play in addressing environmental concerns is to serve as a regional coordinator. As a coordinator, the county can help align efforts between larger entities like Lansing and East Lansing, while also providing assistance to smaller townships in developing their plans.</p>	<p>For the foreseeable future, there will be increased demands on the Ingham County Health Department. We are very fortunate to have such a proactive health department whose efforts have really helped to curb the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve. The health department will have a continued need to do contract tracing, especially as we start to re-engage sectors of the economy. There will be a need to continue to inform the public, including vulnerable and marginalized populations on health and safety measures to prevent the spread of the virus. There will also be the need to inspect and enforce safety standards at workplaces across the county.</p>

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District 2 Peter S. Hudy - REP Email: hudypete@yahoo.com Phone: 517-927-6682	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
District 3 Derrell E. Slaughter -DEM Email : slaughterforlansing@gmail.com Phone: 517-295-1012	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
Beverly K. Hansen REP Occupation: Retired from MI Dept. Treasury Email: bkhansen4@aol.com Website: http://bkhansen4@aol.com Education: Graduate of Parsons Business School(now Davenport College. General Business Course (acct. & bus.) Phone: 517-708-7485 Address: 4811 Ora Street	I am a Precinct Delegate, Volunteer for MIGOP by making phone calls, Mid Michigan Womens' Republican Club officer, Ingham County Republican Party , top volunteer of the County for 2020.I worked for the Michigan Dept. of Treasury for 32 years and am retired. I worked in Kalamazoo Office for 16 of those years and answered phones, helped customers that came to office for assistance and called delinquent taxpayers, did tax returns, banking reconciliation, filing and helped wherever needed. In Lansing I worked in Receipts Processing for 16 years and helped process funds from different departments and made sure that everything was balanced before sending out. Traced checks that were not credited.	My Priority is to cut wasteful spending & consolidate some of the County positions. Fix roads	COVID-19 is our most important issue at this time. Our County Health Dept. is doing its job to make sure citizens are aware of what needs to be done as far as testing.	All I see changed is more testing because we have advanced since February. I also feel that spit would help out instead of sticking swabs up the nose. That would include the individuals active germs present in their systems. I also feel wearing masks in public is important to keep the germs from spreading.
District 4 Bryan L. Crenshaw DEM Occupation: Attendance Specialist, Lansing School District Email: bryanlcrenshaw@gmail.com Education: Associates Degree in Business, (Major Criminal Justice) Lansing Community College 1996 Phone: 517-256-6573 Address: 213 E. Harris St.,Lansing, MI 48906	I have served as a County Commissioner since September 7, 2013. I was appointment to complete the term for my predecessor who resigned for other opportunities. Since joining the Board, I have been active in all deliberations that have come before us. I have served as the Chair of the Law & Courts Committee in 2016 and 2018 and have served as Chairperson of the Board for 2019 and 2020. I have also served on the County Services and Finance Committee's.I want to continue the work the Board has established in improving the quality of life for Ingham County residents. As we have faced the impacts of COVID-19, it is important to have someone serving who understand how the Board works and our budget, as we will have to make some tough decisions in the years to come.	Our priorities have varied of the years. Currently our priority is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and how this will impact our budget. We will have to look at all aspects of the budget and may have to make some tough decisions on continuing or cutting programs. Each decision will impact at least one resident. We have to work to ensure this impact is minimal and does not risk the health and prosperity of our residents.	Ingham County has been fortunate to have a Health Officer who has been working 24/7 to ensure the impact of COVID-19 has been as minimal as possible. While we have had 793 confirmed cases and 29 deaths, our Health Care Officer has worked to ensure our health systems are able to deal the the number of individuals who required hospitalizations/quarantined. This has helped mitigate the spread by helping identify where COVID-19 is prevalent. The county health department will still be the leading charge in addressing public health issues, but the delivery may be slightly different. More screenings before individuals enter the facilities, outreach to individuals who may exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and a response that will hopefully mitigate the spread of the disease are all things the county health department may move towards as we move forward.	Ingham County has been fortunate to have a Health Officer who has been working 24/7 to ensure the impact of COVID-19 has been as minimal as possible. While we have had 793 confirmed cases and 29 deaths, our Health Care Officer has worked to ensure our health systems are able to deal the the number of individuals who required hospitalizations/quarantined. This has helped mitigate the spread by helping identify where COVID-19 is prevalent.

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District 4 Jennifer L. Smith REP Email: jlsmith4progress@gmail.com Phone:517-484-0202	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
District 5 Todd Tennis - DEM Occupation: Lobbyist Email: ttennis@capitol-services.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/toddntennis Education: Waverly High School. University of Michigan, Bachelors Degree Phone: 517-202-2303 Address: 1924 Fairmont Street Lansing, MI 48911	The focus of my career has been representing working people and charitable organizations as a lobbyist in Lansing. For the last 25 years, I have represented bus drivers, electrical workers, utility workers, school employees, and a number of other organizations aimed at making an unfair world a little fairer. After being first elected to the Ingham County Commission in 2006, I have tried to be a strong voice at the county level for the residents of southeast Lansing. I have been able to chair the Human Services committee on multiple occasions where I have led the charge to enhance the availability of primary health care services for Ingham County residents.	We are in the midst of a pandemic where our county health department and the Ingham Community Health Centers are at the center of the response. We are facing a long-overdue reckoning with the systemic racism that has plagued our nation and our community for generations. We have already engaged our health department in testing and contact tracing to help identify and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and our community health centers have implemented policies to ensure that our residents can continue to receive primary care without spreading the disease further. We will take a close look at our own policing operations to make sure that we are not asking law enforcement to perform tasks better suited to social workers and mental health specialists. I plan to participate in our efforts to address racism as a public health crisis and point out repeatedly the stress and pain racism places on our communities of color – and find ways to address systemic racism in our institutions.	Our climate is changing, and human activity is responsible for it. Without action, the impact of this change, which is already affecting people around the world, will only get worse here in Ingham County. At the county level, we have encouraged more locally grown food by allowing more backyard agriculture. We have also created a database of hazardous materials storage so as to more quickly respond to spills or other accidents and prevent the spread of contamination.	The role of many of our departments will change due to COVID-19, but obviously none will be more impacted than our health department. Our health department leaders and staff are already doing tremendous work expanding access to testing and in doing the follow-up work to lessen the spread of this disease. As medical treatments and vaccines become available, our health department will be at the forefront of dispensing medicines to the sick and providing vaccinations to the healthy. We will also have an increased burden on our mental health and substance abuse services due to the way this disease – and the quarantines – have affected so many of our Ingham County residents.
District 5 David N. Robinson - REP Email: dnobinso89@gmail.com Phone:862-220-8720	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”
- Larry J. Sabato



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Voting is a fundamental right and all eligible voters should have equal opportunity to exercise that right. We are dedicated to ensuring that our elections remain free, fair and accessible.....League of Women Voters of the United States.

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<p style="text-align: center;">District 6</p> <p>Brandon D. Currin DEM Occupation:Teacher Email: currinbr@gmail.com Education: B.A. Michigan State University Phone: 517-604-1821 Address: 66 Lilac Lane Mason, MI 48854</p>	<p>I have always been a believer of giving back to my community. From an early age, I began working with the Give-a-Kid Projects and from there my love of community as grown. As a teacher, I see everyday the benefits of our great county and believe that we need to invest in our future. As a teacher, I see the struggles families in Ingham County go through. I see what is needed and want to give a voice to and fight for all residents. We need to ensure that Ingham County is a destination region to our state so families can grow and prosper.</p>	<p>With the Covid-19 pandemic we need to make sure that we are spending and investing money in the right areas. I want to make sure that we are focusing on the most important aspects of the county. We need to continue to invest in the health of the community. In addition, I want to make sure this county remains a place people want to live. We need to look at ways to continue the investment in to programs and attributes that make people want to call Ingham County home. I also want to focus on our roads. While touring my district I see the cracks, the potholes, the weeds growing in the roads. We need to make sure this is a continued focus on the county.</p>	<p>Climate change is a growing issue that we need to focus on the local level. Ingham County has always invested in our parks and green spaces and we need to continue to do this. I am proud of the work of our trail system which help connects all areas of the county and would like to see those paths expanded. I live in the more rural part of the county we need to look at ways to invest and expand access to public transportation to help with this connection.</p>	<p>It has to change. We need to focus on the investment of our health system. I am proud of what Ingham County has done so far and we need to ensure that we invest in way to help with testing and tracing COVID-19 to make sure it does not spread and expand in our community. We have done a great job so far we need to keep that work going.</p>
<p>Randy Maiville REP Occupation: Engineer Email: randymaiville@gmail.com Education: University of Michigan, BS Aerospace Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering, Leslie High School Phone: 517-202-4919</p>	<p>Professional Employment Experience - Engineer Eaton Aeroquip 32 Years, Local Government Experience - Ingham County Commissioner, District 6, 2013-present (elected incumbent); Onondaga Township Supervisor, 2004-2011; Onondaga Trustee, 1996-2004; Onondaga Planning Commission 1990-2004 Why am I running? I wish to continue to serve the people of my district and Ingham County. I have the most experience as an incumbent and previous township official. I continue to be a voice for the out-county areas and not special interests. As a previous local elected official, I was outspoken with matters at the county level. I was asked to run by incumbents recognizing my work as a township official and to</p>	<p>1) The budget as a result of the COVID Pandemic. The county was just starting to feel relief from the 2008 recession. COVID has impacted our budget for 2020 and will impact 2021 significantly. This needs to be addressed while we continue the effort to address underfunded retirement costs while maintaining the promises that were previously made to county employees. This can be done by careful review annually and trying to exceed the minimum payments the state recommends when possible. 2) Complete the new Justice Complex and leverage the efficiencies it should create for staffing and supporting areas that have been in shortfall due to past budgeting. 3) Carefully review the number of millages the county has and only renew those as necessary. 4) Have regionalism be win-win and benefit multiple agencies or the entire tri-county area, not just one entity at the expense of taxpayer's money and lack of critical services. Regionalism has often benefited one or two municipalities.</p>	<p>I believe the most important environmental issue locally is groundwater. Once an aquifer or groundwater is compromised or polluted it cannot be easily mediated. I have supported a revisit to a groundwater study performed in the 1970's to have it updated and reviewed again. I have assisted a Health Department retiree who has taken this on personally. Ingham County does have several polluted groundwater sites. The County Government can help by support efforts to monitor and minimize impact. For example, this can be done through supporting our Health Department's Environmental Health sanitary efforts and the Drain Commission office to reduce the movement of some of the known polluted plumes.</p>	<p>I see the role changing to be a more visible one to the community and public. Our Health Department has been recognized nationally and is led by a world class Health Officer. As a commissioner my colleagues and myself supported our Health Department and our Health Officer through this experience. As an example, our Health Officer worked extensively over a weekend early in the evolution to limit capacity in public places due to social distancing issues in the area. Health Department was initially providing media updates 2 times a week and now once in transparent Zoom meeting to allow the media to engage and question to support the media message to the public.</p>

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<p align="center">District 7</p> <p>Chris Trubac - DEM Occupation: Legislative Aide Email: chrstrubac@gmail.com Website: http://www.chrstrubac.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/chrstrubac Education: B.S. Conservation of Natural Resources - University of Massachusetts, Amherst Phone: 517-643-1418 Address: 2192 Cedar St, Holt, MI 48842</p>	<p>I have really enjoyed serving the people of Ingham County's 7th Commission District since I was sworn into office in January of 2019. Public service comes naturally to me, as I have always been interested in public policy, activism and advocacy. Since graduating from UMass Amherst in 2014, most of my career has been spent working for elected Democrats in the Michigan Legislature. My highest aspiration is to help enact strong environmental policies that will protect our natural resources and empower people to control their futures. I am also passionate about ensuring equal access to first-rate education resources, adequate health care for all people regardless of income or job status, and fair wages and benefits for working families. As a commissioner, I have worked to install great leadership in the Animal Control shelter, pass protections for LGBTQ county employees, and help local units of government build parks and trails for all county residents to enjoy.</p>	<p>19 pandemic. It's important to me that we spend money wisely without cutting corners and eroding the rights and protections our employees have earned. Many options are on the table, but it's just as important to be clear about the options that are not. In 2019, I stood in strong opposition to an internal push to privatize jail medical services as a cost savings measure. I have no doubt these kinds of ideas will be suggested again—particularly during these coming months of financial difficulty. However, I am dedicated to finding smart, strategic solutions to balance the county's budget without compromising the quality of our services or the security of our staff and their families.</p>	<p>We have to continue our outreach to local families, providing them with opportunities to connect with the natural world. By providing outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities through our parks, and top-notch nature and conservation education opportunities at Potter Park Zoo, I believe we can inspire members of the public to become active conservationists in their day-to-day lives. It's important that we continue funding the vital work of those departments, even in times of looming uncertainty. That's why I was proud to fiercely advocate for Potter Park's recent millage increase, which passed on the March 2020 ballot. With that revenue, we will be making a number of improvements to the zoo's infrastructure that will continue to enhance visitors' experiences. I want to continue to ensure that each zoo visitor walks away with an increased respect and appreciation for wildlife and the environment wild animals depend on.</p>	<p>The Ingham County Health Department has been an invaluable resource for local families amid a confused and chaotic federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Chair of the Board of Commissioners' Human Services Committee, I am working closely with the county's health officer to provide the necessary resources in the fight against this pandemic. We have excellent leadership behind those efforts now, and I will continue to be responsive to whatever they need..</p>
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District 8 Mark Grebner - DEM Occupation: Political Consultant Email: mark.grebner@gmail.com Education: B.A. Michigan State University, 1981. J.D. Uni Phone: 517-416-3419 Address: 615 Glenmoor Rd, #1B, East Lansing MI 48823	I was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1976, and have served, with two four-year gaps, ever since. During those 44 years, I have been chose Chairperson of the Board four times, and have served as chair of each of the standing committees at one time or another. Because of the high turnover on the Ingham Board, most of our members think of 2010 as belonging to the misty past, let along 2000, 1990, or 1980. On many topics, I am the only person with a working understanding of how our policies were originally created, or the circumstances that led to them. As I wrap up my tenure - I have already announced that I do not expect to serve beyond 2036 - I find myself increasingly focusing on protecting and strengthening the institutional safeguards against imprudent budgeting, nepotism, petty graft, and the like. I believe my continued presence on the Board serves to provide stability and perspective.	At this writing, we face an unprecedented fiscal and humanitarian catastrophe. Obviously the only immediate priority is to get the County through the present disaster with as little damage to the public's welfare and long-term interests as we can. Once things settle down, we can return to the quieter concerns we have temporarily put aside. County government in Michigan has long faced large financial problems due to our eroding tax base and the hostility of the Republican legislature to any loosening of restrictions on the taxing powers of local government. Ingham County's response has been to repeatedly ask the public for authority to levy special property taxes to support specific functions: 9-1-1, the Zoo, the libraries, a new jail, juvenile justice, and so on. The public isn't over-taxed, but we are probably getting close to the maximum that's reasonable to tax real estate. Shifting 9-1-1 funding toward a surcharge on telephones was a small step in the right direction.	Michigan law gives counties only specific powers, and our role in environmental issues is very limited. Unlike many counties, Ingham does not have any zoning or planning powers. We support the Conservation district with a modest appropriation, and we have a small millage to purchase development rights to preserve farmland and open space. The Drain Commissioner has reoriented his office's work to make environmental protection the principal focus, making actual "drainage" almost a secondary consideration. My own role and interest in these matters has been limited. I am an environmentalist by orientation, but environmental issues aren't at the top of my priority list.	Yes. Public health has suddenly changed from being a complete conversation stopper to being almost the only thing people talk about. When the present crisis is resolved, or at least controlled, I think public awareness and support will remain high for many years to come. In that climate, it should be feasible to enlist public support for stronger programs to protect the public and prepare for future disruptions. Ingham County has long treated our health department as a priority, and funded it at a much higher level than neighboring counties have funded theirs. The experience of the past few months insures that no one will successfully propose to reduce funding. It seems likely that this new level of public support will spill over into support for other programs of the health department, including our medical and dental clinics, regulation of rural septic systems, and immunization.
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Erin Graham - DEM Occupation: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Michigan State University Email: erin@voteeringraham.com Website: http://www.voteeringraham.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/voteeringraham Education: PhD, Latin American History, University of Houston Address: 622 Beech St. East Lansing, MI 48823	I am currently the President of the East Lansing Board of Education and have served on that Board for the past five years. In my time on the Board, we have implemented mental health programming, approved inclusive sex education curriculum, reduced racial disparities in discipline, advocated for students' rights at the state and federal level, built new schools for the next generation of students, settled multi-year contracts with educators, hired new leadership, and created a shared vision for the district that includes inspiring, challenging, and equitable educational opportunities for all students. I also teach History, Women's Studies, and Chicano/Latino Studies courses at MSU and have completed the City of East Lansing's Emerging Leaders course to learn more about municipal government. I am running for this position because I believe that residents deserve a commissioner who brings the experience and expertise needed to strongly advocate for the community.	Ingham County, like many local units of government, is facing significant budget shortfalls that have been exacerbated by COVID-19. These budget shortfalls are happening at exactly the same time that people are experiencing increased trauma, unemployment, and threats to their health and safety. This is a complex and challenging set of circumstances that my background and experience will help me navigate alongside other commissioners. It is critical that we work collaboratively to solve the budgetary issues in order to continue to deliver the quality services that Ingham County residents depend on: health and human services, parks and trails, housing, infrastructure, and more.	Whether we are talking about climate change, or about PFAS or lead in the water, we need to think and act on the principles of climate justice and environmental justice. Minoritized communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental pollutants, and we must reverse the histories of active government disinvestment in these communities. Corporations need to be held accountable for polluting the environment that we live and breathe in every day. We must protect our futures and our children's futures by bravely facing the science and investing the resources necessary to protect all Ingham County residents' health.	Right now, the Ingham County Health Department is leading the charge locally to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, a monumental effort to keep us all safe. For as long as we are dealing with this pandemic, the Health Department will need to be actively involved in contact tracing and in communicating important information about the pandemic to the public. It will also be crucial that the Health Department continue to provide the healthcare services, programming, and resources that residents rely on every day: Ingham Community Health Centers, immunizations, WIC, maternal and infant health, health equity and social justice, and environmental health initiatives, among others. As a Commissioner, I will work hard to make sure that the Ingham County Health Department has the resources needed to help residents lead safe and healthy lives.
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District 10 Robert Orlando Pena DEM Occupation: Civil Engineer PE Email: penar@michigan.gov Facebook: Bob Pena for Ingham County Education: BSCE UT Austin. MSCE Michigan State Phone: 517-256-2671 Address: 2100 Vine Street	I am a licensed Engineer in Michigan with 35 years of design, construction, and material testing experience. I am involved with housing and feeding initiatives. I was a board member of the Lansing Habitat for Humanity. I am a supporter of the Lansing Area Aids Network, and the Greater Lansing Area Food Bank. I am a current member of the Capital Area Food Council. I am a supporter of the League of Michigan Bicyclists, and a member of the Tri-County Bicyclist Association, and the Lansing Bike Party. I am a Chicano Advisory Committee member and an Earl Nelson Singer. I am a UMVIM United Methodist Volunteers In Mission which includes construction of schools and orphanages in Belize, Mexico, South Africa, Haiti, and Guatemala. I served as the US representative of the Congress of Ibero-Latino Americano Asfalto aka CILA. I am running for the Ingham because i have resided here for 35 yrs. I will work for prosperity for all. I will collaborate with leaders to ensure this.	Top priority is to stop the spread of Covid-19 in Ingham Co., by reviewing practices that worked and didn't and comparing this with other local gov'ts will help to control the virus. Covid -19 testing needs to be monitored and reported to the public. Intolerance of certain social groups. I would encourage acceptance and inclusion of diversity of all peaceful racial, cultural, sexual, and religious groups in our community. Substandard housing will be addressed by working with existing organizations. I will work with Greater Lansing Food Bank, Allen Neighborhood Center, and other organizations to improve healthy food access for all. I will work on promoting bus, air, bicycle, road, and rail facilities because optimum transit helps the economy grow.	As we develop the region we need to minimize the negative effects of construction on the watershed. My experience with surface water engineering firms will help me make good decisions on policies relating to storm runoff. We need to further develop our wind and solar power generating capabilities so that we can reduce our fossil fuel use. The Lansing Area is fortunate to have public utilities. Not privatizing them is a means to maintain affordable energy. The commission can help in the development of sustainable plans for the long term.	I see the county health department working with other county departments to contain the virus. They could work closer with the sheriff's department to enforce safe practices and mitigating measures against the spread of Covid-19. For example, this could include check points were travelers are questioned about where they are going to and coming from. Who they had contact with and the purpose of the trip. This was effective in Malasia, and Singapore. Trips for pharmaceuticals, banking, groceries, and other high importance trips would be considered essential. These checkpoints could be at neighborhoods and county lines. A public health official and a deputy would be at these check points gathering and recording data. Consequently, the sheriff and county health department could use this information to perform contact tracing similar to what was successfully done in Iceland. This would also help the sheriff's department develop better community relations.
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District 11 Emily Stivers - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Commissioner Email: estivers@gmail.com Website: http://www.emilystivers.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/EmilyKStivers Education: MA, Public Policy, Ford School, UofM. BA, International Relations, James Madison College, MSU Phone: 202-534-8691 Address: 1010 Cliffdale Drive, Haslett, MI 48840	In my first term as County Commissioner, I focused on expanding access to healthcare and mental healthcare in Ingham County, improving our Parks and Trails, and increasing funding for and efficiency of our roadways. Although we made significant progress on the first two issues, particularly around the passage of millage renewals for both, I was not able to get through a roads millage we desperately need. That's the main reason I'm running for reelection: to finish what I wasn't able to accomplish in my first term, and see through the projects I helped get started. In terms of my qualifications, I have a master's degree in Public Policy, have had a 20-year career in nonprofit advocacy and communications focused on helping the least-advantaged, and in my first term, served as Vice Chair of County Services and Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee. I currently serve as Vice Chair of Human Services. I hope voters will re-elect me so I can continue representing Meridian Township at the	The COVID-19 crisis has dramatically changed the priority issues facing the Board of Commissioners. In addition to roads, parks and trails, and access to healthcare, we now have serious budgetary concerns brought on by income losses related to the crisis, and we have to find ways to take care of our workers while making necessary budget cuts. In addition, we have to make sure black communities and other vulnerable populations have the access to healthcare and education they need to survive this crisis. These will be our top priorities in 2020-1, and possibly beyond, in addition to still-pressing concerns about roads and infrastructure.	Locally, we need to find ways to switch to renewable energy. I have been a champion for energy efficiency, particularly in improvements to our buildings and parking lot lighting. Now it's time to think about investing in solar technology to provide a significant percentage of the County's energy needs, and save us money long-term with smart investments now.	We have always had a strong central health department in Ingham County, and the COVID-19 crisis is showing us just how strong our team is. I'm very proud of the role the Health Department has played in providing accurate and timely information, access to testing and health services, and leadership during this crisis. I don't see that role changing. The Ingham County Health Department has been a strong leader and will continue to lead.
Paul Adams Lello REP Email: melloallelo@hotmail.com Phone: 517-580-4305	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Ingham County Commission District 12</p>	<p>1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners.</p>	<p>2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?</p>
<p>Mark Polsdofer - DEM Occupation: Deputy State Transportation and Commission Policy Adviser- MDOT Email: polsdofer@yahoo.com Website: http://facebook.com/votemarkpolsdofer Facebook: @votemarkpolsdofer Education: BA, Western Michigan U, 1994. Political Science, Minor in International Business. MSU Law, 1996-98. Phone: 734-604-0856 Address: 1611 Wenonah Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.</p>	<p>I am completing my first term as County Commissioner. With my past experience as Chairman of the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and am a member and past Chairman of the Ingham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, my colleagues asked me to continue to serve representing the Commission. I have an extensive background with transportation issues, having served in a variety of roles at the Michigan Department of Transportation since 2008. In addition, I had the privilege of working directly with Governor Jennifer M. Granholm as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs in 2010. I also serve on the the Board of Directors for LEAP, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership. I believe my background will allow me to continue working effectively and vigorously as an advocate for the needs of Okemos and our entire region.</p>	<p>As we deal with the short-term severe revenue declines from the pandemic, we need to continue to look for opportunities to save money, while delivering needed services to our residents. As a member of the Finance Committee, I have already requested each Department Director to show and prioritize what a 10% cut would look like. While we must deal with the revenue issues in the current and next fiscal year, we need to also make decisions that make our region attractive into the future for job retention and creation through continued support and expansion of non-motorized trails connection our communities and promoting inclusive and open policies for all people however they identify themselves.</p>	<p>We need to continue our work cleaning up Brownfield sites. The County Commission through the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approves appropriate projects, which in turn helps provide the resources to restore these contaminated locations and put them back into productive use. I have asked the Facilities Director for Ingham County to look at incorporating electric vehicle charging stations on county property. This issue/discussion is ongoing, but it will help us transition our region to support the mainstreaming of electric cars, and help make us a draw for job creation in turn. I also support the drain projects under way. These important projects when finished will help stop pollution in our rivers, and curtail flooding problems as well.</p>	<p>The Ingham County Health Department has done an impressive job handling this unprecedented pandemic and keeping everyone informed. While I do not see their role fundamentally changing, I am certain that this experience will provide an opportunity to adjust things into the future to better serve our citizens. The challenge will be making immediate changes while revenues are still not back to usual levels.</p>
<p>Sam Frangie - REP Occupation: Businessman Email: snfrangie@hotmail.com Education: Business Administration Phone: 517-347-9691 Address: 2169 Woodfield Rd.</p>	<p>I am a businessman and have approximately 40 years of banking experience. I am a former Delhi Township Trustee and an Ingham County resident for 42 years. I believe I can use my experience to benefit the citizens of our county.</p>	<p>As a result of COVID-19, the most important issue to me in our county is supporting the businesses and their employees and to make sure they are financially sound.</p>	<p>Recycling is a very important issue as it greatly helps our county's environment and beyond. I would like to see the county government create new programs to expand recycling access in public places.</p>	<p>Due to the lessons we have learned from COVID-19, the county's health department must be prepared to respond to any future health risks that may arise. Our county's health department should be self-sufficient and ready to deal with these unfortunate situations.</p>

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<p>Ingham County Commission</p>	<p>1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners.</p>	<p>2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and how would you address them if elected?</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>4. Do you see the role of the county health department changing as a result of our experiences with COVID-19?</p>
<p>District 13 Randy Schafer - REP Occupation: Retired Vocational Education Teacher Email: commschafer@aol.com Education: Pewamo-Westphalia High School B.S. and M.A. Michigan State University Classes at. Lansing Community Phone: 517-655-1325 Address: 4139 Meadowdale Drive Williamston, MI 48895</p>	<p>I have served as a Commissioner since 1984. My background includes employment in: Agriculture, Business, Education, Construction and Manufacturing. All these experiences contribute to an understanding of the complexity of County Government. I served on: Law Enforcement, Human Services, Finance, Administrative Services, Fair Board, Tri-County Regional Planning, Tri-County Narcotics, Tri-County Office of Aging, Road Commission, Local Emergency Planning, Vice-Chair Pro Tem, Township Association, Local Emergency Planning; as well as many sub-committees. Citizens for Schafer is an "Under \$1,000 Committee". This means I do not solicit Campaign Donations or have Fund Raisers. The emphasis is on "serving the citizens" and running on my record.</p>	<p>A fair and just legal system that focuses on "Best Practice". Addressing the substance abuse and addictions. Working with Foster Agencies, such as ST. Vincent Catholic Charities to protect the children who are in need of a safe, loving, stable place to call home. The Sheriff Dept. has decimated by budget cuts since 2008 and taken the vast majority of hits. Everyone should have a right for a response during a crises. County Government is complex with functions involving state, federal and local units of government. The top priority must be cooperation and elimination of the constant attacks in government on each other. The discussions must be on Fiscal Responsibility, efficient and ethical delivery of services. The County must have a balanced budget and reserve fund for times such as these to remain stable and keep an AAA Bond Rating. At times it is difficult for politicians to control spending, rather than keeping in mind the long term consequences of deficit spending.</p>	<p>The first step is for people to take responsibility for their own actions that have an immediate impact. The Ingham Conservation District provides fantastic guidelines. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Influence starts with us and personal lifestyles. Examine ones' own home and ways to protect the environment. The Ingham Health Department Environmental Division is very active. Tri-County Regional Planning works with Ground Water Management, Efficient Transportation, PFAS, Efficient Energy Use and a host of other functions that directly impact the environment. The County does not stand alone. It is very conscious of the fact it must work with entities such as the Sierra Club; providing green space and reducing the footprint. It must continue to out-reach to other units of government and also receive input. Local Emergency Planning and the Health Dept. are constantly working with the community to protect the environment. I strongly support these agencies and the missions.</p>	<p>The Health Officer, Linda Vail, and the Health Department has provided tremendous leadership during this time. She does not engage in personal attacks or partisanship, but rather leads with knowledge, courage and risk/benefit analysis. The Department has earned respect. The Board will listen carefully and be able to make good decisions. There are 14 Commissioners. All 14 have respect for the Department and look forward to working together to address the constantly moving targets and balancing the consequences; while addressing safety, mental health, economic impacts and human misery caused by total shut downs.</p>
<p>District 14 Robin Case Naeyaert REP Email: rcnaeyaert63@gmail.com Phone: 517-281-5845</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>



Remind your neighbors and friends to VOTE

Ingham County Clerk

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. The clerk can also officiate at wedding ceremonies. 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 locally.

Term: 4 years

Partisan

Candidates: Choose One

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Clerk position.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Clerk?	3. How could voter participation, particularly among youth, be increased?
Barb Byrum - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Clerk Email: clerkbyrum@gmail.com Website: http://barbbyrum.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/barbbyrum Education: Juris Doctor, MSU College of Law 2004 Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management, MSU 1999 Address: PO Box 27344 Lansing, MI 48909	<p>I have been County Clerk for Ingham County for the past 8 years. During that time, I have been credentialed as a Certified Elections/Registration administrator and have successfully conducted 25 elections. In 2016, I was the first County Clerk to complete the recount of the Presidential Election.</p> <p>I have been an advocate for the voting rights of qualified registered voters and have focused on the rights of military and overseas voters. I am an active member of the Overseas Voting Initiative, a collaboration to improve the process of voting by the military and civilians living abroad. In 2017, I served on Election Center's Security Task force and I currently serve on Michigan's Election Security Commission, a team of advisors tasked with securing elections in our state. I worked with the LWV to register our most vulnerable residents to ensure that they are able to exercise their right to vote. I am running for re-election as Ingham County's Clerk because my work is not yet done.</p>	<p>The biggest priority that faces the Ingham County Clerk is ensuring that our elections are administered openly, fairly, and securely. In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, one of the top issues that faces clerks at all levels is how to provide a safe environment with which to vote. I have been promoting the right to vote Absentee without needing a reason for several years, as a result of the passage of Proposal 3 in 2018. My office has sponsored mailings that would give residents the ability to easily sign up for their local clerk's Permanent Absent Voter Ballot Application List. I hosted Ingham County's first Election Academy to encourage a better understanding of Michigan elections and the numerous precautions taken to secure our elections. I am a prolific election blogger as I believe the more people understand how our elections are run, the more confidence people will have in the outcome and the more likely others will want to become involved in the process.</p>	<p>Increasing youth participation is a specific challenge that I have been tackling head on. Ingham County is uniquely suited to drive youth registration, awareness, and turnout in our elections due to our several colleges and universities here. I have partnered with student groups as well as MSUVote to hold many registration drives and information sessions on campus, reaching thousands of student youths. In 2020, I created the "Student's Guide to Voting" and worked with local high schools and universities to distribute. This guide focused on how to register to vote, common misconceptions about changing your registration and how to find out where your polling location is.</p> <p>I also have been creating content for media platforms that youths typically prefer. I have made several public service announcements that I have been able to share via Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok. I've also disseminated this information using traditional media.</p>
Joseph W. Werner- REP Email: electjoewerner@gmail.com	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

Ingham 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 Ingham Land Bank.

Term: 4 years

Partisan

Candidates: Choose One

	1. Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Treasurer.	2. What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Treasurer?
Eric A. Schertzing - DEM Email: schertzing@aol.com	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
Bruce A. Little - REP Email: littlebabuilder@yahoo.com Phone: 517-282-1722	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

NOVEMBER 3, 2020, IS ELECTION DAY!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
You have the right to vote if you're in line at 8:00 p.m.



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**

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney.	Question 2 What are the priority issues facing Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney?
<p>Carol A. Siemon - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Email: carolsiemon@comcast.net Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CarolSiemonforInghamCountyProsecutor/ Education: BS Michigan State University, James Madison College, 1978, JD Suffolk University, Boston, MA, 1981 Phone: 517-333-0687 Address: PO Box 4488 East Lansing, MI 48826</p>	<p>Four years ago, I ran for prosecutor to use my experiences within the system - including 11 years as an Ingham County Assistant Prosecutor - to reform the office's charging and sentencing practices, while expanding victim services. As the prosecutor, I've helped create alternatives to mass incarceration by expanding diversion and specialty court programming and working to reduce our prison population by changing how we prosecute individual cases. In 2017-18, we reduced our prison commitment rate by 21% while increasing diversion referrals, also by 21% - while the number of cases dropped slightly overall. We have expanded our services to victims; adding a new assistant prosecutor dedicated to sexual assault cases; created a grant-funded domestic violence project with the Lansing Police; adding a new victim-witness position to ensure notices are distributed; and added on-line notifications, so that crime victims don't need to rely on a recorded phone message.</p>	<p>Coronavirus is the most critical issue facing our society, and our criminal justice system plays a role. We have worked to reduce our state and local inmate population to control the spread of Covid-19 to which inmates are particularly vulnerable. We have stayed open for essential operations, while encouraging our staff to work from home when feasible. I'm encouraged that, thanks to our overall response to the pandemic, Ingham County has kept infections under control, relative to hot-spot areas. Beyond that, I believe we need to create a justice system that promotes racial healing, ends the practice of mass incarceration, crafts a proportionate and humane response to each individual case, and serves victims and survivors of crime in a trauma-informed setting. As the prosecutor, I have worked to turn these beliefs into action by creating alternatives to incarceration while expanding our services to the victims of crime.</p>
<p>George Platsis - REP Occupation: retired Email: george.platsis@prodigy.net Facebook: George Platsis Education: Studied Medicine and Law at the University of Michigan, where I also received my undergrad degree Phone: 517-349-2440 Address: 2019 Shagbark Lane Okemos, Michigan 48864</p>	<p>I am a 50 year member of the Michigan Bar. Born in Crete, Greece to American citizens and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan from the age of 6 months. A resident of Ingham County for the last 50 years. U.S. Army Veteran serving 2 years during the Vietnam War era. Served 2 years with the Federal Trade Commission in Washington D.C. upon graduation from Michigan Law School. Served 10 years as an Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney for the State of Michigan under Attorney General Frank Kelly, also known as the "Eternal General." Practiced civil trial and appellate law in the State of Michigan, primarily medical malpractice, employment, condemnation and injury law cases. Argued before the Supreme Court of Michigan, Michigan Court of Appeals, Federal District Courts and 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.</p>	<p>I do not have an agenda. I will follow the law and the facts with transparency and truthfulness. I will uphold and honor our Bill of Rights for every citizen and ensure that our fundamental freedoms are both practiced and protected.</p>

Register of Deeds

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**

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Register of Deeds position.	Question 2 What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Register of Deeds?
<p>Derrick Quinney - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Register of Deeds Email: derrickquinney35@gmail.com Facebook: facebook.com/derrick.quinney Education: University of Michigan Labor Studies Program Phone: 517-706-9883 Address: 2010 Wellesley Dr Lansing MI 48911. United States</p>	<p>I have been serving in local government for two decades, beginning as a City of Lansing Police Commissioner. I spent ten years in that role, providing oversight to the Lansing Police Department and holding its leadership accountable. In November of 2007, I was elected to serve as an at-large member of the Lansing City Council. I loved supporting my community in that position, working to improve the city that raised me. I remained on the council for seven years. I was appointed to serve as the Ingham County Register of Deeds in 2015 and re-elected in 2016. Since taking office, I've focused on streamlining customer service and ensuring that county homeowners are connected with the resources they need to achieve comfort and security. I have taken care to support homeowners of all races, religions, gender identities and sexual orientations, and to guarantee the faithful execution of Ingham County's non-discrimination policies. I am running for re-election to continue that vital work.</p>	<p>As Register of Deeds, I have taken an interest in educating the public on the dangers of property fraud, predatory lending practices and abusive contracts. There is strong evidence that communities of color are especially vulnerable to predatory lenders and bad-faith land contracts, and putting a stop to those disturbing trends is key to ending systemic racism in our region. It is my conviction that would-be victims must be armed with the knowledge to safely pursue homeownership, and that type of knowledge will be especially pertinent in the wake of the financial devastation many families have experienced due to COVID-19. Ingham County is also facing budgetary stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and maintaining efficient county workplaces will be of vital importance as we attempt to control costs and balance budgets going forward. I have made every effort to promote that kind of efficiency by modernizing the recording process and transitioning to a digitized, 21st-century system.</p>
<p>Carol J. VanDrie - REP Email: caroljv123@comcast.net Phone: 517-256-3779</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond</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

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the the Ingham County Sheriff.	Question 2 What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Sheriff?
<p>Scott A. Wriggelsworth - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Sheriff Email: sawriggelsworth@comcast.net Website: http://votewriggelsworth.com Facebook: Scott Wriggelsworth for Ingham County Sheriff Education: 1988 Holt High School 1992 Michigan State Univ (marketing). 2006 FBI National Academy Session 226 Phone: 517-285-1831 Address: PO Box 77 Holt, Mi 48842</p>	<p>27 year in law enforcement, starting with East Lansing Police in 1994 where I rose to the rank of Lieutenant. I was elected Sheriff in 2016 and took office 1-1-2017. My first term as Sheriff has been enjoyable and challenging all at the same time. I've lived in Ingham County all my life (50 years) and have invested most of my life trying to make our community better. My entire career in law enforcement I have done my best to make our profession better, and now in my role as Sheriff I can have an even greater positive impact. I have a lot of work left to do. The Mission of the Sheriff's Office is "to provide correctional, law enforcement, and support service excellence in partnership with our community" Created under my leadership, this is my expectation of myself, and my staff, each and every day. Now maybe more than ever, law enforcement and corrections are in the spotlight and under the microscope. I accept the challenge and look forward to leading ICSO for years to come.</p>	<p>Staff and budget. Since 2008, we have lost 45 full time positions between corrections and law enforcement. Trying to provide all that is expected of us by the community we serve is more challenging than ever. The financial impacts of COVID, on the federal, state, and local level will take years to fully grasp, and will likely significantly impact our profession. Transparency and accountability have never been more important. Hiring people with good moral character. Those willing to listen more, talk less, and above all else willing to do what's right each and every day both on and off duty. Using good judgment, giving people their time, even those that find themselves incarcerated. The more our profession can connect with people on a personal level, the better off we all are. Partnering with our community and other law enforcement agencies in our area has a synergistic effect. Being able to do more (or the same) with less, is only achievable through these partnerships.</p>
<p>Daniel J. Wells -REP Email: djwells3452@gmail.com</p>	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

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the Ingham County Drain Commissioner.	Question 2 What are the priority issues facing the Ingham County Drain Commissioner?
<p>Patrick Lindemann - DEM Occupation: Ingham County Drain Commissioner Email: patricklindemann@icloud.com Web Site: http://patricklindemann.com Education: Bachelors Degree, MSU in Resource Development. Extensive post-graduate credits in Water Management Phone: 517-488-8651 Address: 3024 W. Willow St., Lansing, MI 4891</p>	<p>I have been the Ingham County Drain Commissioner for 27 years. During that time I have spearheaded the construction and reconstruction of thousands of miles of stormwater infrastructure throughout the county. My innovative stormwater management practices and infrastructure replacement and new construction projects have lead the way in the State of Michigan and across the nation. They have saved millions of dollars for the tax payers. I have lead the field in pollution reduction and environmental stewardship, managing both urban and rural stormwater runoff. My record and my finished projects speaks for themselves.</p>	<p>Infrastructure in the state and across the country is crumbling and in desperate need of repair, everything from roads, storm drains, sanitary sewers, drinking water and gas lines. I have developed a proactive maintenance program, not reactive. My predecessors have taken a reactive approach to infrastructure management which has led to larger project costs, and more failures within our infrastructure. This reactive approach has led to costly management of our infrastructure and extremely heavy pollution problems to our waterways. For the past 27 years, I have worked to put a proactive approach together that coordinates response and maintenance, which is cost-effective and efficient at reducing pollution loading into our waterways and groundwater resources. My top priorities are to continue to face the complex issues of this office and to set into motion long-term programs which address these problems efficiently. It took us over 200 years to get here. Solutions will take many years.</p>
<p>Brian B. Beauchine - REP Email: bebeau@comcast.net Phone: 313-444-4538</p>	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

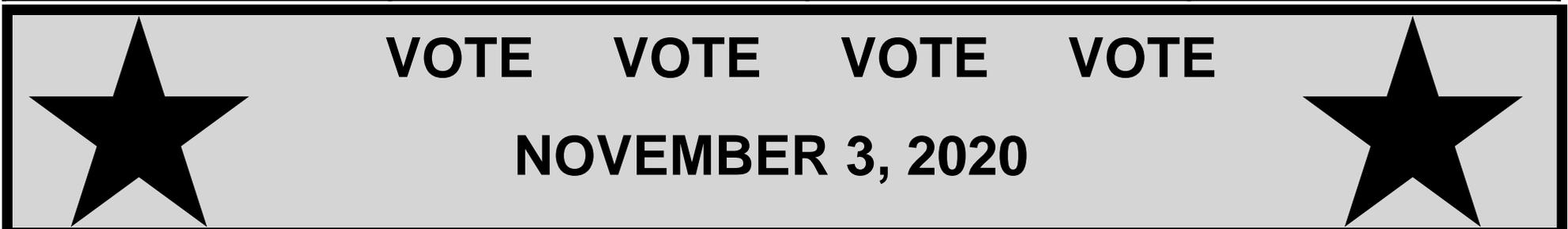
30th Judicial Circuit Court - Non Incumbent

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

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experience and explain why you are running for the position.	Question 2 What is your position regarding alternative courts to meet community needs?	Question 3 Do judges have an obligation to improve public understanding of the courts?
<p>Colline Cheltenham Occupation: Family Law Attorney Email: colline.cheltenham@outlook.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CollineForJudge/?ref=your_pages Education: BBA - Northwood University. J.D. - WMU Cooley Law School Phone: 517-214-1905 Address: 444 Tarleton Avenue East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>Practicing family law attorney for 6.5 years. Specialized training in family law matters from Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Training on abuse and neglect matters from DHHS and SCAO. Admissions to the State Bar of Michigan, United States Supreme Court, and Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan. Family Law Section Member of the State Bar of Michigan and Ingham County Bar Association. I am specifically trained and immersed in cases related to divorce, custody, parenting time, child support and handle many issues related to child abuse and neglect; Judge Lawless's courtroom is divided equally among these two areas of law. Family law is my area of passion and compassion. I am now seeking this particular judicial role in family court which will allow me to focus this passion and experience on the protection of minor children, the rehabilitation of the individuals in a family, and the reunification of children with their parents when appropriate.</p>	<p>Alternative courts play a vital role in serving our community and meeting the needs of the community as a whole. There is evidence that imposing traditional penalties (such as incarceration and fines) alone for criminal activity is expensive, and not very effective in reducing repeat offending. Alternative courts provide another avenue to discourage criminal activity, and to implement rehabilitative services, which has a significant impact on the reduction of repeat offending. In alternative courts, offenders are assigned a team that might include a probation officer, a social worker and a drug counselor. The group addresses not only treatment needs, but also issues like housing, employment and family reunification. This type of rehabilitative approach is shown to reduce repeat offending, and reduces criminal activity in a community overall.</p>	<p>Judges have an obligation to improve public understanding of the courts. Success of the courts largely lands on the trust that the community has within the judicial system. The way to instill trust in the public is to educate them on how the court functions, what is to be expected, and logistics of how a case will run as well as the obligations of each "player" in the courtroom (the lawyers, bailiff, judges and parties). When the public understands the judicial process and the function of the court systems, it reduces barriers, and encourages them to use the courts properly. Additionally, they will feel that the judicial system is more accessible to them. For vulnerable populations this is especially important, because the court system can appear intimidating and out of reach for them. Breaking down these barriers begins with education and that process rests largely on the judge's shoulders.</p>
<p>Morgan Elizabeth Cole Occupation: Ingham County Probate Register/Court Administrator Email: morgan.cole1022@gmail.com Website: http://www.morgancolectorjudge.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MorganColeforJudge/ Education: Juris Doctor - Thomas M. Cooley Law School; Bachelor's Degree - West Virginia University Phone: 502-593-6506 Address: www.morgancolectorjudge.com</p>	<p>I received my undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and juris doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. I am a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the District of Columbia Bar. It is vital that our next circuit court judge understands how our judicial system affects children and families. I assure you; I do. I have and continue to serve the children and families of Ingham County in a Court/Quasi-Judicial Role, whether it be as: a law clerk to the Honorable Rosemarie E. Aquilina; Friend of the Court Conciliator; Chief Deputy Circuit Court Clerk for the Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum; and currently as your Probate Register appointed by Chief Circuit and Probate Judge Richard J. Garcia. What we need is someone with both legal and life experiences, who can make these difficult decisions with common sense and compassion. This is not for the faint of heart. It takes energy, commitment and patience. I am dedicated to protecting our children as I would my own.</p>	<p>I support alternative courts to meet the needs of the Ingham County community. Michigan courts need to create and provide alternative solutions to issues in our communities. The 30th Circuit Court currently operates the following alternative treatment courts: Phoenix Court; Drug Court; Truancy Court; Sobriety Court; Swift and Sure Sanction; Veterans Court; and Mental Health Court. These specialty courts are often used as an alternative to incarceration. Trained personnel work directly with individuals/families in targeted areas. Each program adopts a multi-phased, well-structured treatment plan with intensive oversight and offender accountability.</p>	<p>Absolutely! Courts are often looked at as a place of negativity and conflict. However, with proper education and appropriate community engagement - courts can improve public misconceptions. Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack is a prime example of this effort. She has worked tirelessly to make the Michigan Supreme Court engaging and accessible. If elected Judge of the 30th Circuit Court Family Division, I will make it a priority, along with my colleagues, to enhance the public understanding, trust and confidence in the Michigan Court system. This includes making the court more accessible with community outreach, social networking, and electronic filing.</p>



30th Judicial Circuit Court - Non Incumbent (Continued)

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<p>Carol Koenig Occupation: Attorney at Law Email: carolnkoenig@aol.com Website:http://CarolKoenigforjustice.com Facebook: ElectCarolKoenig Education: J.D. Cooley Law School. B A University of Detroit. East Lansing High School Phone: 517-896-6716 Address: CarolKoenigForJustice P.O. Box 1112. East Lansing, MI 48826</p>	<p>Attorney with over 25 years of experience in general practice including civil and criminal, trial and appellate courts and informal dispute resolution/lawyer social worker. Have practiced in all Michigan Courts (trial, COA, MI Supreme) Eastern and Western Federal District Courts of Michigan and 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. We are standing in unprecedented times with unprecedented opportunity for change. People have been yearning for change for some time. As we rethink the role of law enforcement in our communities we must connect the dots. Instead of simply reacting to crime, homelessness and violence, we have to take people where we find them and help them, for themselves, their families and the greater good. As John Lewis said, "We have the chance to save the soul of America." I have been honored to be able to bring the power of the constitution to regular people, every day. Now, more than ever, our country, our community and our courts need experienced and thoughtful leadership.</p>	<p>As Chair of the County's Law and Courts Committee on the Ingham County Commission, I promoted specialized courts to manage each case individually and resolve problems without overcrowding our jails and prisons. As a Commissioner, I've supported the sobriety courts, mental health courts for those with underlying psychiatric conditions, and veterans' courts for those who have served our nation's armed forces. Veterans Court recognizes the special and unique role of our nation's service members, and works to resolve their cases and provide support so that they can succeed in civilian life. While these alternative courts cost more, the outcomes are better and result in net savings for all of us.</p>	<p>Yes! The people who come to court should have a basic understanding of what is happening to them and what the process entails. This will promote the best outcome for all. People make better decisions for themselves and others with more knowledge and understanding. This is easy to accomplish with more written materials and explanations that outline the process. I want the courts to belong to the people. I want to model access in such a way that the average person feels welcomed, feels that they belong there. Having your day in court is about much more than results and outcomes, it is about process, tone, civility and respect. When a citizen feels that they were not recognized, seen or heard, especially because of their color, disability, orientation or other reason--then we have failed them. Each person must have a fair and equitable opportunity to fully engage and participate in the due process that the constitution affords them.</p>
<p>Steve Kwasnik Occupation: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Ingham County Email: stevekwasnikforcircuitjudge@gmail.com Website: http://kwasnikforkids.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stevekwasnikforcircuitjudge Education: BA, International Relations, James Madison College at MSU - 1998; JD, MSU School of Law - 2004 Phone: 517-927-5782 Address: 1302 Fair Oaks Ct East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>I am an Assistant Prosecutor in Ingham County for more than 15 years, specializing in crimes against children, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, adult sexual abuse, and juvenile justice. I am assigned to the Family Division and handle hundreds of cases each year, dealing with these exact topics overseen by this judicial opening. I am recognized as an expert in the field of child abuse prosecution and I train and lecture for the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, where I teach prosecutors, police, cps workers and child interviewers, how to forensically interview children. I also have experience with divorce proceedings, custody best-interest factors and the Friend of the Court. I am running because I appear in family court every day and recognize that when people come into the court they are in crisis and need an experienced, knowledgeable, kind, decision-maker, who will treat every person with respect and give them a chance to be heard, and obtain justice.</p>	<p>I believe strongly in alternative courts and procedures as a tool to produce just, optimal outcomes. I have participated in Drug Court in the 54B District Court, the Mental Health Treatment Court in the 30th Circuit Court, the Substance Abuse Court in the 30th Circuit, Family Division (currently overseen by the court of this judicial opening) and the Phoenix Court, in the Family Court, which concentrates on supporting juveniles who are in danger of being sex trafficked. These alternative courts provide the participants, an opportunity for support and services to address their underlying issues. Success does not mean a conviction and a jail sentence, but rather an opportunity to gain insight and change behavior, allowing them to parent their children, advance their education, and serve as role models to the other participants who are struggling with addiction or hopelessness. Utilizing informal probation and restorative justice techniques in Juvenile Justice can have similar benefits.</p>	<p>Yes! I am struck by how many people get excited by national and state elections, but are unaware of the duties of the 30th Circuit Court in the Family Division. Yet child protection, juvenile justice, divorce, custody, and adoption are services nearly everyone either uses or has friends or family use in their lifetime. That is why it is so important that Judges use their standing to educate about these topics. As a prosecutor, I spend much of my time explaining court procedures to children and families frightened by the system. It is an essential function because I know from experience that the more comfortable people are with the process the more likely they are to provide information the courts need to make just decisions. A judge's responsibility is even greater; ensuring that all parties provide complete information, so that justice is served. I would happily speak and write about the courts in the community and make sure all hearings are available online to the public.</p>

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30th Judicial Circuit Court - Non Incumbent (Continued)

	Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experience and explain why you are running for the position.	Question 2 What is your position regarding alternative courts to meet community needs?	Question 3 Do judges have an obligation to improve public understanding of the courts?
Landis Lain Occupation: Administrative Law Judge Email: landisy123@hotmail.com Education: Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1988(JD). Michigan State University 1984 (BA) Phone: 517-614-6610 Address: Committee to Elect Landis Lain P.O. Box 10002 Lansing, MI 48901	I currently serve as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Michigan. I served as an Assistant Attorney General under Frank Kelley; Lansing Associate City Attorney; Michigan Department of Corrections Hearings Officer; GM-UAW Legal Services Plan, (representing United Auto Workers); and a student intern with the State Appellate Defender Office. I have taught graduate and undergraduate classes as Adjunct Faculty for Ferris State University; Jackson Community College; and taught Writing Composition and Developmental Writing at Lansing Community College for nine years. I am well qualified for the position and dedicated to public service.	I embrace the focus on empowering citizens with the tools we need to join our friends and neighbors in creating an accountable judiciary. I have worked in a such a court in the past (Detroit Records Court) in the past which handled only criminal cases. As with any career objectives, Practice makes excellent. The more a Judge gains expertise in an area of the law the better they are at administering justice.	Absolutely. It is a Judge's duty to assist those who will come into court to understand the proceedings within the bounds of the Canons of Ethics and the laws ans regulations. Due process requires that the people who appear in front of the Court have rights and privileges explained to them. li is crucial that the general public should be educated as to the judicial system, the powers of the courts and the parameters that determine how much power a Judge can wield at every level of the judiciary.
Brandon Waddell Occupation: Attorney Email: waddellbran@gmail.com Website http://brandonwaddelljudge.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BWForJudge/ Education: Juris Doctorate (Litigation) - Thomas M. Cooley Law School Bachelor of Arts - Michigan State Phone: 517-898-8539 Address: 2021 Tulane Dr. Lansing, MI 48912	I have tried over 50 federal and state jury trials, countless bench trials and overseen hundreds of cases representing the people of Michigan, Lansing, and Texas. Specific to the family courts, as a prosecutor I have dealt with family court criminal issues. I know the pressure of speaking directly to a mother whose child has been assaulted and them putting their trust in you to get them justice. I know the stakes of protecting a minor who's been assaulted in her own home. This is not an easy thing to do, and not for the faint of heart. Yet I have the compassion necessary to do what is right to maintain healthy and safe households. I have judicial temperament to provide the people of our community with fair, impartial justice, to clearly explain to them their rights and to guarantee they're protected. Our community deserves a high standard of judicial integrity. And for their judge to be a respected, above reproach, pillar of the community. I recognize and accept that responsibility.	I believe wholeheartedly in the use of alternative courts to aid the community. I have previously served as a prosecutor in a alcohol and drug court during my time as a prosecutor and I believe these courts are necessary. Often the courts rely too heavily on incarceration that can tear families apart when an alternative court could serve a better purpose of changing the narrative inside of a home. I don't however, support alternative courts when there is ongoing abuse in a home.	I believe they do. This is one reason why as a judicial candidate, I recently started a short video series to educate and inform the public of some aspects of our court system. I believe one of the most important jobs of a judge is to ensure the citizens before them have a full understanding of their rights. Judges must make hard decisions in hard cases, but citizens fully understanding the applicable law and their options is imperative.

55th 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 administraters a small claims division. The legislature 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. Incumbent

Ingham County Judge of Probate Court

Probate courts are established on a county or multi-county basis. The major activities include filing and safekeeping of wills, probating of estates of deceased persons, trust administration, appointment and supervision of guardians and conservators for minors, adults, and developmentally disabled persons and processing mental health matters. Probate judges are elected for six year terms and their salaries are set by the legislature.

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

Richard Joseph Garcia, Incumbent

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

Candidates: Choose 2

	Question 1 What special qualities do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?	Question 2 What is your vision for LCC? What do you see as the role of the community college? What are your priorities?
<p>Andrew P. Abood Occupation: Attorney Email: andrew@aboodlaw.com Facebook: Andrew P. Abood Education: JW Sexton (1983) MSU (1987). Cooley Law School (1990). Also have attended LCC Phone: I don't have a campaign phone. But i have a cell phone 248-930-6635 and an office phone 517-332-5900 Address: 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>Kimberly Kaye Azima Occupation: Retired Email: kimberly.kaye.azima@comcast.net Facebook: Kimberly Kaye Azima for LCC Trustee Education: Nursing Degree from LCC Phlebotomy Certificate. Cosmetology License Phone: 517-281-2825 Address: 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>Gregory Sinicropi Occupation: Restaurateur Email: gsin5150@yahoo.com Facebook: @sinicropiforLCC2020 Education: Bachelors in business administration from western Michigan university Phone: 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)

	Question 1 What special qualities do you bring to the Lansing Community College Board?	Question 2 What is your vision for LCC? What do you see as the role of the community college? <i>What are your priorities?</i>
<p>Howard T. Spence Occupation: Attorney - Arbitrator - College Instructor - State of Michigan Retiree (State Exec - Licensing Exec - Ad Law Judge) Email: htspence@gmail.com Website: http://howardspence4lcctrustee.com/ Facebook: howard t. spence for lcc board of trustees 2020 https://www.facebook.com/howard.spence.921/ Education: BA Honors College Mich State U; MBA MSU; MS MSU; MLIR MSU; JD Univ of Mich Law School; MPA U Mich Phone: 517-321-8775 Address: 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>LaShunda Thomas Occupation: State of Michigan Email: lagriff2@aol.com Facebook: Citizens To Elect LaShunda Thomas Education: Bachelors of Science Publication Administration/Community Development. Student-Masters Social Work Phone: 616-951-1847 Address: 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>

INGHAM COUNTY PROPOSALS

Public Transportation System for Elderly and Disabled Millage Renewal Question

Yes

No

For the purpose of renewing funding at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2016 for a transportation system to be used primarily by elderly and disabled persons in Ingham County, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, previously increased by up to 0.6000 mills, \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value, be continued and renewed for a period of six (6) years (2021-2026) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional \$4,609,732 for the transportation system in the first calendar year of the levy based on state

The above proposal is for all residents of Ingham County. There are also proposals for residents in Danville School District, Eaton Rapids School District, LeRoy School District, Wheatland Township, and Williamston Township.

Please go to www.VOTE411.org to see the wording of those proposals.

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>JOSHUA R. BARBER Occupation: Pharmacy Currier Email: jrbarber13@gmail. WebSite: http://joshuarbarber2020.com Facebook: @joshua.r.barber2020 Education: MSU, The School of Hospitality Business Phone: 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>MONICA M. FINK Occupation: Email: vote.monica.fink@gmail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/votemonica.fink Education: Human Resources, Administration, Mediation and Criminal Justice Phone: 4 05-412-3594 Address: 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

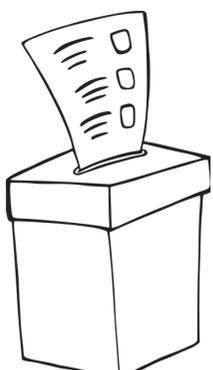
Choose 3 candidates

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<p>Matthew J. Heos Occupation: Attorney Email: heosmatt@gmail.com Website: http://www.matthewheosforschoolboard.com/ Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Matthew-Heos-for-East-Lansing-School-Board-106618747813434 Education: BA from MSU in Telecommunications with a cognate in social studies and a JD from Cooley Law School Phone: 517-256-4240 Address: 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>Gregory Hess Occupation: Enterprise Architect / Doctoral Candidate Email: gregcorleone@yahoo.com Education: M.S. in Computer Science (Montana State University) - enrolled at Michigan State University Phone: 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

<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;">Question 1 Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Question 2 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;">Question 3 What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p>
<p>Elizabeth Guerrero Lyons Occupation: College of Human Medicine Director of Minority Recruitment Email: guerre21@msu.edu Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/VoteElizabethGuerreroLyons Education: Ed.D. in K-12 Administration Phone: 517-204-4989 Address: 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, & 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 so importantly linked to educational 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>Nichole Martin Occupation: Child Welfare Business Analyst Email: martinforelschools@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/martinforelschools Education: Dual Bachelor of Arts Degree-Criminal Justice & Psychology, Master of Arts Degree-Forensic Psychology Phone: 508-274-4771 Address: 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

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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Dorian Prier Email: dorianprier@gmail.com	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond	Candidate did not respond
Debbie Walton Occupation: Stay-at-home Parent, Math Tutor, Former NASA Engineer Email: votedebbiawalton@gmail.com Website: http://votedebbiawalton.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/votedebbiawalton Education: S.B. '97, S.M. '99, Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Phone: 517-214-5625 Address: 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.

Haslett School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 2 candidates

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Greg Bird Occupation: Director of Legislative & External Affairs, Michigan Economic Development Corporation Email: bird.greg@gmail.com Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Greg4HaslettSchools Education: BA, Michigan State University's James Madison College Phone: 517-282-2346 Address: 5625 Ventura Place, Haslett, MI 48840	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.	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.	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.

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<p>Tracy Collins Occupation: Former Teacher and School Board Member Email: collinstracy114@gmail.com Education: B.A. in History and English, M.A. in Curriculum and Teaching, M.A. in Special Education Phone: 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>Camara Lewis Occupation: Communications Manager Email: lewiscamara@gmail.com Campaign Web Site: http://www.camaraforhaslett.com Education: B.S. Advertising: Management and Media, Michigan State University Phone: 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>
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Holt School Board Election

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6 year term expiring 12/31/2026

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;">Question 1</p> <p>Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Question 2</p> <p>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;">Question 3</p> <p>What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p>
<p>Amy M. Dalton Occupation: Teacher Email: daltonamym@aol.com Education: MBA, University of Michigan-Flint, BS, Central Michigan University, AA, Jackson College Phone: 517-694-7459 Address: 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>
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<p>Mark Perry Email: marper@yeoandyeo.com Phone: 517-242-7805</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p>Jennifer Robel Occupation: Department Manager Email: jsmith63075@hotmail.com Facebook page: Jennifer Robel Holt Public Schools Board of Education Trustee Education: Bachelor of Arts, Alma College Phone: 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>

Nonpartisan.

Lansing Public Schools School Board Election

6 year term expiring 12/31/2026

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>Question 1</p> <p>Please describe your qualifications and experiences and explain why you are running for the School Board.</p>	<p>Question 2</p> <p>What are the priority issues facing the School Board during this pandemic and how would you address them if elected?</p>	<p>Question 3</p> <p>What technology issues are affecting the district? How do you propose addressing them?</p>
<p>Guillermo Z. Lopez</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Email: zamorag0109@gmail.com website: http://www.citizensforglopez.com 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>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>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. 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. 3.</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>Robin M. Moore</p> <p>Occupation: Circulation Specialist Email: robinmmoore20@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/robinmmoore20 Education: General Associates, Lansing Community College Phone: 517-331-0120 Address: 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>Nino Rodriguez</p> <p>Occupation: Retired from Lansing School District Email: rodri231@msu.edu Education: Ph.D. from Michigan State University Phone: 517-505-4772 Address: 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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Okemos School Board Election
4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 4 candidates

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Thomas Gorman Occupation: Software Development Intern/ Student Email: gormanthomas80@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/gormanforokemos Education: Graduated from Okemos High School 2020 Phone: 517-897-7634 Address: 4281 Goldenwood Dr.	I am running for Okemos School board because I want to better the lives of students going through our school system. I believe that my recent experience going through the Okemos school system will make my perspective invaluable in crafting policies to help our students succeed. When I was a student, I experienced first hand many of the issues that our students face. I loved my experience at Okemos Public Schools, but there is an issue. I know many students who thrived in our system, but also many that struggled with their education and mental health. I am running to provide insight to the board from a recent graduate's point of view.	During this pandemic my biggest concern is keeping our students and their families safe. The best way we can do that is by following state and federal guidelines. If elected I would ensure that students have a safe learning environment and parents feel comfortable sending their children to school. We will do this by analyzing the most recent data on the spread of the virus as we plan the eventual return to in person learning.	My biggest technological concern regarding Okemos Public Schools right now is the need to keep our students engaged throughout this period of distance learning. As a student, I saw teachers often struggle keeping a class of students who were right in front of them engaged. We need to be forward thinking in designing our lesson plans to be interesting to our students and applicable through a computer.
Melanie C. Lynn Occupation: Engineer/Project Manager Email: melanieclynn@gmail.com Web Site: http:// www.MelanieLynnOPS.com Facebook: @MelanieLynnOPS Education: B.S. Electrical Engineering, Clemson University and MBA, University of South Carolina Phone: 517-290-8698	I am honored to have served as a member of the Okemos Board of Education (BOE) since 2010. I have demonstrated Board leadership in several Officer positions - President (2 Terms), Vice President (2 Terms), Treasurer and Parliamentarian. I intended to retire my service to the Board of Education at the end of my term in December 2020. However, my leadership, BOE experience and learnings can support the governance associated with the COVID-19 challenges and addressing the outstanding equity work. I am committed to sharing my GOOD GOVERNANCE "definition" of effective board service - orderly and transparent policy/decision-making, engaging community/student voice and building consensus. My husband and I have lived in the Okemos community since 2007. We are the proud parents of three (3) Okemos Public School graduates – 2012, 2014 and 2016. I am an Electrical Engineer, and I have an MBA. I currently work with Consumers Energy (Jackson, MI) managing strategic projects/programs.	Pandemic-related priorities include student/staff physical/mental health and safety, public-school funding, and equity-focused policies that promote a positive educational and social-emotional environment. Addressing these issues involves applying a conservative approach to pandemic-related safety/health decisions that balance the mental and social-emotional needs of our educational community. Advocacy and partnering offer means of addressing the public-school funding challenge including advocating for increased funding at the state/national levels while encouraging partnering with community organizations and universities. Educational excellence during the pandemic requires agility in our modes of delivery and challenges policy-making that attends to the diverse student and staff educational needs. The recent pandemic-related policy experiences have enhanced my GOOD GOVERNANCE framework that will support educational excellence and educational justice.	I will continue to prioritize the use of technology to support the educational environment – including teaching and learning devices, equipment and infrastructure in the Okemos School District. The community's recent approval of the \$9.7M technology bond positions the district to upgrade essential technology within the district enhancing our ability to deliver educational excellence. Additionally, as an advocate for educational equity, I am committed to enacting policies that remove technological and other barriers to an equitable education for all students.

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Okemos School Board Election

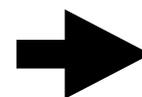
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<p>Andy Phelps</p> <p>Occupation: Manager, Michigan Department of Corrections</p> <p>Email: andrewphelps@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: http://phelpsforokemos.com</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/phelpsforokemos</p> <p>Education: BA - Western Michigan University in Political Science and Economics</p> <p>Phone: 517-803-7475</p> <p>Address: 5270 Park Lake Rd East Lansing, MI 48823</p>	<p>I am a proud husband, devoted father of two Okemos students, and a candidate for Okemos Board of Education. My wife and I purchased a home Okemos in 2009 because it was the perfect place to start a new family. We were excited to be part of a community that highly values the educational experience of all students. We have since had two children, Leila (4th grade) and Jensen (1st grade) who are enrolled at Bennett Woods Elementary. We are frequent volunteers at our school including service on the Bennett Woods Family Council where we help with events throughout the year. I was proud to be a member of the 2019 Okemos Bond Committee, presenting to the public and helping spread the word about the important and fiscally responsible bond proposal. I am also a volunteer coach for youth softball and basketball. I am running because our children deserve the highest quality educational experience possible. I will work every day with our amazing staff to ensure this happens.</p>	<p>The safety of our students and staff has to be at the forefront of all of our decisions. We must continue to make decisions best on the best science available. However, these decisions have consequences, including serious equity concerns. Just because school isn't normal this fall, doesn't mean that our standards are any lower. I will encourage the administration to think outside the box and be creative. We should be reviewing best practices across the country to determine what works and what doesn't. We will need to stay nimble and flexible, adapting the best training and practices as they become available. Finally, its crucial the district gets feedback from our parents, students, and staff to ensure the plan is working. We can't settle. The District must continue to provide the highest quality educational experience for all of our students no matter the circumstances. Our students deserve that, and the reputation of our community depends on it.</p>	<p>Our standards are high, and to continue providing the best educational experience possible for all students will require that our district has the best technology possible to meet those goals. Our community has shown in the past their commitment to education, and the district should embrace that and make sure we have the resources to purchase and maintain all the best equipment. We need to have up-to-date devices for every student and staff member, the backend resources, bandwidth, and technology to support those devices, and a plan to regularly update the devices to stay at the forefront of technology. As we continue to update and renovate our buildings, they should be renovated in a way that will make it easier and more cost-effective to update the technology as it continues to advance. We can't continue to have the highest quality educational experience without providing our students and staff with the best technological resources available.</p>
<p>Jayme Taylor</p> <p>Occupation: Marketing & Communications Director</p> <p>Email: votejayme@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: http://jaymetaylor.com</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VoteJayme</p> <p>Education: Attended Michigan State University & Spring Arbor University</p> <p>Phone: 517-507-9397</p> <p>Address: 2140 Belding Ct Okemos, MI 48864</p>	<p>It's time to channel my continued passion and advocacy for our children's education, our district, and our community. My husband and our 3 boys have resided in Okemos for 14 years. Two of our sons are Okemos grads - '14 & '17 - and our youngest is in 7th grade. Advocating for our boys' educational needs has been my priority for the 17-years. Giving voice to those who do not have one is what drives me. Over the last 14-years I have served our great district as Parent Group President at both Kinawa Middle School and Okemos High School (for a combined 11 years), served on 2 Strategic Planning Committees, and served on the Bond Committee to pass the much-needed mileage proposal for continued improvements to our infrastructure, technology, transportation, security, and academics. My commitment has not wavered and I remain dedicated to doing the work needed to achieve our mission: "Together...educating with excellence, inspiring each learner for life."</p>	<p>Returning to in-person instruction, safely and monitoring any outbreaks. If elected, my term will start in January, and we have no idea what January will look like. It is my hope that our students will have returned to the classroom, and that athletics/extra curricular activities have resumed, safely. It will be my duty to ensure that we have a sound plan in place to react as needed if there is an outbreak and that we are closely monitoring our safety protocols, as put forth by the State of Michigan's Safe Schools guidelines. If students have not returned to the classroom it is essential that we do everything we can to continue providing our students families meals, along with the academic and emotional support that is critical to their success. We MUST continuously evaluate and monitor our virtual learning environment, and professional development for our teachers. In addition, advocating for providing much needed resources and support to our parents and teachers.</p>	<p>In the current virtual learning environment, it is a massive undertaking to ensure all students have equitable access to the internet, personal learning devices, and that our network can handle the enormous bandwidth it takes for thousands of people to be on the network at the same time. Maintaining our network and student/teacher devices is critical as well. Making sure our tech department is readily available for device and connection issues is critical. I will advocate for an easy streamlined process for families to connect with administration and/or IT so that their technology concerns can be addressed and rectified in a timely fashion. Concurrent to this, the Board of Education needs to monitor the progress of the technology projects included in the bond that our gracious community passed in May of 2019.</p>

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Waverly Community Schools Board Election

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4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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Adre D. Brown Email: Adrebrown@yahoo.com Phone: 517-285-7429	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
Amy Krause Occupation: Stay at home mom Email: akrause@waverlyk12.net Education: Took classes at L.C.C. Phone: 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.
Tamia McClain Email: tmcclain42@gmail.com Phone: 517-281-9430	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.
Holly Nester Occupation: Policy Analyst Email: hollymvester@yahoo.com Education: BA Michigan State University, MBA Cleary University Phone: 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.

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Bring ID and please wear a mask.



Waverly Community Schools Board Election (continued)

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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John E. Robertson Occupation: Data Quality Consultant Email: johnr48917@hotmail.com Education: Master's in Information Technology, Bachelor's in Vocational Education, & Associates in Logistic Phone: 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>
Tou Vue Email: tou.vue@gmail.com Phone: 517-331-2678	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.	Candidate did not respond.

Williamston School Board Election

Nonpartisan

4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

Nancy Deal Occupation: Special Education Teacher Email: msunancy@icloud.com Education: I attended Michigan State University receiving degrees in Special Education and Child Development. Phone: 517-281-0562	<p>Williamston has been home to me and my family for 24 years and both of my daughters are Williamston graduates. I have been in education for over 20 years-10 of which as a Williamston teacher. Since 2014, I have served the community on the Williamston's Board of Education. During this time, our enrollment increased, test scores are up, new innovative programs have been added, and our financial situation has improved. I am proud of how hard our school community has worked to make us a high achieving academic school. My mission will continue to be: to ensure a safe, nurturing environment and a comprehensive curriculum that meets the needs of all learners; continue relationships between board members, district staff, and community, which are critical to having a quality educational system; keep the balance of academics and extracurricular activities, which are essential for a well-rounded student; and practice sound fiscal management for the stability of our community school system.</p>	<p>My priority is making sure all our students, staff, and our community members are safe, while delivering high quality instruction, whether that is online or face-to-face. It is also a priority to consider the needs of our staff and community on how to best serve our students during the pandemic. We need to make sure our staff are trained on using best practices while delivering developmentally appropriate instruction virtually and making sure everyone has the necessary technology to deliver and engage academically online. In addition, we need to ensure our buildings have the necessary cleaning materials, personal protection equipment, that we can social distance properly and have the finances to implement all that is necessary during these difficult times.</p>	<p>Given the rapid pace of technological changes, it is always a challenge for schools to keep up with the newest and brightest advances. The pandemic forced a lot of schools to refocus their technology spend from in classroom equipment to supporting students and teachers for virtual learning. For example, supplying Chromebooks/iPads to students, "hotspots" to families who needed internet access, and technical support for staff to instruct remotely. To address these issues, we will need to focus not only on maintenance, replacements, and upgrades, within the classroom environment but also to support any future virtual learning, if needed.</p>
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Williamston School Board Election (cont.)
4 year term expiring 12/31/2024

Choose 3 candidates

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<p>Amanda Hathaway Frattarelli Occupation: Assistant Director, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance Email: mandyfrat@gmail.com Education: B.S. Ag. & Natural Resource Communications B.S. Science & Technology Studies M.S. Parks & Recreation Phone: 517.655.6482 Address: Williamston, MI</p>	<p>I am a current member of the Williamston Community Schools Board of Education and was appointed by the Ingham Intermediate School District in December of 2019 to that position after a board member resigned. Continuing as a member on the WCS Board of Education would allow me to use my communication and administration skills to better serve my community. I currently work as an Assistant Director for a statewide nonprofit organization and have over two decades of experience in nonprofit management, both in working for and serving on boards. As a public relations manager, I developed excellent writing and communications skills which I will use to further district goals. Having also served as the coordinator of the Williamston Schools Foundation, I have a clear understanding of the educational needs of the district and a deep commitment to fostering a love of education. I am a proud Williamston resident who is happily married with two children enrolled in the middle and high school at WCS.</p>	<p>The School Board has voted to offer online learning only through October 16 for all grades at WCS. As a school board member, I will urge continued meetings to further discuss and evaluate the ability of our students to return safely to in-person learning. We must consider both the safety of students and school staff while weighing our ability to meet the Governor Whitmer's Michigan Safe Schools Road Map. This requires careful budget planning to avoid becoming a deficit school district. We must work with school administrators both to ensure the high quality of education WCS is known for is maintained during online learning and that teachers have the tools they need to provide quality instruction. This includes working to provide internet access to all students and finding ways to meet the needs of all learners and continue to meet all established IEP's . We must also provide resources for the social and emotional well-being of our students whenever possible.</p>	<p>The district does not currently have enough Chromebooks to supply one to every student. We must work on a creative model to supply Chromebooks to those in need and have students use personal devices which begins with evaluating the need of every student in the district. We must also provide hot spots to those students without internet access. Administration is currently working on these goals and is making excellent progress. We must plan for future budgets to allow for the purchase of additional computers, as well as additional hot spots. We must also find the funds required to replace Chromebooks every 3-5 years as needed. Due to the pandemic, we have focused all professional development upon the best practices for online learning. Michigan State University has been contracted to provide a series of training sessions with all education staff. This well-received training should receive the continued support of the board and we should remain vigilant in evaluating online learning.</p>
<p>David Indish Occupation: Director - eBusiness Support Email: indishd@gmail.com Education: BA -Writing - Grand Valley State University Phone: 810-241-1552</p>	<p>I am running for a position on the Williamston Board of Education because the excellent schools are what brought my family to Williamston, and I would like to be able to do whatever I can to help them continue their outstanding legacy. I have worked in a management capacity in the technology sector for the past fourteen years, and during that time have learned a substantial amount in regards to resource allocation, team building, project management, creative problem solving, and finding workable compromises on high-priority and time-sensitive issues. I believe all of these skills are applicable in the arena of public education.</p>	<p>The paramount issue facing the School Board during this pandemic is balancing the safety children and staff, and giving students the best possible education under the circumstances. Were I elected to this position, I would listen to experts in the subjects of both education and public health, and make my recommendations and decisions only after considering the options and expert advise.</p>	<p>From my experience, the biggest technological issue affecting the district happens outside of the schools themselves: access to technology and reliable internet. Many families simply don't have access to technology that is essential to education, and many areas within our district are outside of conventional broadband support. During the COVID-19 crisis, the district has worked to distribute Chromebooks, wireless access points, and other portable technologies to the under-served members of our community. I would like to review the effects of this policy, and find ways to improve its breadth and efficacy both during the pandemic, and when we return to normalcy.</p>

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

ONLINE <https://www.vote411.org/register>

Monday, October 19, 2020

BY MAIL

Monday, October 19, 2020

IN PERSON

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

*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

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Mail your AV ballot by October 20, 2020

Your ballot must arrive at your clerk's office by
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Scan this QR code to find out where your closest dropbox is.
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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

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.

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- 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)

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Absentee Ballot

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Jane Meixner