

LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

WAYNE & WESTLAND

POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY

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What's on the Ballot?

Partisan Ballot:

- ≈Governor (vote for 1)
- ≈Secretary of State (vote for 1)
- ≈Attorney General (vote for 1)
- ≈U.S. Senator (vote for 1)
- ≈U.S. Representative (vote for 1)
- *State Senator, 6th or 7th District (vote for 1)
- *State Representative, 11th or 16th, (vote for 1)
- ≈State Board of Education (vote for 2)
- ≈U of M Regents (vote for 2)
- ≈MSU Trustees (vote for 2)
- ≈WSU Governor (vote for 2)
- *County Executive (vote for 1)
- County Commissioner, 11th or 12th Dist (unopposed)

*Covered in this Voter Guide

≈Covered in the LWVMI (newsprint) Voter Guide

All races, including the unopposed races, appear on VOTE411.org.

Ballot Proposals:

- * Wayne County Community College Proposal
- *Wayne-Westland School Improvement Bond Proposition
- ≈3 Statewide proposals

Nonpartisan Ballot

JUDGES

- ≈Supreme Ct 8-yr. term (vote for 2)
- Court of Appeals 6 yr. term (unopposed)
- Court of Appeals partial term (unopposed)
- Circuit Ct. 6-year term Incumbent (unopposed)
- *Circuit Ct. 6-yr term, Non-Incumbent (vote for 3)
- Circuit Ct. partial term, Incumbent (unopposed)
- Probate Ct 6-yr, term Incumbent (unopposed)
- Probate Ct 6-yr, Non-Incumbent (unopposed)
- 18th or 29th District Court (unopposed)

*City of Wayne Mayor (vote for 1)

*Wayne City Council, Wards 4, 5 or 6
(vote for 1 each Ward)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

*Wayne-Westland School Board (unopposed)

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is a nonpartisan organization established in 1960 in Livonia, MI. The League works to encourage citizen participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. The work of the League is financed by the dues of its volunteer members and by contributions from citizens in the community.

Publication of these statements from the candidates is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters. Candidates' words are printed as submitted (including any misspellings). The League takes no responsibility for any views or facts stated by the candidates.

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Brenda Jones (R)	DID NOT RESPOND		
Erika Geiss (D) Website: http://www.electgeiss.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/electgeiss Occupation / Current Position: State Representative, HD12 Education: Brandeis University, B.A. 1993 (Developmental Psychology) Tufts University, M.A. 1998 (Art & Architectural History) Qualifications / Experience: Visit https://www.electgeiss.com/erika-s-bio for bio/list of qualifications.	1: Increased Education funding. We need to make sure that public education dollars stay in our public schools, improve our student to school counselor ratio, decrease class sizes and pay teachers like the professionals that they are. We also need to ensure equity and access for students of all backgrounds. 2: Economic Equity. We need to close the wage gap for women and minorities, mandate earned paid sick time, have stronger pregnancy work protections and establish state-funded universal pre-k, repealing "Right to Work" legislation and reinstate the prevailing wage. 3. Civil Rights: See answer below.	a. State-funded universal Pre-K. b. Equitable funding for public schools so that all students have access to an excellent education regardless of ZIP code or demographics. c. Shrinking the student to counselor ratio. d. Decreasing class sizes e. Paying teachers like the professionals they are to keep young talent motivated and in the state. f. Better funding for mental health. g. Expanded access to teen health groups and medically accurate sex education. h. Improving standards and regulations for charter schools. i. Better integration of career-technical education options and college-bound options	a. Eliminating the gender and minority wage gap b. Eliminating the pension tax c. Mandating earned paid sick time and earned paid family leave d. Reinstating prevailing wage

Candidates were asked several questions by the League of Women Voters. The answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the stated word limitations.

Responses to additional questions posed to candidates for state representative and state senator concerning elections, justice and the environment/energy can be found by logging on to VOTE411.org.



(Wayne is in District 7)

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<p>Laura Cox (R)</p> <p>Website: www.electlauracox.com Facebook: http://@electlauracox Occupation/Current Position: State Representative, 19th House District Education: Bachelor's, Criminal Justice, Michigan State University Master's, Criminal Justice Research and Planning, Michigan State University Qualifications / Experience: -U.S. Customs Special Agent, 13 years - First female House Appropriations Chair, overseeing a \$56 billion budget -Past Chair of Ways and Means Committee on the Wayne County Commission -Served as the 11th Congressional District Chair -Served as the Treasurer to the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee</p>	<p>Increasing economic development by deregulation and limiting government and its spending -Strengthening public safety - I will continue to support measures that make our communities safer. I secured the appropriate funding to train 155 new Michigan State Police Troopers, putting our statewide trooper strength at its highest level in 18 years. -Maintaining a fiscally conservative budget that reduces spending and pays down debt</p>	<p>As House Appropriations Chair, I adopted \$14.8 billion into the K-12 school budget, the largest investment in Michigan history. I committed the resources needed to help quality schools get even better and help struggling ones improve. Spending in smarter ways creates more opportunities for students to learn/succeed in all aspects of life. Building a better future for Michigan requires smart, sensible investments in education to prepare our children for success. The state budget I helped craft emphasizes helping children learn how to read and write at an early age, along with efforts to help academically at risk students.</p>	<p>I believe in reducing burdensome government regulation in areas where it is simply not necessary. A fair and less burdensome tax structure creates an atmosphere for entrepreneurs to create businesses, resulting in more jobs. As a result, the economy gains more revenue, unemployment rates drop as new job opportunities rise. Being pro-business means being pro-Michigan, and what's good for one is good for the other. I continue to strive to make Michigan a better place to hold business.</p>
<p>Dayna Polehanki (D)</p> <p>Website: daynaforsenate.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DaynaForSenate/ Twitter: twitter.com/DaynaForSenate Occupation/Current Position: English teacher Education: School Administrator Certification - MASSP; M.A.T. - Marygrove College; B.S. - Central Michigan University; Teacher Certification - Alma College Qualifications / Experience: 2018 Teacher of the Year, New Haven Community Schools; former Building Representative for the New Haven Education Association (MEA Local 1); one of two recipients of the 2017 Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union Educator Advantage Scholarship; owner of Detroit Casting Company; Casting Society of America Member.</p>	<p>As state senator of Michigan's 7th District, which encompasses Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Northville, and Wayne, my top 3 legislative priorities will be to (1) Support public education in Michigan by fully funding our K-12 schools, removing the profit motive in education, and making college affordable for working families; (2) Give our seniors the care and secure retirement they've rightly earned by reversing the pension tax and protecting Medicare and Medicaid; and (3) Ensure that all Michiganders have access to quality affordable health care by expanding coverage and lowering costs, starting with prescription drugs.</p>	<p>School finance determines the quality and quantity of instruction. We must heed the call of the bipartisan Michigan School Finance Research Collaborative's Adequacy Study that recommends an increase in per pupil base funding and getting rid of a "one-size-fits-all" funding formula in place of one that takes into consideration the unique needs of all students. I support universal preschool, removing the for-profit motive in education, restricting the use of School Aid Fund dollars for PK-12 only, making college affordable by adequately funding it, and promoting career tech/skilled trades in our schools and communities.</p>	<p>I support promoting Buy Local/Buy Michigan requirements to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used to create local jobs for local workers; I support ending corporate trade deals/tax breaks that reward wealthy corporations for sending Michigan jobs overseas; I support promoting quality post-secondary education by learning a skill through union apprenticeship programs, attending a community college, or attending a university; I support raising the minimum wage, which will raise living standards and grow the middle class; I support our right to organize and collectively bargain; and I support equal pay for equal work.</p>

Michigan State Senate, District 7 (cont.)

6 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

<p>CANDIDATES</p> <p><i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i></p>	<p>PRIORITIES: <i>What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION: <i>What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?</i></p>	<p>ECONOMY: <i>What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?</i></p>
<p>Joseph H LeBlanc (Lib)</p> <p>Website: https://www.facebook.com/LeBlancforMISenate7 Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/LeBlancforMISenate7 Occupation / Current Position: Business Owner in Canton MI. Education: Livonia Public Schools. Schoolcraft College. Life. Qualifications / Experience: I have founded, and operate 2 local businesses that employ local people. One is a technology business and the other promotes local events to the entire country. I know how to run a business and treat customers. Being a taxpayer, I understand the burden that taxes place on our hardworking families, and businesses.</p>	<p>Reform Auto No-Fault. Lansing does not know what coverage is best for you and your family. Reform to allow YOU to pick what is best for YOU. Cut regulations and taxes. If you are a hard-working Michigan resident, let me work to get Lansing off your back and out of your pocketbook. Fix our roads. Stop for a moment and add up all you are paying in taxes on gas, license plate fees, sales taxes when you buy or lease your car, and then tell me, no, it is not enough, tax me more to do the same things we have been doing. While we are at, let us make Lansing a part time job. Not a full time career for politicians</p>	<p>First, parents have to engage and teach their children. Now, 2nd, we can discuss schools. MLIVE.COM in February 2017 says: "On average, Michigan school districts spent \$9,996 per student in 2015-16" Let us do some math, if we have 30 students in classroom, 30x\$9996=\$299,880. Are you honestly telling me we can not educate a room of grade school students for almost \$300,000? Let's follow the money and stop the problem, the problem is not the teacher in the classroom.</p>	<p>Lower taxes. Less regulations. If government gets out of the way and out of our pocketbooks, there is no limit to what Americans and especially Michiganders can accomplish! I support the Libertarian Promise. One of the planks of that promise is to eliminate the burden of unnecessary occupational licenses. Do you know that currently over 20% of workers need a government license to work?</p>

Michigan House of Representatives, District 11

2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

(The NE corner of Westland is in District 11)

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<p>James Townsend (R)</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Management; Spring Arbor University Qualifications / Experience: Precinct/State Delegate, 18 years</p>	<p>1 Education & Workforce Readiness – By supporting parental choice and charter schools to expand and enhance quality educational opportunities for all Michigan students. Help students to reach their full potential by adhering to a challenging curriculum, for higher academic standards 2 Protect Employer Rights in the Workplace – I would support the right of employers of all sizes to manage their workplaces free of undue interference 3 Maintain a Sound Legal Climate - i would oppose efforts to expand the types of claims that can be filed against Michigan job providers protecting and strengthening Michigan's laws.</p>	<p>By supporting parental choice and charter schools to expand and enhance high quality educational opportunities for all Michigan students and assisting students in reaching their full potential by insisting that all schools adhere to a challenging curriculum based on high academic standards. I would urge the State Board of Education to do a better job holding all public schools, traditional and charter, to high standards for student achievement.</p>	<p>We need to create a business friendly environment in Michigan, and focus on increased education attainment, crafting policies that attract young talent to vibrant cities.</p>

Michigan House of Representatives, District 11 (cont.) 2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

(The NE corner of Westland is in District 11)

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<p>Jewell Jones (D)</p> <p>Website: www.jonesforstaterep.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/unit edforjewelljones/ Twitter: twit- ter.com/onlyjjones Occupation / Current Position: Michigan State Representative Education: University of Michigan - Dearborn B.A. Political Science Qualifications / Experience: Former Inkster City Councilman (2015) Current State Representative (2017-Present) Michigan Army National Guard (Present)</p>	<p>1) Accelerate Growth in Michigan's economy by providing incentives for development in emerging industries (e.g., high-tech, advanced manufacturing, cyber security, urban logistics, alternative energy) and tourism. Expand support programs that stimulate small business development. 2) Restore leadership in K-12 and Post-Secondary/Career-Technical education by investing more dollars. Community College tuition should be free to students who maintain acceptable GPAs. 3) Michigan can improve the quality of life by increasing investments in health care, the environment and policies that ensure the well-being of our citizens</p>	<p>We should ensure that more equitable funding is available at all levels. Early childhood and K-12 education is underfunded with the current approach to providing students a quality education. We need policies that close the estimated \$1,959 gap (according to Michigan School Finance Research Collaborative) in per student funding. We should explore allowing school districts more flexibility in raising millages and look into alternative approaches for financing education. College tuition is too high and limits affordability for many students. We need to lower college costs and make community college attendance free.</p>	<p>We need to invest in road/bridge reconstruction and infrastructure improvement projects that create jobs and business opportunities across the state. The minimum wage should be raised to \$15.00 per hour and union members should benefit exclusively from collective bargaining and contract negotiations. Prevailing Wage provisions should be restored as a requirement for government contracts to ensure that there are fair and equitable pay levels and benefits provided to workers. Unions and equitable wages created the middle class and resulted in higher standards of living for all workers.</p>

Michigan House of Representatives, District 16 2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

(Wayne, and most of Westland is in District 16)

<p>CANDIDATES</p> <p><i>(Visit VOTE411.org for responses to additional questions)</i></p>	<p>PRIORITIES: <i>What are your top three state legislative priorities? Why did you select them?</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION: <i>What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?</i></p>	<p>ECONOMY: <i>What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?</i></p>
<p>Jody Rice-White</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Kevin Coleman</p> <p>Website: www.ColemanForMichigan.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/KevinColemanforStateRep/ Occupation / Current Position: Music Instructor Education: Bachelor's Degree Western Michigan Qualifications / Experience: Westland City Council 2014-2017</p>	<p>Fixing the roads: let's Reinvest in transportation in our State by moving more general fund dollars to building new and better roads. Prioritizing education: We can no longer afford to underfund school districts like Wayne-Westland's. Our children deserve a high-quality public education and we have to make education a priority again. Protecting seniors: pensioners and retirees should not be expected to pay taxes on their retirement savings because they could not properly account for this expense while working. We should repeal the pension tax.</p>	<p>Let's boost the school aid fund with additional revenue from sports betting and from the new proceeds from ballot measures.</p>	<p>Campaign donations should be limited and super PACS should be more regulated. I will also support ending gerrymandering.</p>

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Denis Curan (R)	DID NOT RESPOND	
Warren C. Evans (D)	ID NOT RESPOND	

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSAL: REPLACEMENT OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal will allow Wayne County Community College District to levy 2.25 mills for operating purposes, permanently replacing and combining two separate existing authorizations which would otherwise expire in 2020 and 2022. To continue to provide operating funds to the Wayne County Community College District and as a replacement of existing authority which would otherwise expire in 2020 and 2022, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be permanently increased by 2.25 mills (\$2.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), beginning in 2019? It is estimated that 2.25 mills would raise approximately \$46,533,830 when first levied in 2019.

Vote YES or NO

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Eight Million (\$158,000,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields and other facilities for safety and security, energy conservation and other purposes
 - Acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment and infrastructure in school buildings and other facilities.
 - Construction of additions to existing school buildings and athletic field houses at both high school sites; and
 - Preparing, development and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, and other facilities and the purchase of school buses?

The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 4.48 mills (which is equal to \$4.48 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 4.38 mills annually (\$4.38 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$6,370,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

Vote YES or NO

Information on the 3 statewide proposals can be found in the newsprint version of the Voter Guide or on VOTE411.org

Circuit Court Judge – Non Incumbent

6-Year Term

VOTE FOR 3

<p>CANDIDATES</p>	<p><i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i></p>	<p><i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i></p>
<p>John C. Cahalan</p> <p>Occupation/current position: I currently serve as a trial attorney with the law firm of Plunkett Cooney Campaign website: http://www.cahalanforjude.com Campaign email : john@cahalanforjudge.com Campaign phone: (313) 402-6556 Education: University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, J.D., Marquette University, B.A., University of Detroit Jesuit High School</p>	<p>I was born in Detroit, went to University of Detroit High School, Marquette University, and University of Detroit Law School. I've worked at the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, I've worked for a general practice law firm, I've worked for a worked for a plaintiff's personal injury law firm, and I currently work as a trial lawyer at the law firm of Plunkett Cooney. I have wanted to be a judge for as long as I can remember. I want to spend my life on the bench dedicated to having an impact on our community and the lives I touch. I believe I have been called to the bench as I have the unique temperament, disposition, and personality it takes.</p>	<p>I believe the community needs to better understand the court system and their rights within the court system. I would like to see more programs involving judges working in the community educating the public. I believe mental health, sobriety, and drug courts should continue to grow and be utilized. I would like to serve in some capacity assisting the growth of these programs within the 3rd Circuit Court.</p>
<p>Tracy E. Green</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Solo Practitioner, Green Law, PLLC Campaign website: http://www.gogreenforjustice.org Campaign email : info@gogreenforjustice.org Campaign phone: (313) 623-3102 Education: Cass Technical HS, diploma; Wayne State University, Bachelor's of Social Work; Wayne State University, Juris Doctorate</p>	<p>I have practiced law for 21 years, primarily in the Third Circuit Court. There, I have zealously protected the rights of indigent defendants in felony cases, promoted the best interests of children in custody cases, and fought to preserve families in child welfare cases. I am an award-winning attorney, published author and trainer in child welfare. The daughter of two UAW retirees, I am also a life-long Detroiter, wife, mother, and grandmother. The chief objective of my candidacy is to help transform the public's perception of the court so that people will respect and accept in its decisions.</p>	<p>Our governmental institutions, including the courts, are in a crisis of public confidence. I believe that respect for the judiciary and its orders is especially critical today — when so many are disillusioned with the governmental institutions that were created to serve us as citizens. To address this issue, as a judge, I would ensure that every person who comes before the court leaves with his or her dignity intact. If people believe that they have been respected and treated fairly, they will more likely abide by the court's rulings, even if they disagree with them.</p>
<p>Bridget Mary Hathaway</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Bodman PLC Campaign website: http://www.hathawayforjudge.com Campaign email : bridgethathawayforjudge@gmail.com Campaign phone: (313) 580-9253 Education: J.D., Wayne State University Law School; B.A., University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy</p>	<p>I have spent my career litigating a wide range of cases in Wayne County Circuit Court and courts throughout the country. As a litigator for some of the region's most successful companies and individuals, I have litigated complex, multi-million dollar business disputes. As a city prosecutor, I prosecuted criminal misdemeanors. As a criminal defense attorney, I defended the accused in felony and misdemeanor cases. I understand that when people enter the courtroom, it is under difficult circumstances. They have a right to be treated fairly and respectfully, and to have their case decided without any undue delay or expense.</p>	<p>The 3rd Circuit Court has one of the highest caseloads of any Circuit Court in the State of Michigan. It is critical, therefore, to focus on developing innovative practices to maximize efficiency. If fortunate enough to be elected by the citizens of Wayne County, I will be a strong voice for efficiency, fairness, and service.</p>

Need an absentee ballot?

Contact your City Clerk for an application

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Delicia Coleman Morson</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Sr. Trial Lawyer that represents clients, in Criminal Defense, Family, Civil & Real Estate matters. Campaign website: http://Votedeliciacolemanmorson.com Campaign email : votedeliciacolemanmordon@gmail.com Campaign phone: 313-622-6824 Education: H.S. Diploma -John F. Kennedy H.S. BA - University of Wash JD - University of Detroit Mercy</p>	<p>I have managed an active trial practice for over 22 years in all areas: Criminal, Family, Real Estate, Civil, Probate, and Juvenile Law. I was previously an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Ecorse. I want to administer true Justice for my community with equality, integrity, and experience. I work in 3rd Circuit Court and recognize the failures that we need to address and will STAND-UP against injustice.</p>	<p>I would make sure individual and constitutional rights are upheld equally for all who come before the bench. I will address that by making sure individuals are fully represented and receive appropriate sentences for their convictions along with rehabilitation and treatment as needed so that the whole community can benefit. I would also ensure that all who come before the bench are treated with respect and integrity, and I would address that by being on time and making sure everyone has their "day in Court".</p>
<p>Suzette Samuels</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Lead Attorney-Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Campaign website: http://Vostesamuels.com Campaign email : ssamuels51@yahoo.com Campaign phone: (313) 505-0011 Education: BA; JD.</p>	<p>I was born and raised in southwest Detroit. I am a graduate of Detroit Public Schools. I have been an attorney for 24 years, with over 20 years dedicated to public service. I have been a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for nearly 20 years. I am running for Judge to continue to serve the public with the same dedication for which I've served for 20 years. I am in court on nearly a daily basis and I have firsthand knowledge of the the need for FAIR and EXPERIENCED judges in our legal system. I'm running because I truly want to do the job and because the citizenry deserves the very best in public service.</p>	<p>1. Judges who are connected to the communities for which they serve. 2. Judges who put public service before politics . 3. Sentencing alternatives to incarceration 4. Judicial efficiency. 5. Judges who follow the law. 6. Judges who cultivate an atmosphere which enables litigants to litigate their cases without belittlement, and impatience. I am the most experienced and qualified of judicial candidates, and I will be the gate keeper of the people's court room. As such, I pledge that all of the areas I have listed will be fulfilled in the best interest of the citizenry of Wayne County.</p>
<p>Regina Thomas</p> <p>Occupation/current position: Director-Lakeshore Legal Aid's Counsel and Advocacy Law Line Campaign website: http://www.reginathomasforjudge.com Campaign email : reginathomasforjudge@gmail.com Campaign phone: 313-409-8290 Education: Cass Technical High School Tennessee State University, B.S. cum laude Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D.</p>	<p>I have spent 22 years providing critical legal services to families as well as protecting the rights of crime victims. I see becoming a judge as an opportunity to be of greater service to my community. I currently serve as director of a civil legal services hotline which provides free legal assistance. My prior legal experience includes serving as deputy chief counsel-Legal Aid and Defender Association, an adjunct professor at WMU-Cooley Law School, an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan. I live in Grosse Pointe Woods with my husband and two sons.</p>	<p>Access to the courts is an issue. While there is a constitutional right to counsel in criminal matters no such mandate exists as it relates to civil legal matters. There are a limited number of attorneys who are available to assist under resourced people in civil legal matters. As a result a large number of people are forced to navigate the judicial system without an attorney. In many cases these civil legal matters can be the difference between crisis and stability for under resourced families. If elected I will seek to ensure all litigants are able to participate in their legal matter in a meaningful way and are treated with respect.</p>

ALERT: NO STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET VOTING IN NOVEMBER

Unlike past elections, the November 6, 2018 ballot will not allow a voter to check one party's box to vote in all the partisan races. Voters must choose a candidate in each individual partisan race. Non-partisan elections, such as judges and school boards, will, as in the past, also require a voter to choose individual candidates (or multiple candidates if the race requires.)

City of Wayne Mayor

2-Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Vern Amos	DID NOT RESPOND	
<p>John P. Rhaesa</p> <p>Address: 34237 Forest St Wayne, MI 48184 Occupation/Current Profession: Owner of The Wayne Dispatch and JoNa Graphics Campaign Phone: (734) 641-6550 Campaign Email: hpdjrace@aol.com Education: · 1987 Graduate of Wayne Memorial High School · Attended Eastern Michigan University</p>	<p>I have been serving on the City Council for the past 7 years · Wayne Downtown Development Authority Board Member · Nankin Transit Chairman · Planning Commission Liason · Member of the Wayne Rotary (President 2017-2018) · Downtown Days Committee Member · Organizer of The Wayne Concerts in the Park · Beaumont Hospital Community Advisory Board Member · Wayne 100 Club Board Member I am running for Mayor to change the contentious climate that currently exists. I believe it can be immediately quelled or greatly minimized by me being mayor. I plan to maintain a constant flow of communication with council members, the city administration and our citizens. I see a lot of positive things on the horizon for Wayne.</p>	<p>I am truly humbled and honored to have had an opportunity to serve on the Wayne City Council the past 7 years. I am hoping to achieve even more as Wayne's next mayor and make us a city that truly works for everyone. There is much more progress ahead and I feel very confident that I can continue to pursue some of those goals and lead the way to accomplish what had not yet been accomplished while I was on Council. · Continue to stabilize the financial outlook for the community · Increase Public Safety · Better communication amongst the mayor and council is in incredibly important. (There has been a void the past several years.) · Look for ways to fix deteriorating roads in the neighborhoods. · Create and build more relationships to help make things happen in our community that could not happen due to the current financial situation. · Continue to build and bring back Downtown Wayne.</p>

Wayne City Council Ward 4

4-Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Brian Ewanciw	DID NOT RESPOND	
Anthony Wayne Miller	DID NOT RESPOND	

Wayne City Council Ward 5

2-Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Eric Cleerman	DID NOT RESPOND	
Kelly Skiff	ID NOT RESPOND	

CANDIDATES	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
Christopher Gietzen	DID NOT RESPOND	
<p>Phillip A. Wagner</p> <p>Address: 38165 Laurenwood St Wayne, MI 48184 Occupation/Current Profession: Window treatment cleaning, sales, and repair Campaign Phone: (734) 262-6573 Campaign Email: phillipwagnerward6@gmail.com Campaign Website: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025377514509 Education: BM Eastern Michigan University MM Bowling Green State University</p>	<p>I have been running a window treatments business for over 10 years. As a business owner I am used to looking at numbers and setting goals. In my business I have faced the need for more revenue without the ability to raise my prices. This parallels what Wayne is facing right now. The need for more revenue with out the ability to raise taxes. City property taxes are at the maximum allowed by the State. I am running for city council 1st and foremost because I love my city and want to do my part to make it a great place where my kids can grow up. I believe the city of Wayne is at a point where it needs to have some goals set, both short term and long term. 1 short term goal needs to be how are we going to raise tax revenue without raising taxes. 1 long term goal should be how are we going to reinstate our retirees' health care.</p>	<p>The biggest issue is the budget. The city has avoided a \$700,000 deficit by screwing the city's retirees out of promised health care. We need to figure out how to increase tax revenue without increasing tax rates. 1 way to do this is to make sure the economic development director and the DDA continue to have the resources they need to market Wayne to businesses. Another way to increase revenue is to reprioritize the budget to make our crumbling roads a higher priority. We will not be able to fix all the roads at once, but we can fix them little by little. Our roads are so bad in some places that they are having a big negative effect on property values. Other big issues include the funding of emergency services. Wayne Police & Fire are running skeleton crews, and some of their vehicles are old. The underfunding of emergency services comes back to revenue. We must increase revenue.</p>

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