



Dearborn-Dearborn Heights Voter Guide Midterm Election November 8, 2022 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Partisan Ballot

Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
U.S. Representative
State Senator
State Representative
State Board of Education
U of M Regents
MSU Trustees
WSU Governors
Wayne County Executive
Wayne County Sheriff

Wayne County Commissioner

Nonpartisan Ballot

JUDGES

Supreme Court

Court of Appeals

Circuit Court

Probate Court

District Court

SCHOOL BOARD

Crestwood

Dearborn

District 7

Westwood

WCCC Trustee

Ballot Proposals

STATE

Prop 1: Term Limits / Transparency

Prop 2: Voting Rights

Prop 3: Reproductive Freedom

WAYNE COUNTY

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English Language

866-OUR-VOTE

866-687-8683

Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and Tagalog

888-API-VOTE

888-274-8683

Spanish Language

888-VE-Y-VOTA

888-839-8682

Arabic Language

844-YALLA-US

844-925-5287

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STATE SENATOR – 2ND DISTRICT Term ending 12/31/26

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CANDIDATES 800-character limit on answers	EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?	ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?	ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?
Sylvia Santana (D) Website: www.votesantana.com Campaign Twitter Handle: State Senator Sylvia Santana Facebook: http://Sylvia Santana @votesylviasantana Occupation / Current Position: State Senator, 3rd district, State Representative 9th district Education: MBA, Michigan State University & BBA Eastern Michigan University Qualifications / Experience: Served in the Michigan legislature for 6 years	Senate Democrats recently introduced a legislative bill package that address many of the concerns in this question. The bill package has been developed over several months of discussion with stakeholders and universally agreed upon. We should have hearing and run this bill package for a vote. We also need more educational programming throughout the summer to keep children in "learning mode".	I believe we have invested in large scale projects while ignoring small business. We need more emphasis on small business and strengthening opportunities for this section of our economy.	I will.always support an citizens right to vote. I am opposed to any measure to create roadblocks for citizens to cast their vote. Campaign finance laws are transparent and the reporting is available fornthe public to view. I volunteered to sit on the Senate Oversight committee to hear testimony from citizens regarding accusations of voters fraud. As a result my life and the lives of my children have been threatened for standing up in search of the truth.
Harry T. Sawicki (R) Occupation/Current Position: Self Employed Sales Education Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Data Processing Qualifications / Experience: Chairman of the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Republican Club, Precinct Delegate. A family man and former Police Officer	Many teachers leave the field of education because they do not feel they have control of the classroom nor the curriculum. They need the support of the Administration and Union which sometimes in not there.	Improve the quality of education in the areas of reading, science and math. We need to expand access to vocational training.	Michigan needs to focus on enforcing the election laws that are currently written. Return law and order to our election process. Only the State legislators determine these rules.

STATE SENATOR - 2ND DISTRICT Term ending 12/31/26 continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on answers	EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?	ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?	ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?
Larry Darnell Betts (Working Class Party) Website: workingclassfight.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan Occupation/Current Position: range of jobs, from Maintenance, auto, security. Retired on SSD Education: Mackenzie and Cody High school with GED. Schooled in long time experience as a worker. Qualifications: I have been a worker all of my life, with some 30 years of experience.	Fund communities equitably so the communities who need the most, get the most. Provide and give students everything they need and that requires a lot of money. Put money into different programs including sports and arts. In order for students to have a proper education they needed to be provided for. Michigan needs to put a lot of money into recruiting and training new teachers and the problem is when so many teachers retired or quit a couple of years ago, that is when all this should have happened.	There used to be good jobs in Michigan. But the auto companies shut down a lot of plants and now pay workers half or hire them as temps. Today, these are the kind of jobs they are hiring people for, but people need to make decent wages. America fails to realize we need to be able to work and to provide for our families. This economic crisis falls back on politicians if they let these companies get away with not paying people right.	Millionaires shouldn't be able to buy elections for the candidates they want. You see some people are trying to make it harder for people to vote. They don't want people to go out to vote on certain issues, and at certain precincts. My dad grew up with all the racism and bigotry He taught us and told us it's going to be this way unless we do something. We've got to fight to get our rights and be able to keep them.

Before You Vote: Check your registration, update your address, request an absentee ballot, etc.

Visit mi.gov/vote or contact your City Clerk:

Dearborn Clerk 313-943-2030 Dearborn Heights Clerk 313-791-3430







Know Your Voting Rights In English, Spanish, Arabic, Bengali MichiganVoting.org

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 3RD DISTRICT 2-year term ending 12/31/24

CANDIDATES

800-character limit on responses

EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

Alabas Farhat (D)

Website: votefarhat.com

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Experience: Alabas Farhat is a public policy analyst who has experience in both state and local governments. Farhat has worked on budgets exceeding a 1.5-billion dollars and successfully negotiated a labor agreem

Education: Bachelor of Science in Public Health, University of Michigan-Dearborn - Masters in Public Policy, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (Expected 2023) Occupation/Current

Position: Former Director of Government Affairs & Special Projects for Wayne County

The state legislature has a huge responsibility to play in ensuring a quality public education here in Michigan. If elected, I will work to rectify this immediately by fighting to bring new investments into our schools and pushing for targeted state facility funding. Moreover, I will work to build the teacher profession by reserving School Aid Fund revenue for school-related functions. In tangent, I will work to propose and support programs that increase per- pupil funding across the district, increase teacher pay, support better learning conditions, and improve school infrastructure.

Between the economy and the pandemic, it's getting harder and harder for everyday Michiganders to get by. Across the district, moving up the economic ladder can seem like an impossible dream. As your representative, I will create solutions that put people first. We need to stop putting bandaids on these systemic problems, and I will champion programs that invest in a green future, creating jobs that will reflect a new, sustainable world in emerging industries like electric and solar.

We must safeguard the right to vote from those who threaten this precious cornerstone of our democracy. Across the United States, nationalist, anti-democratic groups are trying to sabotage the electoral process and make it harder and harder for Americans to vote. We must ensure that our elections are fair & balanced. I will continue to do what I first started working in politics: protect your right to vote, and guarantee voting is safe and accessible for all residents.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 3RD DISTRICT 2-year term ending 12/31/24 continued

CANDIDATES

800-character limit on answers

EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?

ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?

Ginger L. Shearer (R)

Qualifications and Experience: An honest and hardworking single mother who will fight to lower property taxes, increase resources to Public Schools, and increase funding for Police and Fire Departments, Veterans and Seniors.

Education: Gibraltar Carlson High School Vocational Studies - Nurse Assistant Certification Program through the State of Michigan (not active). College course and studies. Graduate of Flat Rock High School.

Occupation/Current Position: Operations Manager - Wholesale Produce Company/Single-Mother

K-12 education should be the highest priority in our State's budget. I will fight to expand programs for all students. Critical race theory and any other form of extreme political doctrine, has no place in our public schools especially in a first graders math class. With our educational system trailing behind much of the rest of the world. I will fight to expand programs for all students. Reduce classroom sizes, and provide educators with required resources, technology, security and salaries needed to deliver world-class education. I will fight to help create the very best education system possible that each child deserves in our community.

Expand training programs that will link individuals with companies to access jobs. Reduce government spending and lower taxes. Provide funding to our district, by promoting and supporting small businesses and increase jobs and wages in our community by attracting a more diverse set of business opportunities. Fight for incentives to bring EV manufacturers, suppliers, and technology to our district to secure our future, protect quality jobs, and increase jobs. Provide local and small businesses with Michigan tax credits to reduce the struggling economic impact and offset the cost of creating safe and profitable workplaces for employees.

We need to create policies that will increase voter awareness, turnout, and accessibility. Campaign funding must be modified to allow all candidates for public office an opportunity to serve and lead based on qualifications and commitment, and not simply an ability to raise campaign money. Additional audits and updates of eligible voter registration records must be completed to maintain a high level of confidence in the election results. More funding must be provided at the local level to continuously improve the election process, train election workers, update election equipment, and improve the integrity of the election system.



Six questions were asked of the candidates for the state offices.
Please go to VOTE411.org to view the responses to the questions not included in the paper guide.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 4TH DISTRICT 2-year term ending 12/31/24

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CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?	ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?	ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?
Karen Whitsett (D) Website: www.karenwhitsett.com Qualifications and Experience: 4 years as State Representative for House District 9 Education: Diploma, Cody Rouge High School; AFL-CIO Organizing Institute; Medicaid and Medicare Certified Occupation/Current Position: State Representative for House District 9 Campaign Twitter Handle: @KarenWhitsett4 Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id= 100003909820969	Michigan needs to truly invest in our public schools and our teachers to ensure every student from Detroit to Marquette is getting a quality education. I believe charter schools should be an option for students and parents, but I don't believe the state should prioritize them over our public schools. We need to ensure that our schools are receiving funding for more than just the bare minimum, supporting infrastructure, mental health, and arts and the humanities too. We also need to do more to encourage retention in our teachers. We need to not only offer hiring bonuses for new teachers, but to reward tenured teachers for their commitment too.	I believe in supporting Michiganders through the end of the pandemic. As inflation continues to rise, MI needs a break. I recently voted for a bill that would deliver \$2.7 billion in tax breaks to all Michiganders, expanding the EITC and decreasing the pension tax on seniors as well. I also believe we need to invest in our talent pipeline to help Michiganders get back to work, in doing so providing incentives to return to work as well. I'm proposing a 32 hour week to encourage a return to the workforce, meaning any hours worked over 32, would be subject to overtime pay, and I'll continue to support similar incentives to get MI back to work.	I support policies that expand voter rights, increase turnout, and improve accessibility. Not everyone is able to get to the polls on election day, and it's important to make sure we offer resources for those who struggle to exercise their right to vote. That's why I support policies like making election day a state holiday, streamlining the voter registration process, ensuring that every city or township has at least one drop-box for absentee voter ballots, and automatically sending absentee ballot applications to all voters in the state. I will continue to support any effort that seeks to make voting free, fair, and convenient for all.
Tonya Renay Wells (R)	Go back inside the schools and teach the students to the best of their ability. Children have to socialize with other children their ages. Too much mischief with students left alone at home supposably doing their school work on line	I advocate that anyone who graduated from high school should go to college for free. There is a federal grant available for parents and families of students with disabilities. I don't know how much 1 with 18 O's is. I drafted a copy of what I think should happen in Detroit based on the educational status of my disabled student none	None. There is no need for reform. Somebody thought putting a colvid spin on absentee voting would be a good thing. The city of Detroit clerk lost 100k absentee ballots in 2020 and she still got elected. Now she aspires to run for Congress in illegally because as a city elected official one has to stand down and not work as an elected city official for a year, can not work for any company that got a city grant or does business with the city and this is the second time she put her name on the ballot sitting as city clerk.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 15TH DISTRICT 2-year term ending 12/31/24

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	EDUCATION: What should Michigan do, if anything, to 1) provide an equitable, quality public education for all students and 2) address the shortage of teachers?	ECONOMIC SECURITY: What policies do you support to help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?	ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding Michigan elections, campaign funding and voting rights?
Erin Byrnes (D) Website: www.erinbyrnesmi.com Qualifications and Experience: I currently serve as the Dearborn City Council President Pro Tem and have been a Council member since 2018. I am an educator at the University of Michigan and a former middle school teacher. Education: Master of Science in Education, City University of New York; Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn Occupation/Current Position: Educator, University of Michigan Facebook: facebook.com/erinbyrnesmi	As a longtime educator, I know first-hand how important resources for our students and teachers are. Equitable per-pupil funding is essential as we must close the achievement gap and ensure that every child can thrive regardless of their zip code. It is critical to provide literacy resources for students throughout K-12 as we know the need for literacy support spans all ages. Teachers must be paid a thriving wage, see investments in their professional development and have the freedom to be creative with lesson planning as teaching is both an art and a science. Our educators deserve trust and respect and I will advocate for their success.	Job growth and economic development are key to the success of our residents and our state. I am an advocate for investments in higher education and vocational training. Education opens doors, and every Michigander needs access to a pathway that suits their needs and interests. Expanded access to public transportation is essential for access to work, school and home and our economic growth. Michigan can be a global leader in the green economy and the investments we make in job training today will pay dividends for decades to come. Michiganders should lead the way in electric vehicle production, harnessing solar and wind power and more.	In my role in local government, I recently supported pre-paid postage for all absentee ballots in Dearborn and a resolution that requires all election materials to be made available in Arabic. At the state level, I will support similar measures regarding language access and absentee voting along with greater access to polling locations on college campuses. Investments in technology are critical, particularly for voters who are uniquely- abled. I am a proponent of publicly-funded campaigns as dark money should have no place in politics. I will amplify the voices of the people and push for greater transparency in campaign funding.
Steven J. Mackie (R)	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.		

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - (1) POSITION 4 YEAR TERM 12/31/28

Candidates 800-character limit on answers	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
Warren C. Evans (D)	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.	
Mark Ashley Price (R)	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.	

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF - (1) POSITION PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2024

Candidates 800-character limit on answers	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
Raphael Washington (D) Campaign website: www.sheriffwashington.com/ Campaign phone: 313.656.4293 Campaign email: info@sheriffwashington.com	I was appointed to and am now running to finish the job started and complete the term of former sheriff Benny Napoleon - finish the new jail, introduce new prisoner reform programs, expand our community relations program to fight crime, full staff our positions and keep staff, inmates and visitors free from COVID. I believe law enforcement leaders must be discerning in their decision-making, yet compassionate when meting out decisions that affect personnel, the inmate population and the public. My background in law enforcement is wide-ranging, including jails and court operation supervision, inmate population management, policy development, compliance and organizational functions designed to enhance operational efficiency. Prior to joining the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, I served in the Detroit Police Department rising from patrol officer to senior executive before retiring.	1. With good stewardship, we will finish the new jail and give people in our care new opportunities to leave better than when they came to us. 2. With compassionate leadership, we will leave no stone unturned to recruit new officers dedicated to professionalism and service to others. 3. In service to others, we will build on the success of the SCOUT's program and touch communities in every corner of the county. 4. And finally, we will act with unwavering faith to sustain our efforts at stopping the spread of COVID in our facilities. Not one more person needs to suffer because they can't get the things, we know keep people safe from this disease – vaccines and masking – while working or staying in our facilities.
John J. Tatar (T) Candidate website: johnjtatar.com/ onifbyland.org Candidate phone: 734-968-4715 Campaign email: johnjtatar@yahoo.com	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.	
Joseph H. LeBlanc (L)	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.	

D = Democrat R = Republican T = U.S. Taxpayers L = Libertarian

Wayne County Commissioner 8th District (includes Dearborn Heights) 2-year term ending 1/1/25

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the top 3 priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
David Knezek (D) Campaign website: www.voteknezek.com Campaign email: info@davidknezek.com	I was appointed to the Wayne County Commission in 2020 and work as Senior Chief Deputy Director at MDHHS. Previously, I was a State Representative, State Senator, and United States Marine. I am a lifelong resident of Dearborn Heights, graduated from Crestwood High School, and hold a BA from UM-Dearborn and an MBA from the University of Michigan. I am running for reelection because of my deeply held commitment to the community that helped raise me and my belief in giving back through public service. We've had many successes throughout my first term and a half in office but there's still much more left to accomplish. I'm excited to work with my colleagues and my community to deliver results for the families of the 8th district.	It's difficult to narrow our collective priorities down to three, but the county stands well prepared to assist in 1) updating our infrastructure, 2) improving parks and recreational opportunities, and 3) advancing economic development across the county. I am proud to have worked with the administration to continue to drive resources to our community to repair roads and bridges; many projects are currently ongoing. Our parks and our recreational opportunities continue to improve across areas like Hines Park but we have more work to do along Ecorse Creek to mitigate flooding that's impacting residents and their livelihoods. With Wayne County's rising bond ratings, we are going to aggressively recruit and retain economic development.
William Collop, Jr (R)	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.	

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the top 3 priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
(formerly Hassane Nemr Baydounam Baydoun) (D) Campaign website: www.votesambaydoun.com Campaign email: info@votesambaydoun.com	Wayne County Commissioner Sam Baydoun is vice-chair pro tem of the Wayne County Commission and was first elected in 2018 to represent District 13 (Dearborn and Allen Park).	As your Wayne County Commissioner, I have committed myself to being fully transparent and honest with my constituents because government transparency was on the top of my list. Constituent Services & fiscal responsibility are also very important for me. My staff and I are passionate on working with residents in the 13th district to address the issue they are facing and connecting them to the appropriate resources that they need. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I have been working well with my colleagues and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans to pass a fair and balanced budget and I am proud to have been part of that work over my last three years - and I look forward to continuing that work once re-elected.
Ann F. Clark (R) Campaign website: www.vote4annclark.com Campaign phone: 313-590-7493 Campaign email: ann@vote4annclark.com	After 18 years working for the YMCA of Metro Detroit, I started my own nonprofit consulting business. In this capacity, I guided and supported nonprofits across Wayne County in creating effective fund development plans through efficient management, relationship building and fundraising strategies. I'm proud to have helped foster several thriving, diverse, and resilient organizations throughout the county. Over the past 2 years, I've witnessed the disregard by the Wayne County Commission about small businesses like mine, as well as their lack of transparency, ineffective leadership and absolute indifference to the wants and needs of the citizens they serve. Their actions are unacceptable. This is why I'm running for County Commissioner.	1)Apathy to the public. Meetings on weekdays at 10am. Comments were one minute-now must be submitted prior to meeting. I will insist on in person meetings at more convenient times for residents and allow reasonable time for public comments. 2)Everyone and their livelihood are essential. The commission's involvement in the county shutdown was an abomination. Some people and businesses will never recover. As a commissioner, I will fulfill my duty of providing "checks and balances on the executive branch". 3)\$1.8 Billion budget management. You shouldn't need an accounting or law degree to know how your tax dollars are spent. I will provide a clear presentation of the budget, fully research fund allocation, and make county roads a priority.

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NON-INCUMBENT (All of Wayne County) 6-year term ending 12/31/28 VOTE FOR 5 OF 6 CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the top 3 priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?		
Charise Anderson Campaign website: www.chariseandersonforjudge.com Campaign phone: (734)335-0197 Campaign email: chariseandersonforjudge@gmail.co	I have been practicing for 14 years. As a solo practitioner, I primarily focused on indigent criminal defense. I transitioned to a position as an Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney where I prosecuted all types of cases involving violent habitual offenders. I also spent time as the courtroom prosecutor for Judge Christopher Dingell, where I handled juvenile delinquency matters. Currently, I work as a senior associate counsel for the MI Attorney Grievance Commission where I protect the public by investigating and prosecuting attorney misconduct, evaluating issues from all practice areas. I am running for this office to effect change and to assist in my goal of ensuring the restoration of confidence in the judicial system.	The top three priority issues facing this office are 1) addressing the backlog of cases in the busiest court in this state, 2) addressing the need for additional court clerks and 3) addressing the pay deficiency of the court clerks. With respect to the backlog, you can expect me to show up on time and be ready to address the matters before the court timely and efficiently. It is important to me to be respectful of others time. Unfortunately, even if elected, priority issues 2 and 3 cannot be addressed by a single judge. These priorities require the cooperation of high level county officials but I would certainly be interested in offering insight and/or sitting on committees that are seeking to address these issues.		
LaKena Tennille Crespo Campaign website: www.crespoforjudge.org Camppaign phone: (313)923-7103 Campaign email: lakena@crespoforjudge.org	I am a native Detroiter and a lifetime Wayne County resident. I earned my Bachelor's Degree at Florida Memorial University. I returned home and began my career as a case manager with Development Centers, Inc, a Michigan Works Affiliate Program, dedicated to assisting Detroit residents with training and gaining employment upon completion. In 2010, I began my career as a solo practitioner in the areas of criminal, juvenile, and family law. Currently, I work for the City of Detroit practicing in the areas of civil litigation, prosecution, and labor and employment law. I assisted in the implementation of the City's Project Clean Slate Program. I am running for Judge to help restore trust to the court system by ensuring equitable justice to all.	The three issues facing the judicial system are Equitable Sentencing, Access to Justice, and Diversity. As judge of the Circuit Court, utilizing my discretion, I will ensure that sentencing for convicted individuals are fair and appropriate for the crime convicted, regardless of race, gender, age, and/or socioeconomic status. I will also assist with programs geared toward educating the public on accessing the justice system to solve common legal problems regardless of income. Lastly, I will work tirelessly, fighting for diversity and inclusion until the justice system is reflective of the communities we serve.		

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NON-INCUMBENT VOTE FOR 5 OF 6 CANDIDATES continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the top 3 priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
John C. Gillis Campaign website: gillisforjudge.com Campaign phone: (313)702-8501 Campaign email: jgillis1180@gmail.com	I currently work for the City of Detroit Law Department where I serve in the Criminal Enforcement and Quality of Life section. My areas of practice include criminal law, criminal procedure, municipal law, and constitutional law.	 (1) Alternative Sentencing for Nonviolent Offenders – I will utilize specialty court programs, the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA), delayed sentences, probation, and community service as alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders. (2) Equal Access to Justice – Every defendant deserves a quality defense attorney. As a judge, this can be accomplished by promoting pro bono programs, judicial appointment of attorneys, and through house counsel attorneys provided by the court. (3) Tough Sentencing for Violent Offenders – I have no tolerance for certain crimes such as criminal sexual conduct, homicide, and anything involving children as victims. Through tough sentencing, I will serve as an advocate to keep our community safe.
Nicholas John Hathaway Campaign website: Hathawayforjudge.com Campaign phone: (248)631-7925 Campaign email: Hathawayforjudge@gmail.com	I currently work as a jurist in the Family Division of Wayne County Circuit Court. I have spend the past 12 years managing a docket and dealing with some of Wayne County's most vulnerable citizens. I bring with me a wealth of judicial experience that will help me to serve on day one if elected. Prior to serving as a referee I spent 5 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney under Prosecutor Kym Worthy. I have spent my entire legal career working in the courtrooms of Wayne County Circuit Court and look forward to serving in a greater capacity.	The first priority is to address the Covid-19 backlog of cases, especially in the Criminal Division where people may be jailed. My experience working as a referee has helped me develop the skills to run an efficient docket. The second priority is to continue to utilize current specialty courts and develop new specialty courts like the mental health court docket. In my capacity as a referee I utilize diversion programs and make referrals to specialty dockets and have seen how they can better assist the parties to a case. The third priority would be to make sure the court and the attorneys who practice here have access to regular training on issues like implicit bias to ensure our courts are fair and just for all.

3RD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NON-INCUMBENT VOTE FOR 5 OF 6 CANDIDATES continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.	What are the top 3 priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?
Anne Marie McCarthy Campaign email: mccarthyforjudge2022.com Campaign phone: (313)410-5614 Campaign email: mccarthyforjudge2022@gmail.com	I am a veteran trial attorney of over 35 years. I have practiced in almost every area over which Circuit Court has jurisdictionfelonies, civil, domestic relations, child abuse/neglect, delinquencies, etc, while working at Legal Aid, a private law firm and as a prosecutor. As a prosecutor, I have been primarily responsible for cases involving the most vulnerablechild and elder abuse victims, and families in need. Born and raised in Allen Park, I graduated Cabrini High, Madonna University (B.S. Gerontology) and the Detroit College of Law (J.D.) I have experienced the legal system from almost every perspective, have been tested and proven. I am ready, willing and able to serve Wayne County residents.	The Wayne County Circuit Court has had quite a couple of years dealing with the challenges presented by the pandemic. There are issues/priorities that are not scene directly in the courtroom, that only current judges would know. But, in general, accessibility, fairness, efficiency are key to providing justice and due process for those involved in our court. Court proceedings for all participantsdefendants, plaintiffs, victims, the publichave been accessible through electronic means; that will continue as appropriate. Electronic case management will continue and adjust to needs, improving efficiency. Respect of participant's backgrounds, victim's needs and knowledge of the law will help assure fairness.
Regina Triplett Campaign email: www.triplettforjudge.com Campaign phone: (313)347-5154 Campaign email: Regina@Triplettforjudge.com	I was born in Detroit. I am currently a resident of Grosse Pointe. I have successfully and zealously represented clients in Wayne County for over 15 years in the areas of Bankruptcy, Family Law, Civil Litigation and Criminal Defense. I have spent my entire career ensuring the scales of justice are balanced. My experience interacting with people in our community has shown me that our county needs and deserves to have judges and other public servants who are committed to preserving the constitution and protecting the rights of citizens. My professional and personal experiences have prepared me for this moment. When duty calls, we must answer.	One of the biggest issues that the county court system is facing is the backlog of cases due to the 2020 Pandemic. During the Pandemic, Zoom was a technology that became an alternative way of delivering court services. Zoom court proved to be an effective and efficient tool to conduct hearings. I believe this technology should continue to be used and expanded to improve the public's access to justice. I would work diligently with State Court Administrators to ensure this technology is available.

Q – If ballot reads "Vote for 2," may I vote for just 1?

A – You may vote for any number up to the total number of positions, including voting for no one.

WAYNE COUNTY JUDICIAL RACES – Unopposed seats

There are 5 unopposed races for county-wide judicial seats on the ballot.

3rd Circuit Court Judge – Incumbent for 6 Year Terms 15 positions (Unopposed)

Yvonna C. Abraham Eric W. Cholack Melissa Anne Cox

Susan A. Dabaja Wanda A. Evans Patricia Susan Fresard

Sheila Gibson Manning Alexis A. Glendening Susan L. Hubbard

Muriel Diane Hughes Kelly Ann Ramsey Mark Slavens

Martha M. Snow Brian R. Sullivan Darnella Williams-Claybourne

3rd Circuit Court Judge – Incumbent - Partial Term ending 1/1/27

1 position (Unopposed) **Christopher M. Blount**

3rd Circuit Court Judge – New Judgeship for 6 Year Term

1 position (Unopposed) Kiefer Joseph Cox

Judge of Probate Court – Incumbent for 6 Year Term

1 position (Unopposed) **Lawrence Joseph Paolucci**

Judge of Probate Court - Non-Incumbent for 6 Year Term

1 position (Unopposed) **Michael James McClory**

The City of Dearborn has 1 unopposed District Court race.

Judge of 19th District Court - Incumbent for 6 Year Term

1 position (Unopposed) **Gene Hunt**

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER

(6-year term ending 12/31/28) **VOTE FOR 2 of 3 candidates**

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	What are your top priorities to address? What actions would you take to do so?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Nadia Berry Campaign email: Berry4schoolboard@gmail.com	My passion for equitable and fair representation for all children is why I am rerunning for school board. I have served our communities children for over 26 years as an early childhood liaison with Dearborn Public Schools. I bring a legacy of effectiveness, a commitment and a willingness to tackle the tough challenges head on.	Safety , security and academics. I have pushed for a comprehensive curriculum and rigor and to challenge our students to their fullest potential. Concentrating on the "whole child". We are on the right track to see results of the students progress and growth as this was a top priority I had envisioned with my last term. Making sure what students and teachers need to succeeded is fully provided. I will not allow for anything less than putting our most precious commodities"our students first". Safety is huge priority with all that we are encountering. I have taken a lead on making sure we have police officers on staff along with a high quality security company with trained professional officers. I have also been instrumental in making sure our building are secure and safe from inside and outside.	The policy that I am most concerned with is for it to be imperative that we have trained officers that know our buildings inside and out. One mistake would be to many mistakes. Children safety is first priority and making sure we are staffed with officers who have the background knowledge and procedures set in place with all that have contact with our students is first priority. I am very fortunate to work in a district that has given me much background knowledge on school safety along with my brothers who are in law enforcement. I always reach out to my brothers Samer Jaafar who is director of Homeland security for Wayne Couny and to my brother Mike Jaafar who is the under sherrif for Wayne County for their expert advice when making imperative decisions with safety and children. We can never be to safe in schools.

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There were five questions asked of the school board candidates. Please go to VOTE411.org to view all responses.

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR 2 of 3 candidates continued

RESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR 2 of 3 candidates continued			
CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	What are your top priorities to address? What actions would you take to do so?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Hass Beydoun Campaign website: votehassbeydoun.com Campaign email: votehassbeydoun@gmail.com	I am running to retain my seat on the Crestwood School Board to continue my service to the students, teachers, faculty members and community members in our district. As a father of three students in the Crestwood School district, husband to Mrs. Rita Beydoun who is an English teacher in the district, and football coach at Crestwood High School, I understand the most vital issues that our students and teachers are facing. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan and currently work as a manager at General Motors. For the past year I held the role of Vice President of the school board and seek to continue my service to better the district for all involved.	A top priority of mine is enhancing the safety and security of our students and staff. Particularly from issues related to violence, harassment and bullying, and influence of substance use. I'd ensure staying up to date with security protocols, county regulations, and updates. Another priority for me is encouraging fiscal responsibilities by aligning funding priorities with Crestwood School District goals.	Adequate training for not only the staff, but also our students, is among my most prominent concerns in ensuring their safety. Implementing proactive measures is one of the most effective ways to have to stay prepared in case of situations that put anyone in danger or in an unsafe environment.
Najah Jannoun Campaign email: CTENajahJannoun@gmail.com	For many years I advocated and attended every possible meeting open to the public with the Crestwood School Board and in August of 2020, I was appointed to the Board. I believe strongly in transparency and accountability of those that we entrust to care for our most vulnerable citizens, our children. As a member of our PTA and currently the PTA President, for the last 3 years, I have a passion to serve our community, to ensure that the needs of our students are met. I was often times sought out to participate in interview panels and several different committees for the district and those experiences have given me the opportunity to learn a great deal.	As a district we have added a great deal of support to assist our students with their social and emotional health. Prior to the Pandemic, our children were not where they needed to be academically and coming out of it, they are going to need as much support as possible. Districts around the country are seeing teachers leaving the field of education in droves. This impacts our students and their success in many ways. Working together to ensure that we provide our educators with the tools that they need, is equally as important. Offering a quality education should be our top priority.	As a district, we have added additional safety measures to our buildings, including security to our elementary buildings this school year. We are in the process, through a grant, of adding safety locks to our classroom doors to prevent possible entry from anyone unauthorized. We currently have a Student Resource Officer that visits our buildings throughout the day and is there during the start of the day and dismissal. I believe that we should continue to assist the measures in place and adjust as needed. Although there has been improvement in this area, I believe that we need to build better communication and participation with our city and city officials as community is very important.

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER (Partial term ending 12/31/24) VOTE FOR 2 of 4 candidates

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	What are your top priorities to address? What actions would you take to do so?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Danielle Elzayat	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.		
Abdul Sattar Hammoudeh Campaign email: asattarh@yahoo.com	I'm running for the school board because I've seen my son and other kids with IEP struggling to get the help they need. I'm a father of three, Engineer at GM, with a bachelor and master's degree. I was a tutor through my academic years, and I realize a lot of students will overcome obstacles with targeted help. A change in the class environment maybe required to achieve best results and boost kids' confidence.	My top priorities are: 1- To make sure pupils with IEP are getting the help they need in a manner that helps them 2- To engage students to think of school as a positive experience and get their feedbacks to adapt and alter the material taught to keep them involved 3- To make parents aware of the IEP and other options available to them. All points above need school board action, checks and balances and audits to capture and assess progress.	Safety is our first priority; our kids must be safe at school. With all the issues we hear about from bullying to school shootings, the school system from director to pupil needs to be educated on scenarios and how to react appropriately. I understand some subjects are delicate to discuss with kids, nevertheless, a plan is necessary. I believe bullying tops the list, and should not be tolerated, as it leads to worse outcomes.
Hassan Nasser	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.		

CRESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER vote for 2 of 4 continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	What are your top priorities to address? What actions would you take to do so?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Campaign website: williamson4crestwood.dawpage.com Campaign email: DAWPage@gmail.com	I am currently the president of the band boosters. Before the end of last school year, it was decided not to pay for the assistant instructors for marching season. This in effect, would make the marching band nothing but a glorified pep band for football. Thankfully they did decide to pay for them, after a few weeks of back and forth. The following week, it was announced that they would be spending 2 million on the football field. At that moment, I decided to run for the school board. I have been the president of the band boosters since 2018, the past year I have been acting as president and treasurer. I have been a computer programmer/system analyst since 1991, so I spent my entire carrier looking at systems, and try to find improve it.	marching band continues. My understanding is that this is the last year it will be paid for, until the next contract. Currently there is two sports coaches on the board to represent athletics. I would like to represent the arts. My daughter is currently active in both the band, and drama. I am of the firm believe if you have a parent who cares enough to be active in school organizations, then that benefits the students. I would like to try to bring some of the school organizations together, and try to help each other out. If nothing else, just to announce events they are sponsoring,	be done to improve drop off and pick up at the schools. I live within viewing distance of Highview, and it can be a nightmare with parents dropping/picking up kids in the middle of the street.

There were five questions asked of the school board candidates. Please go to VOTE411.org to view all responses.

DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER (6-year term ending 12/31/28) **VOTE FOR 2 of 6 candidates**

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CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	Allegations of discrimination against Dearborn students of Yemeni and Iraqi ethnicity have recently made the news. What would you do as a school board member to address and prevent discrimination in Dearborn Public Schools?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Ned Apigian	Candidate did not respond by print deadline.		
Campaign website: www.onedearborn.com Campaign email: husseinberry2022@gmail.com	As a lifelong Dearborn resident, it was instilled in me at a young age to give back to my city. As a student at Salina school, I first volunteered through the March of Dimes. I have been a Real Estate Broker for twenty-five years in Dearborn, a father of five and grandfather of five Dearborn graduates and students. I am serving my second term on the Dearborn School Board and as a trustee at Henry Ford College. My service includes: Welcome Home Dearborn Campaign; DPS Education Foundation; DPS, Advocacy and Legislative Committee; HFCC Business Management Advisory Committee; Past President/Board Member, Dearborn Board of Realtors, Board of Realtors Ethics Committee; Salina Community Advisory Committee; McDonald School, Woodworth School, and Fordson PTA; ACCESS Board of Directors; Dearborn Goodfellows Board, Received the Lewis Hine Award 2012		Across the nation, we are seeing a trend of fear spreading through schools. We cannot live in fear of what could happen, but we can be proactive in what we would like to prevent from happening. School shootings have become a constant thought in the back of every parent's mind as they drop off students in the morning. In Dearborn, the school board and administration work diligently with Dearborn Police to keep our schools safe. We have implemented a locked door policy, cameras, and security measures at every entrance to our schools to protect students. We are always looking at new and innovative ways to improve our safety measures. I would say that this is a subject of ongoing improvement rather than a point of concern. It is a priority to keep students safe at the schools and the college equally.

DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER vote for 2 of 6 continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	Allegations of discrimination against Dearborn students of Yemeni and Iraqi ethnicity have recently made the news. What would you do as a school board member to address and prevent discrimination in Dearborn Public Schools?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Pat D'Ambrosio Campaign website: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id= 100064839306593&sk=about	My experience as a business owner, HFC Advisor, and fundraiser for Dearborn charities leads me to run for a full six-year term on the School Board as I complete my first two years on the Board. Over the past two years, I have worked closely with the faculty, staff, and administration in DPS and at HFC to improve opportunities for all our students. In particular, I have focused on the needs of our special education students in DPS. At HFC, I believe strongly in the need to promote our career and technical programs, which provide important pathways to successful careers for hundreds of HFC students every year. I want to give our children and grandchildren every opportunity Dearborn has given me and my family. I am rooted in the Dearborn community through fundraising and leadership of numerous civic groups.	I do not tolerate any discrimination in the Dearborn School System. We have sent a message of cultural sensitivity and must continue to communicate this to everyone in DPS. Annual compliance officer training is necessary, including cultural sensitivity training. It is important that this training be provided by an outside resource, along with our internal training program for all employees. It must be the responsibility of our Human Resources Department to ensure that instances of alleged discrimination by District employees are treated fairly and brought to the attention of the Board if necessary.	I am concerned for the safety for our students and staff. I want to work with our Dearborn Police and provide the latest security technology provided to our schools. One concern would be that our special education students have the ability to be removed from any situation that may occur on school grounds.
Steve Durant Occupation: Teacher. Wyandotte Public Schools	I have been a teacher since 1999. I have children and grandchildren in Dearborn Public Schools. I will always wear my educator hat and my parent hat. I received my BS in Mathematics from U of M-Dearborn, received my MEd from Marygrove College and finally my MA in technology education from U of M- Dearborn.	I believe that we must treat all our students like they are our own. This is our community and they are all our kids!	I believe that all our staff and students should be trained via ALICE and we have enough police liaison officers for our students to build positive relationships with our public safety!

DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER vote for 2 of 6 continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	Allegations of discrimination against Dearborn students of Yemeni and Iraqi ethnicity have recently made the news. What would you do as a school board member to address and prevent discrimination in Dearborn Public Schools?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Angela Hammock Campaign email: angiehammock@gmail.com	I am a mother who is extremely involved and cares. I want to make decisions that benefit all the students. I have no agenda; I am just a mother who wants to make good decisions for our kids. I don't have perfect answers for the remaining questions you ask, I won't answer questions with a general answer because I think it's what people will want to hear / read. I will always fight against discrimination for all students. I will always work for new and better ideas when it comes to the safety of our kids. I want all kids to feel welcomed and included and to be treated fairly. I want parents to feel welcomed and heard by our school board and kids to feel they have someone listening to them and their thoughts and ideas. I don't think just one specific way, I am open to listening and I think t the most important thing our board needs.		

DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER vote for 2 of 6 continued

CANDIDATES 800-character limit on responses	Why are you running for the school board? What qualifies you for this position, i.e., background and experience?	Allegations of discrimination against Dearborn students of Yemeni and Iraqi ethnicity have recently made the news. What would you do as a school board member to address and prevent discrimination in Dearborn Public Schools?	Which of the District's policies on school safety are you most concerned about? Why?
Redhwan Saleh Campaign email: redhwan@redhwansaleh.com	I am a parent and a professor who deals everyday with students. I am also an expert in management. I believe that being on the school board is a responsibility rather than a statussymbol. I want to serve the community and make sure that DPS students are provided with the highest quality of education and that parents', staffs' and teachers' concerns are heard. I have attained my Associate Degree in Science from Henry Ford College, Bachelor's Degree of Science in Electrical Engineering and Master's Degree in Project Management from U of M – Dearborn, and PhD in Management from University of Malaysia. For more than 17 years, I have gained a wealth of professional experience in the United States and the Middle East through managing large-scale projects. I am currently working as a professor in various universities in Michigan.	As everyone is equal, I do not condone or tolerate discrimination or harassment. I strive to foster truly affirming and inclusive learning and working environments. I believe the District strives to prevent and correct any discriminatory behavior, so enforcing appropriate policies and regulations will help in the prevention of discrimination in DPB.	I am concerned about all school safety policies because this is one of my primary goals if elected. I want to ensure that everyone in our buildings is safe and secure. One way to accomplish this is to ensure that cameras are installed in public areas of the school and are linked to a police station to be monitored 24/7.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS DISTRICT 7 - BOARD MEMBER

There are 2 races for District 7 School Board Members on the ballot. Races are unopposed.

Partial Term ending 12/31/24 – 1 seat (Unopposed) Tawnya Sterlini

4-Year Term ending 12/31/26 – 2 seats (Unopposed) Nadia Nasir

Leslie Windless

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - BOARD MEMBER

There is one race for Westwood School Board Member on the ballot.

6-Year Term ending 12/31/28 - 2 seats (Unopposed) Narabia Little

Donald Willis

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE DISTRICT 6

6 year term ending 12/31/28 - 1 seat (Unopposed)

Marla J. Edwards-Wheeler

Wayne County Ballot Proposal: Public Transportation Millage

If approved, this proposal will renew the 0.9949 Mill leveled by the Wayne County Transit Authority for the years 2022 through 2025 and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled, and general public of Wayne County.

For the purpose of providing funds in support of public transportation serving the elderly, disabled, and general public, shall 0.9949 Mill on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transit Authority area, be imposed for a period of four (4) years, being years 2022 through 2025? Based on the known taxable value of \$20,303,162,481 from the current 2022 tax year, this millage would raise approximately \$20,199,616.35 in the first year.

YES or NO

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8

Thursday, September 29 through Monday, November 7 at 4 p.m. Voting early in person by absentee ballot begins at your clerk's office.

Monday, October 17
If requesting by mail, it is strongly recommended to apply for an absentee ballot no later than October 17.

Monday, October 24
Last day to register to vote online (in-person voter registration up to and including Election Day).

Monday, October 24 Recommended last day to return absentee ballot by mail to avoid potential for mailing delays.

Friday, November 4 until 5 p.m.
Last day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail.

Monday, November 7 until 4 p.m. Vote early by absentee ballot at your clerk's office.

Tuesday, November 8 until 8 p.m.

Register to vote in person at your clerk's office. (Eligible residents must provide official proof of residency if registering to vote between October 9 and November 8)

Tuesday, November 8 until 8 p.m.
Return absentee ballot to your designated drop box or local clerk's office by hand.