



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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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, Dist. 6 (vote for 1)
- *State Representative, Dist 12, 17, or 21 (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, Dist. 11(unopposed)
- Sumpter Township Clerk & Treasurer (unopposed)
- *Sumpter Township Trustee (vote for 1)

*Covered in this Voter Guide

≈Covered in the LWVMI (newsprint) Voter Guide

All races, including unopposed races, can be found on VOTE411.org

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-yr 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. term, Non-Incumbent (unopposed)
- 34th District Court (unopposed)

SCHOOLS and LIBRARIES

- *Van Buren Public Schools (vote for 3)
- *Plymouth-Canton Schools, 6-yr. term (vote for 1)
- *Plymouth-Canton Schools, partial term (vote for 1)
- *Belleville Public Library (vote for 4)

Ballot Proposals: * 1 Local Proposals (Wayne Co. Community College Millage)
≈ 3 State Proposals

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<p>Brenda Jones (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Erika Geiss (D)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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District 12 includes the NE corner of VanBuren Township

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<p>Michelle Bailey (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Alex Garza (D)</p> <p>Website: www.alexformichigan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/alex4rep Twitter: twitter.com/Alex4Council Occupation / Current Position: Director of Constituent Relations - MI House of Representatives and Taylor City Council Chairman. Education: Bachelor of Arts (BA) - University of Michigan (Dearborn) - Political Science. Associate of Business (AB) - Baker College - Business Management . Qualifications / Experience: Worked in Michigan Legislature for over 3 years as a Legislative Aide to State Rep. Stephanie Chang. Elected to the Taylor City Council in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. Currently serving as the City Council Chairman. Taylor Downtown Development Authority - Board Member. Taylor Rotary Club - Member. Taylor Goodfellows - Member.</p>	<p>My top three legislative priorities would be Health Care, Education, and Roads/Infrastructure. It will be critical to have a strong representative in Lansing that will fight for access to health care coverage for all. Everyone should have access to affordable health care. As State Representative, I will fight to restore and increase education funding for our schools. Our kids and our teachers deserve the best environment to learn and teach in. I will also make road funding a top priority for Michigan once again. We must work together in order to rebuild and invest in our infrastructure.</p>	<p>Michigan's school funding system is broken. The number one thing we can do to achieve improved educational outcomes is to properly invest in education. Our state has continued to divest from our public schools and have even made it easier for for-profit charter schools to access dollars that should be going to our public school districts. An investment in our kids is an investment in Michigan's future; we must do better to support our schools.</p>	<p>The Michigan economy is in an upswing and stable leadership is necessary to continue the growth. Michigan-educated college graduates are still leaving the state to find work elsewhere, we must promote policies to incentive this home grown talent to stay rooted in Michigan. More needs to be done to keep college graduates in our state. We must also do all we can to protect Prevailing Wage in Michigan. This is something we must do in order to support our trades workers and their workforce in this Michigan economy. As a legislator, I will always promote policies that improve the economy for Working Class Michiganders.</p>

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District 17 includes Sumpter Township

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<p>Joe Bellino, Jr. (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Michelle LaVoy (D)</p> <p>Website: www.michellelavoy.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/michellelavoyformi/ Occupation / Current Position: Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Monroe Education: St. Mary Academy, High School Diploma; Miami University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; University of Dayton, Master of Public Administration Qualifications / Experience: Clerk-Treasurer, City of Monroe; Donor Relations Coordinator, Mercy Foundation at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio; Corporate Relations Manager, American Heart Association; Area Director, American Heart Association; Operation Coordinator, American Cancer Society; Human Resources, Montgomery County Ohio</p>	<p>My top priorities are: 1. Ensuring Opportunity for All--tax relief for working families, end the retirement tax and protect pensions, and put Michigan jobs first by ending tax breaks to companies that outsource our jobs. 2. Investing in our Future-- Keep your tax dollars out of for-profit charter schools and invest in our public schools. 3. Strong Communities--Find real solutions to addiction and substance abuse, ensure access to quality healthcare including mental health care, and improve infrastructure like roads and water systems.</p>	<p>1. Fully fund our public schools and and keep tax dollars out of for-profit charter schools 2. Ensure that all students have access to affordable higher education whether that be a college education, trade school, or job retraining program. 3. Lower class sizes to allow more individualized attention for students. 4. Ensure the voices of teachers and parents are elevated in discussions about how to improve learning, not Lansing politicians.</p>	<p>1. Create a tax structure that's fair for working people, not just the wealthy and well connected by repealing the retirement tax, giving tax relief to working people, and incentivizing job creation. 2. Grow paychecks by restoring prevailing wage laws, repealing "Right to Work", and restoring full collective bargaining rights to all workers. 3. Invest in our schools, job retraining programs, and the skilled trades to ensure we have talent for the jobs of the future.</p>

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Michigan House of Representatives, District 21

2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

District 21 includes the City of Belleville and most of Van Buren Township

<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>Darian Moore (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Kristy Pagan (D)</p> <p>Website: kristypagan.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/KristyforRep Twitter: twitter.com/KristyPagan Occupation / Current Position: State Representative Education: Salem High School, Diploma, Western Michigan University, bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, The George Washington University, master's degree in Political Management Qualifications / Experience: Currently serving in my 2nd term as your state representative. Prior to being in elected office, I worked to make higher education more affordable at Wayne State University and as a legislative aide in education policy in the United States Senate.</p>	<p>Since my first day in office, my top priority has been making sure we fully fund our public schools so that all of our children have a chance to succeed. We can do this by taking a look at how we fund our schools, remove the profit motive that has plagued our current funding model, and invest in training and retaining highly qualified teachers. As I go door-to-door, voters are also concerned about our failing infrastructure, including our roads and bridges, how we can raise wages for all working families, and how we can address the healthcare crisis and protect pre-existing conditions coverage.</p>	<p>We must ensure our public schools are adequately funded. Studies show that we are underfunding our public education system by as much as \$2,000 per student. This is unacceptable. Every tax dollar meant to educate our children must go into the classroom and not line the pockets of for-profit education management companies that contract with our public schools. We must remove the profit motive in education and no longer look at our children as dollar signs. I also support tuition-free community college and creating more opportunities in the skilled trades.</p>	<p>The core of a strong economy is one that puts the people of Michigan first. We are currently spending your tax dollars on sending jobs out-of-state and overseas. I support legislation that puts Michigan companies first and am proud to have been endorsed by the Small Business Association of Michigan. I hear from families who are struggling to get by because of the cost of healthcare, paying for car repairs due to our crumbling roads, and skyrocketing car insurance. I have sponsored or co-sponsored bills that solve these problems.</p>

Wayne County Executive

4-Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

<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>Denis Curan (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	
<p>Warren C. Evans (D)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</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.)

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>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>

3rd Circuit Court Judge – Non Incumbent (cont)

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>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>

Sumpter Township Trustee

Partial Term

Vote for 1

<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>Tim Rush (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	
<p>Jennifer Price (D)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	
<p>Andrew Slovik (NPA)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	

VanBuren School Board

4-Year term

VOTE FOR 3

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>
Dionne Falconer	DID NOT RESPOND	
<p>Darlene Loyer Gerick</p> <p>Address: 47675 Martz Belleville, MI 48111</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Facilities Manager for Health Information Technology & Service at Michigan Medicine</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 231-3441</p> <p>Campaign Email: honie1967@gmail.com</p> <p>Education: BA in Computer Science and Organizational Leadership</p>	<p>I have been a resident of the Belleville Area my entire life (minus the College years). I am a 1985 Graduate of BHS. I am a parent of a future 2023 BHS Graduate. I have been involved in Little League (BALL and VBALL), Belleville Cougars Football and Cheer, and The Belleville Tigers Youth Football and Cheer. I have been a Girl Scouts Leader for the last 8 years. I was appointed to the Van Buren School Board in June of 2017, to complete a vacated term. I have been an active member of the community my entire life, and I want to continue to be an active member of our schools. This is my town, and I care about it and these are the schools I grew up in, and the schools my husband, Ron and I are raising our child in.</p>	<p>Van Buren continues to have low scores for state testings. We need to continue to assess our curriculum and make changes to enhance the education value for our students. We need to continue to provide the support and training to the teachers to meet the goals of the district. We need to evaluate the changes we make and continue the programs that work and re-evaluate the ones that don't. We need to always remember that the student education is our focus.</p>
Calvin H. Hawkins	DID NOT RESPOND	
Amy Pearce	DID NOT RESPOND	

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools School Board

6-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>
<p>Leonardo Savage</p> <p>Address: 1116 Roosevelt Street Plymouth, MI 48170</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Retired Quality Consultant</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 455-4918</p> <p>Campaign Email: Lamsavage@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Education: Univ. of Warwick: Business/Sales Project Management Certification Certified ISO 9000 Lead Auditor EMU/Goethe Inst. - German</p>	<p>I am a retired quality management consultant and have over 30 years experience in the automotive, gas, food service and economic development industries creating, installing and teaching people how to operate ISO 9000 based quality management systems (Chrysler, Porsche Engineering, Canadian Gas, etc). My daughter is at East Middle School and my wife is a Resident Engineer at Ford. Previously, I was District Council representative at the Board of Education for Smith Elementary School. I am running for office, as I believe that to achieve any measure of success, there has to be an exceptional amount of commitment, cooperation and communication between everyone involved. I have put this knowledge and experience in practice, not only during my working life, but also as a docent at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, working with K-12 students, their parents and teachers.</p>	<p>I believe that there are several issues which need to be dealt with. My priority is the safety and security of teachers and pupils at PCCS schools. We need to take an active role by employing resource officers at each school and improving the school buildings infrastructure to create a more secure environment. We need to address the current opioid crisis and examine how to better educate our pupils on the perils of drug use. In a time of decreasing budget we also need to identify areas that need to be improved without major financial implications, by streamlining processes within the district and restructuring those that are out of date. Keeping the high standards of PCCS schools, by working closely with PCCS teachers, staff and other members of the team, to find out what issues need addressing and how this can be done without placing an unacceptable financial burden on the school district.</p>
Anupam Chugh Sidhu	DID NOT RESPOND	

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools School Board

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>
<p>Aamina Ahmed Campaign Email: friendsfaamina@gmail.com</p>	<p>As a nonprofit executive, active community member, and a mother of four, I am dedicated to preserving excellent public education. As a multilingual second generation immigrant, I work hard to enhance inclusive environments everywhere I go, making sure that high quality education is available for all kids, no matter which school they go to or the economic background of their parents. I take pride in cultivating relationships and am comfortable interacting with the diverse groups that make up our school community and have worked with every level of stakeholder in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. As a skilled communicator with a strong background in empirical research, I envision a district fully committed to the successful education of all students and hope to further a strengths-based approach that encourages deep community investment in our schools.</p>	<p>Securing adequate funding to provide an excellent education to all students in the District is a priority. I would work hard to advocate for stable funding at all levels. I believe that teaching environments are learning environments and would work towards greater retention of our educators. I love the diversity at P-CCS but envision a more inclusive environment where students, staff, parents and community members all feel that they belong. I want to close the atrocious achievement gap and address the disparities in discipline across race. Our schools need to embody equity and opportunity. I recognize that our world is changing at an incredible pace and our schools need to be responsive and innovative so that our children thrive. Ensuring that students have the tools and motivation to be lifelong learners is key to positive outcomes for them.</p>
<p>John T. Lazarowicz</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	

Belleville Area District Library Board

4-Year term

VOTE FOR 4

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>Mary Jane Dawson Address: 155 E. COLUMBIA AVE BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 Occupation/Current Profession: RN-Retired Campaign Email: MJD98@comcast.net Education: Graduate of Our Lady of Mercy HS (1965); Graduate of Washtenaw Community College: ADN (1986)</p>	<p>I have been an active member of my community, serving on various committees and boards, including President of the FRIENDS of the Library, Trustee of the Belleville Area Historical Society, Recording Secretary for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and as one of seven appointees for the first Belleville Area District Library Board on April 17, 2010. I served as Chair for the first six years: Now serving as the Vice Chair. I also have Chaired the Marketing and Policy Committee for the library board. I have lived in Belleville since 1988. My husband and I have six sons, five daughters-in-law, and twelve amazing grandchildren. I believe very strongly that libraries are an integral component of our communities. I am running for re-election because there is still more to do to ensure that our tri-community has the type of library the residents deserve.</p>	<p>In April of 2010, the library board was charged with the job of researching and planning for a new main library building as well as locating a media center in the southern portion of the library's service area. The service area for the Belleville Area District Library consists of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township. Our current building is woefully inadequate to provide the measure of services the residents deserve. Currently, construction is under way in downtown Belleville to erect a new building which will be a beacon, drawing people in to take advantage of books, media, programs, and opportunities to connect with other members of the community. The most important task at hand is to keep the construction on track and to bring the project to fruition within our budget guidelines. I was there at the start in 2010 and I want to be there for the completion of the project.</p>
<p>Barbara Gates</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	

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Sharon C. Peters	DID NOT RESPOND	
Linda Priest	DID NOT RESPOND	
Tanya Y. Stoudemire	DID NOT RESPOND	

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSAL: REPLACEMENT OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

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.

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