



LOCAL NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

PLYMOUTH & CANTON

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, 7th District (vote for 1)
- *State Representative, 20th or 21st, (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, 10th Dist.(vote for 1)

≈Covered in the LWVMI (newsprint) Voter Guide

*Covered in this Voter Guide

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

Ballot Proposals:

- * Plymouth Township Public Safety Millage
- *Plymouth City and Township Recreational Authority Proposal
- * Schoolcraft College Millage Restoration
- ≈ 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-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 (vote for 1)
- 35th District Court (unopposed)

SCHOOL BOARDS and LIBRARY BOARD

- Schoolcraft College (unopposed)
- *Plymouth-Canton Schools, 6-yr. term (vote for 1)
- *Plymouth-Canton Schools, partial term (vote for 1)
- Plymouth District Library Board (unopposed)

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<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>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

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<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 20

2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

District 20 includes all of Plymouth and the eastern part of Canton

<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>Jeff Noble (R)</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>		
<p>Matt Koleszar (D)</p> <p>Website: mattformichigan.org Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MattforMichigan/ Twitter: twitter.com/mattformichigan Occupation / Current Position: High School Social Studies Teacher Education: B.A. Secondary History Education from Saginaw Valley State University M.A. English Studies for Teachers from Eastern Michigan University Qualifications / Experience: I am the current President of the Airport Education Association, Active in local Democratic clubs. My twelve years of teaching experience have given me a unique perspective into public education and the challenges faced.</p>	<p>Public education must be properly funded. There needs to be support of a rich, full curriculum along with support for vocational and technical education programs that keep young talent here in Michigan. Workers' rights must be restored. We must overturn the disastrous Right-to-Work legislation that has harmed the ability of our workers to collectively bargain. Protection of the environment- We must ensure our Great Lakes and natural resources are protected. And finally, we need to modernize how we fund our roads and stop relying on a model from 1951.</p>	<p>1. Properly fund our public schools, full stop. This means improving access to technology, the most up-to-date materials, ending our reliance on unproven standardized tests and investing in the best resources for teachers. 2. Bring vocational and technical education programs back to our schools, so all students have the skills they need to be competitive in today's job market. 3. Expand access to no-cost Pre-K education 4. Make community colleges tuition free to increase opportunities for our college-bound students. 5. Place a cap on the legislatures ability to raid the school aid fund,</p>	<p>First, I believe the quickest way to increase jobs is to reinvest in our skilled workers both with a support system in our public schools, as well as expanding opportunities to retrain laid off skilled labor employees. Secondly, we need to focus on underemployment and under pay practices. The recent repeal of prevailing wage by the State House will hurt Michigan Residents in their pocketbooks. Finally, we need to reinvest in our state. Properly funding our infrastructure, and other state responsibilities, creates jobs.</p>

Michigan House of Representatives, District 21 2 Year Term

VOTE FOR 1

District 21 includes all of Canton except for the eastern side.

<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>

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 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>	

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>Joe Barone (R)</p> <p>Address: 607 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Wayne County Commissioner-Attorney at Law</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 414-0358</p> <p>Campaign Email: joe@baroneforcommissioner.com</p> <p>Campaign Website: www.baroneforcommissioner.com</p> <p>Education: B.A.-Michigan State University (1993) Juris Doctor-Cooley Law School (1996). Master of Laws-Wayne State (2004)</p>	<p>I am the Wayne County Commissioner for the Plymouth-Canton community. I am 47 years old, born and raised in Flint, and a 22-year resident of our community. I earned a B.A. in business from MSU (1993), a juris doctorate from Western Michigan Cooley Law School (1996) and a master of laws degree from Wayne State University Law School (2004). I am a founding member of a "Main Street" law practice in downtown Plymouth. I was humbled and honored to be chosen as the "Canton Business Person of the Year" in 2013. In addition to being a commissioner, I have been a practicing attorney for nearly 22 years in a community that I love to call my home. Over the past 3 years, we have seen unprecedented changes in Wayne County. 3 straight years of budget surpluses and on track for a 4th. As commissioner, my number one priority will remain fixing our roads in Plymouth-Canton.</p>	<p>After years of budget deficits and teetering on the verge of bankruptcy, Wayne County has produced 4 straight years of balanced budgets. By reaching across the aisle and using a common sense approach, we are finally on sound financial ground. We must not go back to the ways of old. Long-term financial stability has been and remains the number one issue facing Wayne County. As commissioner for Plymouth-Canton, I have spent most of my time advocating to fix our crumbling roads, I am happy to report that Plymouth-Canton received 6 of the 32 major construction projects in 2018, the most of all Wayne County communities. I also fought to reinstate the once discontinued Wayne County "Township Road Initiative" which provides funding for local neighborhood roads. If given the opportunity to continue to serve, I will remain a strong voice for the residents of Plymouth and Canton.</p>
<p>Melissa Daub (D)</p> <p>Address: PO Box 701711 Plymouth, MI 48187</p> <p>Occupation/Current Profession: Accounts Receivable Administrator</p> <p>Campaign Phone: (734) 531-9491</p> <p>Campaign Email: melissa@melissadaub.com</p> <p>Campaign Website: www.MelissaDaub.com</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University</p>	<p>As a lifelong resident of Plymouth-Canton, I care deeply about the community. I am a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and hold a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University. I chose to raise my son Dominic here because I truly love the area and all that it has to offer. I also recognize that improvements need to be made to ensure economic growth, public safety and overall vitality to meet our needs and give us the opportunity to prosper. I've heard the frustration and concerns about the lack of progress and transparency on issues such as road repairs and public spending. My background in accounting support services provides me with the skills and leadership abilities needed to make sound financial decisions. I'm running for Wayne County Commissioner to give the people of Plymouth-Canton a voice and take the right actions to make a lasting difference.</p>	<p>One of my top priorities will be working with the County and Townships to repair our roads. Potholes are a safety hazard and cost drivers an average of \$540 per year. We must work together to fix them once and for all. I also will fight to ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely and kept close to home to improve our community. I have heard from many residents who believe that Wayne County does not care about the Plymouth-Canton community. I want to change this, starting with transparency, accountability and trustworthiness. Commission meetings should be recorded and made available to view online. I will hold evening and weekend coffee hours to meet with residents face to face. Building trust within the community is essential if we want to improve conditions here. I will listen to and advocate for residents and work every day to make Plymouth-Canton the best it can be.</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.)

3rd 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.cahalanforjudge.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 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 Detroit, 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 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

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>

Need an absentee ballot?

Contact your City or Township Clerk for an application.

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 Occupation/Current Profession: Retired Quality Consultant Campaign Phone: (734) 455-4918 Campaign Email: Lamsavage@sbcglobal.net 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>
<p>Anupam Chugh Sidhu</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND</p>	

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</p> <p>Campaign Email: friendsofaamina@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>	

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE PROPOSAL: Millage Restoration Authorization With 10 Year Expiration

Shall the Schoolcraft College District, County of Wayne, Michigan (consisting of the following public school districts: Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton), be permitted to restore for a ten year period, beginning in 2019, the 1986 voter-approved millage rate of 2.27, by assessing an additional 0.5038 mills (\$0.5038 per \$1,000) on each dollar of taxable value of all property in the District, which rate shall be assessed through 2028 without further reduction by Section 31 of Article IX, State Constitution of 1963? If approved and levied in its entirety, the additional 0.5038 mills would raise approximately \$7,136,000 in 2019.

Vote YES or NO

PLYMOUTH AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Plymouth Area Recreational Authority, formed by the Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth, levy a new millage of up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of twenty (20) years (2019 through 2038, inclusive), to be used to provide funds for the purposes of improving the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (formerly the Central Middle School), including the construction of a performing arts center, located at 650 Church Street in the City of Plymouth, to be used as an arts and recreation facility serving residents of the Township and the City, and to pay administrative expenses and debt service on any indebtedness incurred by the Plymouth Area Recreational Authority for such purposes, which levy is estimated to raise \$1,767,079 in the first year of the levy?

Vote YES or NO

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Plymouth impose an increase of 1.2 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the charter township tax levy limitation imposed under MCL 42.27 for a period of 18 years, 2018 through 2035 inclusive, with the revenues to be used only for: 1) paying pension, retirement, and healthcare obligations for public safety personnel; 2) obtaining, maintaining, and improving fire and police equipment and facilities; and 3) providing police, fire, and dispatch public safety services, thereby raising in the first year \$2,100,000?

Vote YES or NO

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