



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
DEARBORN / DEARBORN HEIGHTS



# Dearborn Voter Guide

**November 7, 2017 General Election**



<b>Mayor</b>	<b>pages 2–3</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>pages 4–5</b>
<b>City Council</b>	<b>pages 6–15</b>

**About this Guide:** This guide is published solely in the interest of public service and is in no way to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters. The League takes no responsibility for any of the views or facts stated by the candidates. The candidates' words are printed *as submitted*, including any misspellings. For more information and updates, please visit [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

**The League of Women Voters** was founded in 1920 as a nonpartisan political organization to encourage informed and active participation in government, to increase understanding of major policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League never supports or opposes a political party or candidate. Membership in the League is open to all men and women aged 16 years or older. Funding for the printed voter guides depends upon generous civic-minded donors.

For more information, contact the Local League at [info@lwvddh.org](mailto:info@lwvddh.org) or (313) 278-6476, or visit the website at [www.lwvddh.org](http://www.lwvddh.org).

LWVDDH President: Mary Jo Durivage

Voter Service Chair: Betsy Cushman

Voter Guide Editor: Jennifer Oliver

Voter Guide ©2017, LWVDDH

**The Mayor serves as the City's chief executive. Among the duties are enforcing all laws and ordinances, preparing / administering budgets, hiring / firing the appointed positions, creating / maintaining relationships with local businesses, maintaining city parks and city roads.**

**4-year term ending December 31, 2021**

**Vote for 1**

<p>There are 2 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Mayor?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>Responsive and efficient City services are key to maintaining and improving neighborhoods. What are the strengths and weaknesses of today's City / neighborhood / resident relationships?</p>	<p>Rental properties which span all income levels can be an enormous asset. What do you see as some of the key rental issues in Dearborn?</p>
<p><b>John B. O'Reilly, Jr.</b>  <b>Mayor</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Juris Doctor degree (law degree) from the University of Detroit</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://JackOReillyforDearborn.org">http://JackOReillyforDearborn.org</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:Jack@jackoreillyfordearborn.org">Jack@jackoreillyfordearborn.org</a></p>	<p>I've been Mayor for 10 years, repeatedly demonstrating my executive leadership expertise to navigate us through tough economic times, and to strategically position us to seize the development opportunities we're experiencing now. I'm the right person to keep our momentum going. I've broad experience in multiple levels of government, and am/have been a leader on state and regional boards that have made critical decisions benefitting Dearborn. I've directed initiatives to extensively improve public safety and have lead innovations in other city services. City government is complex. My management skills are proven.</p>	<p>I'm committed to continuing to take the steps now to ensure Dearborn stays attractive for our residents and businesses today, and for investors and home buyers tomorrow. I'm always looking at the road ahead, even as I make sure we sweep, plow, resurface and patrol that same road today. I continue to direct high quality day-to-day services, including public safety, while innovating to keep our competitive edge. I've overseen the addition of family-friendly features, and amenities appealing to Millennials. I've engineered conditions for dramatic economic developments, and more future-focused projects are on the way.</p>	<p>I've dedicated the majority of our efforts, including public safety, to neighborhoods. Addressing maintenance issues that diverge from traditional standards means working with residents, first making sure they understand their responsibilities, and then not hesitating to enforce as necessary. We handle 22,000 violations annually, yet most are resolved in their early stages. I get just as impatient as residents when they experience frustrating situations that seem to require long periods to resolve. Due process under the law means we're often mandated to notify and allow time for compliance before penalties.</p>	<p>To continue to attract residents of all ages and life stages, we need to support a range of rental options offering entry-level affordability as well as higher end units appealing to the mobile pool of talent that Ford and others are recruiting. A challenge can be ensuring that all landlords follow the law and register with the city, and comply with their responsibilities to tenants and the neighborhood. Our goal is to educate first, and then firmly enforce. Working with our neighborhood associations, we also need to reach out more to people who rent so they know their opportunities to be engaged in the community.</p>

<p>There are 2 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Mayor?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>Responsive and efficient City services are key to maintaining and improving neighborhoods. What are the strengths and weaknesses of today's City / neighborhood / resident relationships?</p>	<p>Rental properties which span all income levels can be an enormous asset. What do you see as some of the key rental issues in Dearborn?</p>
<p><b>Thomas Patrick Tafelski</b></p> <p><b>Council President Pro Tem</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Maples Elementary and Junior High Schools; Graduate of Fordson High School 1988. University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, 1992.</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.Tom4Dearborn.org">http://www.Tom4Dearborn.org</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> Tom for Dearborn</p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@Tom4Dearborn.org">info@Tom4Dearborn.org</a></p>	<p>I have had the privilege of serving on Dearborn's City Council for 16 years, as Council President from 2007 to 2013; and, currently as President Pro Tem. From Day One, I have been a strong advocate for clean and safe neighborhoods, fully funded public safety programs and, vibrant, successful business corridors. On each of these issues, I have provided more than a vote. I have provided leadership and action. I believe that Dearborn's best days are ahead of us; but, the times require a Mayor who can lead with energy, enthusiasm, values and with vision. I hope you'll join with me in building a better Dearborn.</p>	<p>Without a doubt, my fundamental goal is to re-establish leadership and confidence in City Hall. Every resident and business owner must feel like they have someone who listens to their concerns. It is from listening to the concerns of residents and business owners, that I, with my Council colleagues, established the nuisance abatement board. I will strengthen neighborhood associations while making government work for everyone, importantly, and for accountability sake.</p>	<p>Upon becoming Mayor, I will immediately sit down with the Executive Boards of each neighborhood association, as well as the Dearborn Federation of Neighborhood Associations, in order to seek input on what issues they find most important; and, what we can be done to develop a much better partnership between the Mayor's Office and our neighborhoods. We will look at issues concerning: public works, public safety, utilities, street repair and equitable code enforcement, among other matters. Perhaps, most important will be the change in each neighborhood knowing that their Mayor is listening to them.</p>	<p>Every piece of property is an great asset to the City, it is well-maintained and with good curb appeal. While home ownership is the most desirable set of circumstances for a home's occupant, everyone deserves a right to safe, clean housing. To that end, the Mayor's office must help ensure that Dearborn's housing stock remains in good shape with regularly scheduled interior and exterior inspections. We must do a better job, in communicating, to all residents, what City resources are available to homeowners and renters, alike. In turn, we must make it clear what responsibilities are expected of homeowners and renters</p>



**The City Clerk administers all elections in the city and is the keeper of all municipal documents. In addition, the Clerk serves as secretary to the City Council and issues notification of all official activities / meetings.**

**4-year term ending December 31, 2021**

**Vote for 1**

<p>There are 2 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Clerk?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>How would you encourage voter turnout in all elections?</p>	<p>What are some of your ideas to provide an efficient, welcoming and responsive office for City Clerk services?</p>
<p><b>George Thomas Darany</b>  <b>Realtor</b>  <b>Education:</b> University of Michigan - Dearborn Bachelor of Arts - Economics Classes in Public Administration, Accounting and Political Science Edsel Ford High School - Senior Class Treasurer  <b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://votedarany.com">http://votedarany.com</a>  <b>Email address:</b> <a href="mailto:imdearborn@sbcglobal.net">imdearborn@sbcglobal.net</a></p>	<p>Extensive background as a community leader and activist for over 25 years including: 2011-2016 Member of MI State House of Representatives; 2007-2010 Dearborn City Council; 2000-Present: Dearborn Goodfellows, President 2009 and current Vice Pres; 2000-Present: Dearborn Rotary; Rotarian of the Year 2008, Goodfellow Paper Sale Chairman since 2002; 1999-Present: Usher Sacred Heart; 1986-2006 &amp; 2015-Present: Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Vice-Pres. of Executive Board 1999-2005, Impact Award 2017. Background as elected public official provides experience in serving residents and being accountable to them.</p>	<p>The number one priority of the office is to ensure that all elections are fair, accurate and allow for equal and easy participation of all registered voters. As City Clerk, I would develop new training programs for city election workers, concentrating on ways to spot voter fraud. Also training to stop individuals from influencing voters inside the precincts. New voting machines will be introduced this year. It's imperative that election workers are knowledgeable about the changes and can concisely explain them to voters. For better accessibility to residents, I would keep the clerks office open late one night a week.</p>	<p>I will work to cultivate more active voters by spending time at the high schools to discuss the importance of voting, along with encouraging registration when students reach voting age. I will use my experience as a state legislator to advocate for changes in election law to make voting easier, including with no-reason absentee voting. I will work with local organizations to distribute information about upcoming elections. And, I will find resources to better inform residents about when elections are, where they vote, poll hours and so on.</p>	<p>The clerk's office is often the main face-to-face contact residents have with city government, so customer service must be professional, friendly and helpful. I will personally monitor staff performance and spend time at the desk myself to provide service to residents and make sure their needs are met. I will also develop ways to get resident feedback after they visit the office to determine if and how improvements are necessary.</p>

<p>There are 2 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Clerk?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>How would you encourage voter turnout in all elections?</p>	<p>What are some of your ideas to provide an efficient, welcoming and responsive office for City Clerk services?</p>
<p><b>Nofila Haidar</b></p> <p><b>Real Estate Agent</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> University of Michigan Dearborn Master of Public Administration</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.nofilahaidar.com">http://www.nofilahaidar.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> Nofila Haidar For Dearborn City Clerk</p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:Ctenofilahaidar@gmail.com">Ctenofilahaidar@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Email address:</b> <a href="mailto:ctenofilahaidar@gmail.com">ctenofilahaidar@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Dearborn, and an active member of the community. I serve on PTA Council, Goodfellows, and Early Learning Coalition for Dearborn Schools. My education and experience as a businesswoman has prepared me to manage, and lead effectively. I have the ability to delegate and organize large projects to meet deadlines. Excellent customer service, problem-solving, decision-making, planning, communication, and time management are some of my strongest skills. I want to bring the City Clerk's office into the 21st century to provide transparent, efficient and professional services to the residents.</p>	<p>Most residents do not know what a City Clerk does until they need the services provided by the office. Currently, the initial call to the City Clerk's office is not answered by a human which can become frustrating. I have elaborated on the importance of timely communication many times and I want to be the clerk who implements the standard for excellent communication and customer service whether it is on election day or while providing the many services the department is responsible for. We need to bring up to date technology to better serve our constituents.</p>	<p>My goal is to re-introduce the City Clerk's office to the residents as the place to go for information. Voter education is one of my priorities. I will increase communication and provide an efficient process to help voters prepare for Election Day. I will advocate for increasing voter participation, early voting and "no reason" absentee voting. I will be a leader against voter suppression and intimidation which I have witnessed in recent elections. Dearborn is asking for the next clerk to bring changes into this office. In this election we can keep doing what we have been doing or vote for change.</p>	<p>Excellent customer service, problem-solving, decision-making, planning, communication, and time management are some of my strongest skills. I will implement quarterly surveys to get feedback from my constituents. It is very important to keep an open dialogue with the people that I serve. We need to bring up to date technology to better serve our constituents. I will implement regular continuing education and training for employees. I will work to build strong relationships with County and State departments to improve our local office and have the most updated services and information for our residents.</p>

**Need an absentee ballot? Don't know where to vote?**

**Call your City Clerk!**

**Dearborn: (313) 943-2030**  
**Dearborn Heights: (313) 791-3432**

**Acting as the legislative branch of city government, the 7-member city council sets policies, adopts budgets, and enacts legislation. Members are elected at-large, not in districts. All 7 seats are up for election every 4 years.**

**4-year term ending December 31, 2021**

**Vote for 7 (or fewer)**

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Robert A. Abraham</b>  <b>Chief Executive Officer &amp; President</b>  <b>Education:</b> Hillsdale College - Class of 1989 Bachelor of Arts-Accounting; CPA-Michigan Registered Status Fordson High School: Class of 1985  <b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://OldFashioned-NoWebsite.com">http://Old Fashioned - No Website</a>  <b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:RAbraham.CPA@Gmail.com">RAbraham.CPA@Gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Robert A. Abraham has served his hometown as councilman since January 2002, elected to 4 terms in office and serving for almost 16 years. He wants to protect Dearborn's foundation and help mold its future. He is committed to assist in delivering first-class public services, and believes in safeguarding the city and enhancing Dearborn's quality of life. Augmenting economic growth to increase residential property values and encourage desirable development is of utter importance to him. Councilman Abraham is a third generation life-time Dearborn resident. He graduated from Fordson High School and Hillsdale College.</p>	<p>The city and the City Council are facing many issues in a "post-recession" economic recovery environment. Experience and strong leadership are needed on our City Council to guide public policy and make unbiased decisions based upon the best available information. There is no place in our local government for "politics" and "special interests." I am committed to making the difficult decisions for the best interest of the entire community; knowing that sometimes these decision may not be popular immediately to everyone. As "your" Councilman I will preserve financial resources for Fire Fighters and Police Officers.</p>	<p>After serving the community for 16 years I believe the City Charter should be crafted and approved by the people of Dearborn to provide governance and guidelines over our elected officials. The voters must determine if they are satisfied with the results of the current Charter and what changes should be made based on the current results. I believe my role as a Councilman is to determine the impact of decisions on the entire city, and work together with other councilmembers and the community to reach consensus before final determinations are made. Democracy is the best form of government and it can have many forms.</p>	<p>Recreation and Ford Community &amp; Performing Arts Center are a significant part of a "Healthy" Dearborn and must not be a victim of the short sighted budget cuts. I have consistently supported the "wellness" of Dearborn through the development of walking trails, bike paths, shared bike systems, parks and related activities. I would support a new Library Center on the property west of the Centennial Library. The current facility could be renovated as a multi-use Senior Citizen Center with independent living that could include accommodations for our Veterans. <b>** Please Vote and Re-Elect Councilman Robert A. Abraham **</b></p>

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Nada Al-Hanooti</b></p> <p><b>Substitute Teacher</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> MA in Women's and Gender Studies BA Political Science and Journalism, with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://votenada.com">http://votenada.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@votenada.com">info@votenada.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> Nada Al-Hanooti for Dearborn City Council</p>	<p>I was born in Paterson, NJ, and when I was just four years old I moved to Dearborn. My father has served in the nonprofit sector for over 20 years and my mother is a full-time community volunteer. Naturally, I was inspired by my parents' efforts. I was passionate about politics since as long as I can remember, and I made a promise to myself that I would run for office one day. I have a passion for social justice and I consider myself an activist. With this campaign, I hope to bring my activism to the municipal level.</p>	<p>Environment-Dearborn has a consistent problem of littering and air pollution. Every resident has the right to not only breathe clean air but to wake up to a view of a pristine neighborhood. Maintaining street sweeping as well as placing public waste containers will improve our community's image, as well as improving the health of our citizens. Also, Creating a program to reduce the air emission is imperative to the health of the residents, particularly in the south end.</p>	<p>Response not received prior to deadline.</p>	<p>Wayne county is the unhealthiest county in Michigan, and I fully support healthy Dearborns efforts. If elected to council, I would promote and support their events, as well as their future initiatives. I would also encourage them to promote it in our schools and educate the youth.</p>
<p><b>Fayrouz Bazzi</b></p> <p><b>ICU Nurse</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> BA, University of Michigan - Dearborn; BSN, University of Detroit Mercy</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.fayrouzbazzi.com">http://www.fayrouzbazzi.com</a></p>	<p>I am the mother of two boys, a healthcare professional, a business-woman and a homeowner. This community has given me everything needed to grow and prosper from childhood to my own adult and professional life as I raise a family. I care deeply about about the future of Dearborn. For our city to continue to prosper we need new ideas and a bigger voice for our residents. I am reflective of many individuals who have not necessarily had representation in government. Our city government needs more people who will bring transparency and allow the voices of our community to be represented. I want to provide that.</p>	<p>Priority issues facing the city are to me as follows: Services and Beautification; Housing &amp; Business Planning; Economic Development &amp; Education; Health, Crime and Public Safety; Investment and Vision; Municipal Workforce. I look to improve safety services and beautification projects, increase the educational and training support for our children, enhance the business and economic environment, and improve the overall quality of life for our city's residents. I have created a comprehensive platform and offer links to policy updates on my website under "Issues" and links to my social media.</p>	<p>I do not support this charter amendment. I feel this type of provisions, which may conceivably provide a better representation for different districts within the city, will not bring the city and its people together on common issues and concerns and may end up dividing geographically and possibly ethnically. It has the potential of causing less transparency, openness, and less collaborative efforts among the elected council members to deal with different issues from different districts. I support keeping our current charter as is for it requires all candidates to be representative of all the people in Dearborn.</p>	<p>From day one, I was the only candidate that introduced proven, workable, detailed plans to make every part of the city better. I shared my detailed plans for a healthier and safer Dearborn for the youth, elderly, retired and working/business people. Please visit my website at <a href="http://www.fayrouzbazzi.com">www.fayrouzbazzi.com</a> to learn about: A Plan To Reduce Pollution A Plan to Confront the Drug Epidemic A Plan For Training and Education A Plan For Better n Safer Services for Our Senior Citizens A Plan To Create Safer Streets and More Beautiful City A Plan To Have Neighborhood Associations As Partners A Plan For An Inclusive, United Dearborn</p>

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p><b>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</b></p>	<p><b>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</b></p>	<p><b>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</b></p>	<p><b>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></b></p>
<p><b>David W. Bazzy</b>  <b>President COO</b>  <b>Education:</b> Edsel ford high school University of Michigan dearborn BA MBA Wayne State University</p>	<p>I am a 59 year resident of the city of Dearborn, And president of Kenwal stee. I have served on the city recreation commission spearheading the Ford Woods redevelopment project as well as the new ice rink. I was a member of the zoning board over seeing significant growth in city. I chaired charter commission which was passed in 2007. I have sat on a city council seat the last 7 years, leading the redevelopment of west dearborn, the revitalization of neighborhoods, and multiple recreation projects. I am running again to continue to be a voice of the people, and finish the growth i have presided over.</p>	<p>We need to continue to focus on the neighborhoods and the development of the business both in the downtown regions but also in the neighborhoods. I have lead the charge on the downtown districts and the results are clearly visible, I will continue to lead the path to branding the downtown which will make Michigan ave. a place for families to come. In neighborhoods I will continue to focus on greater code enforcement as well as the demolition of blighted properties. I sat on rental task force and want to continue good landlord language. lastly i will continue to visit properties, parks and residents always.</p>	<p>I would not, i believe in the election process and the educated electorate choosing the best candidates for the community at large. Dearborn geographically is not a city the size of Detroit or Chicago, and the best means to insure representation is to educate and to empower the total electorate. By doing so it insures candidates reach out across the community and are accountable to all of the residents. As a current council member i can assure you that the current members of council view all areas of the city with equal regard, as well as understanding the need to represent the entire community.</p>	<p>As a certified trainer with AFFA and a teacher of cycling and boot camp at the fitness center for the last 20 plus years i can attest to not only professing a healthy lifestyle but promoting one through teaching. I have carried this forward in the council by working with the healthy walk and roll group, by promoting bike activities and promoting nutrition programs in the community. We need to make sure we promote this agenda in the schools and continue to foster recreation for the young and old in the community. I will continue to foster senior programs at the center, to improve classes for our seniors as well.</p>
<p><b>Erin Byrnes</b>  <b>Lead, Democratic Engagement and America Reads at the University of Michigan</b>  <b>Education:</b> Master's in Education, City University of New York; Bachelor's in Women's &amp; Gender Studies, UM- Dearborn; Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State; High School Diploma, St. Alphonsus  <b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.erinfordearborn.com">http://www.erinfordearborn.com</a>  <b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:erinfordearborn@gmail.com">erinfordearborn@gmail.com</a>  <b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/erinfordearborn">facebook.com/erinfordearborn</a></p>	<p>I grew up in Dearborn, and I'm committed to empowering and moving our community forward. I am engaged in neighborhood development as Chair of the City Beautiful Commission and in 2015, I completed the Michigan Political Leadership Program with participants across the state from various political backgrounds. My work as an educator has given me the tools to assess and respond to community needs in a way that enhances quality of life, and I will bring experience in tackling tough issues and finding real solutions. I fight for our children every day, and will be an advocate for all Dearborn residents on Council.</p>	<p>Neighborhoods are the heartbeat of our city. I currently work to bring people together to create visible progress on neighborhood blocks, and as a Councilperson I will support neighborhood associations to ensure that residents can come together to shape the future of our city. Public safety and health are both key priorities. Traffic enforcement, safe neighborhoods and business districts, clean air and access to parks and bike paths are essential. Equipping our police officers and firefighters with the resources and training they need to protect residents and themselves will be an area of focus for me.</p>	<p>All residents deserve representatives who will understand and act on their needs. A number of major cities have moved to the district representative model with districts determined by U.S. census data, in an effort to ensure fairness. I support community conversations to determine where residents stand, and would base next steps on research and conversations with other cities, with an aim to do what is best for Dearborn in the long term. Actively engaged residents will play a key role in holding elected officials accountable, whether their seats are at-large or designated by districts.</p>	<p>I support the expansion of bike lanes, walking paths and green spaces throughout the city. Efforts to promote wellness should be inclusive of residents of all ages and levels of physical ability, with special attention paid to wheelchair accessibility and also offering activities focused on seniors' needs. It's also important to maintain parks and pools to offer neighborhood-based recreational opportunities. I will work with local business owners, community groups and our schools to promote Healthy Dearborn's recommendations, and participate in activities myself to be part of the positive momentum.</p>

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Susan A. Dabaja</b></p> <p><b>Attorney, Council President-City of Dearborn</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Salina Elementary, Stout Middle School, Edsel Ford High School, B.S. University of Michigan-Dearborn, Juris Doctorate - University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Class Rank #1, magna cum laude</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://susandabaja.com">http://susandabaja.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:dabajafordearborn@gmail.com">dabajafordearborn@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSusanDabaja/">https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSusanDabaja/</a></p>	<p>I am a wife, mother of 3 children and active volunteer for several Dearborn civic organizations, fueling my passion for service. As an attorney of 13 years and a trained mediator, I have the skills needed to make tough decisions and find solutions that work. I understand complex legalities of city business and vote based on data and facts. As a local business owner and long-term resident, I am invested in Dearborn, because it is home. As Council President, I have gained valuable firsthand knowledge and experience. I have a stellar attendance record on council and my persistence makes me a proven and effective leader.</p>	<p>Public safety, neighborhood services, and economic development have been priority issues. I will continue to support legislation/resolutions that maintain our standard for public safety, ensuring proper funding and training for police/fire. As Council President, I have been a strong advocate for increasing funding for city inspectors to maintain the level of services that Dearborn residents expect. During my tenure, Council eliminated paid parking serving as a catalyst for the economic boom happening today. I will continue to support these issues, while focusing on improving connectivity between all parts of our city.</p>	<p>I have heard arguments for and against city council district representation. I do strongly believe in equal representation, irrespective of where you live. I have lived in several parts of our city, and I have always made and will continue to make my decisions based on what is best for the city as a whole. I represent holistically and with all residents in mind. The decision to amend the charter to create district representation should be decided by the voters.</p>	<p>I have been an avid supporter of Healthy Dearborn since its inception as it aims to promote a healthy lifestyle. We are incredibly fortunate to have resources and policies to help foster better physical health in Dearborn. While serving on Council, I have promoted Healthy Dearborn programs by leading a Walk and Roll Tour, supporting resolutions that endorse Healthy Dearborn initiatives, and have been vocal about sharing the program's opportunities provided to our residents. In the future, I will continue to do those things and would work with Healthy Dearborn partners to make it a sustainable model for public health.</p>



<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p><b>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</b></p>	<p><b>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</b></p>	<p><b>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</b></p>	<p><b>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?"</b>  <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Sharon Dulmage</b></p> <p><b>Registered Nurse, working for PACE which is a program of all inclusive care for the elderly and I also work hospice for Great Lakes Caring Hospice on a contingent basis</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Attended Henry Ford College for nursing, Detroit College of Business and Central Michigan University for business administration.</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b>  <a href="http://sharondulmage.com">http://sharondulmage.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b>  <a href="mailto:sldulmage@yahoo.com">sldulmage@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> sharon dulmage for dearborn city council</p>	<p>I have been a Dearborn resident for 54 years. I am active in many clubs, service organizations and served as Trustee of Henry Ford College and Dearborn Schools for 22 years. As a result of that service I am the only candidate (excluding incumbents) who has the experience of developing, implementing and monitoring budgets of millions of dollars. During those 22 years many cost saving measures and efficiencies were put into place best using your tax dollars. I understand public funding, grants and government mandates. I am not afraid to make tough decisions and seek ways to provide the best service for the least money.</p>	<p>Priority issues include improved monitoring of rental properties to ensure they meet the standards we are use to in out city and that home building and construction projects are finished within a specified time. Public safety is a priority and along with strong neighborhoods make Dearborn a desirable place to live. I would ensure that ordinances are consistently enforced and resources are allocated to support those efforts. I believe that a council member should "Inspect what you expect". Dearborn taxes are high and I would look for efficiency of operation in all departments, There are always ways to improve.</p>	<p>I support council people-at-large. It is the responsibility of a council person to represent all people no matter where they live. There is no prohibitive language that prevent a person from running for office. In the primary election there were candidates from all areas. All people no matter the address, age, socio economic background or ethnicity should be treated equally by all including elected officials.</p>	<p>I am a nurse so of course I support the initiative. Many of the clients I see are suffering illnesses as a result of a lifestyle and many of the problems they face now could have been prevented. We owe it to our youth and community to promote healthy living. Promoting healthy eating, increased activity and eliminating poor habits is the key to preventing many of the diseases one may develop in the future. Those illnesses caused by lifestyle have a huge economic impact on the healthcare system not to mention the suffering a person experiences. I have always supported programs to promote healthy eating and lifestyle.</p>



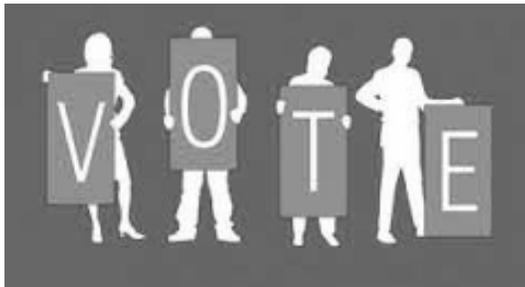
**LWV-DDH DEARBORN CANDIDATE FORUMS**

Dearborn Candidate Forums were videotaped on October 3 by the City of Dearborn’s CDTV and will be repeatedly broadcast on all cable government-access channels. Watch them on your computer by going to the City of Dearborn’s webpage and clicking on the link to CDTV programming, or by visiting the League’s webpage at [www.lwvddh.org](http://www.lwvddh.org).

Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, and City Council participated in the Candidate Forums.

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Regan Ford</b></p> <p><b>Small business owner</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> From an early age, Regan was an entrepreneur. After graduating high school in 1998, Regan left Monroe County Community College after just one year to focus full time on growing his business.</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://fordearborn.com">http://fordearborn.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:fordearborn@gmail.com">fordearborn@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ReganFord.com">facebook/ReganFord.com</a></p>	<p>Often times common sense is a virtue lacking in politics. As an entrepreneur I learned to think outside the box, bring people to the table and identify solutions. These are skills I will use on council. I also feel city hall would benefit from somebody with experience negotiating contracts, balancing budgets, and completing projects on time. These are things I have done all my life. Furthermore, I feel my background serving our community and neighborhood in leadership roles will help me to understand and quickly address the needs of Dearborn residents, thus making city hall more responsive.</p>	<p>Starting day one in city hall I will be working to protect our neighborhoods and trim wasteful spending. To protect our neighborhoods we need to strengthen rental home laws, put more police officers back in our neighborhoods and enforce our ordinances. Secondly we need to stop wasting tax dollars on unpopular projects and invest in our neighborhoods. Dearborn property taxes are higher than 95% of all other cities in Michigan. And every year it seems we pay more taxes for less services. My job on council will be to reverse this trend and put our tax dollars to work for us.</p>	<p>I would entertain the idea of district representation. As a homeowner in Southwest Dearborn, I find the idea of equal representation appealing. But I believe more info and resident feedback is needed before amending our charter. As a neighborhood association president and I can testify to the need for equal representation in city hall. Lots of times it appears the wealthy and well connected have better access to city government. A charter amendment pertaining to district representation just may be the solution. We should definitely consider improving the election process.</p>	<p>Healthy Dearborn is a great initiative. The need for healthier cities and healthier lives is great. I would support creating a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly downtown. I would support more recreation and activity for seniors and schoolchildren. I would support re-building neighborhood swimming pools. However I feel it's important to remember that "Healthy Dearborn" should serve to provide healthier alternatives for residents not government mandates.</p>
<p><b>Sean Green</b></p> <p><b>Retired Businessman</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> University of Houston - Hospitality Management</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://sean4dearborn">http://sean4dearborn</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:forseangreen17@gmail.com">forseangreen17@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sean4dearborn/#">sean4dearborn/#</a></p>	<p>My background has been spent mostly in the hospitality industry. What this gives me is an ability to listen to people. In the hospitality industry you can not always make people happy and when this happens you need to use a term that I believe every Council person should know. That is L.E.A.R.N. Listen, Empathize, Apologize, REACT, Notify. The last 2 are the ones I believe are the most important. When a member of the community comes to any civic leader with an issue they need to do all 5 of these but a lot of the time they fail to react to the issue and inform the community member of their resolution</p>	<p>My priority is simple. We have a part time city. We have way too many city workers on a part time status instead of a full time status. Due to this, we the community members, believe that we have ordinance issues or city workers that just do not care. However, what we have is truly a city of part time workers. These men and women are doing the best they can in the short time they have but they need more to achieve the services we, as a community, expect from our city. We need to execute a massive overhaul of the budget to ensure this problem is resolved for the betterment of our community.</p>	<p>When I look at elected districts I see a city divided and not unified. We need to unite our city and not divide it more that it already is. We should be working to improve ALL of Dearborn and no specific areas. If we have seven people (Districts) looking out for their own interest then how do they work together? We, the community, need to choose elected officials that truly want to represent our city, have a proven track record of it, and are willing to answer to the people when they fail to do so.</p>	<p>Over the next four year I would help promote a "Healthy Dearborn" by helping to create partnerships with local sponsors. I would also actively participate and have fun wagers with other prominent citizens to help market a Healthier Dearborn. I would ask for our local schools, places of worship, sport complexes and online organizations too, not only participate but to be the example as I will be. Lastly, I would help to develop a program geared to help seniors be an active participant in the Healthy Dearborn program to ensure a healthier way of life for our seniors.</p>

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Ramez Haidar</b></p> <p><b>Electrical Engineer / Commander with the Wayne county sheriff reserves</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> BS Electrical Engineering - WSU MS Electrical Engineering - WSU PROT - Police Rserve Officer Trainng - WCCC</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://zackfordearborn.com">http://zackfordearborn.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:ramezhaidar@gmail.com">ramezhaidar@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> Ramez "Zack" Haidar for Dearborn City Council</p>	<p>-Employed as a Senior Application Engineer – Flex Automotive - Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Commander - Wayne County Sheriff Office -Associates Degree in Computer Science – Henry Ford Community College -Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering &amp; Computer Science – Wayne State University -Master of Science in Electrical Engineering – Wayne State University -Police Reserve Officer Training (PROT), Wayne County Community College Using my many years in engineering, program management, budget management and forecast, timing and quality, also using my 18 years will make me very qualified to be on the city council</p>	<p>I would like to ensure that our city’s residents are happy, safe and enjoy shopping and working in Dearborn. we need to have more police officers patrolling the city, improve city services, provide more activities to seniors, improve our city roads and work with the county to fix their roads, provide more programs for substance abuse and mental health, reach out to local businesses for any assistance they may need, face lift our business district to attract customers, provide parking solution, get help with the pollution issues, review our tax and millage rate, work with our state reps to lower the insurance rates.</p>	<p>I definitely believe we need equal representation on the council, at-large elections don’t provide a good representation of particular groups, District elections most likely will improve citizen participation, will make city council member more responsive to their constituency. Also District council members are more sensitive to the city issues like roads condition, abandoned buildings, police presence, drug and traffic issues, Taxes and Insurance rate, etc. Minority groups with geographic base will have a better chance of being represented on the city council with district elections.</p>	<p>Current programs don’t reach out to all residents, many people never heard of "Healthy Dearborn" program. We need to provide a better communication, make our parks more attractable for people to use, reach out to seniors and provide in house programs inside their buildings. Work with schools to provide a healthy food for our students. Promote our restaurants that provide healthy food. Very important to have "cycle tracks" bike lanes with physical barriers between bikes and cars specifically riding bikes to HFCC and UFM. Fun and rewarding games for kids and parents. Dearborn internal busing system like (City Hopper).</p>



<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Leslie Herrick</b></p> <p><b>Public Relations</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Wayne State University, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Public Relations/Journalism. Henry Ford College, Honors Program, Associate in Arts, Magna Cum Laude. Graduate of Dearborn Public Schools.</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.leslieherrickfordearborn.com/">http://www.leslieherrickfordearborn.com/</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:LeslieHerrickForDearborn@gmail.com">LeslieHerrickForDearborn@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> LeslieHerrickForDearborn</p>	<p>Years of experience serving Dearborn through positions I've held with the City of Dearborn, the Dearborn Community Fund and the Dearborn Public Schools demonstrate that I am uniquely qualified and have the proven leadership skills to listen to and represent residents and business owners. I have led projects – managing budgets, staff and resources – that improve our city. I want to take that experience to Council to serve my home town, giving residents and visitors the best quality of life possible, preserving our city's history as a home to innovation and top city services, and making Dearborn a destination city.</p>	<p>My biggest priority: use tax dollars efficiently to help residents and businesses. I will work to: develop our business districts; maintain top public safety; enhance arts &amp; culture programs to connect residents and attract visitors; and build national awareness of Dearborn as a welcoming city with beautiful neighborhoods, a fascinating history, world-class museums, diverse businesses, numerous parks and recreational opportunities. Leading events that bring residents together (like Homecoming) shows my dedication to working with community partners to unite our city through engaging cultural experiences.</p>	<p>I do not support a charter amendment at this time. Dearborn is one community – a mid-size city where council members should feel the responsibility to equally represent the needs of all residents, uniting the community rather than being divisive with leaders representing only the interests of small groups in select areas. The current at-large seats promote community unity, ensuring that all issues are considered by each council member and everyone has equal representation on council.</p>	<p>I am a strong proponent of Healthy Dearborn. I will continue to create opportunities for people across Dearborn to practice healthy lifestyles that enrich and revitalize mind, body and spirit. I will support our city and community partners at major events (like Homecoming) and during activities for smaller groups (like farmer's markets, yoga classes and group bike rides). I will ensure residents have access to clean, safe spaces to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. I will use my experience to increase investment in our cultural institutions, so all residents have access to the spirit-enriching diversity of our city.</p>
<p><b>Brian C. O'Donnell</b></p> <p><b>District Sales Manager- Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> BS- Biology Madonna University MBA- Baker College</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://odonnell4dearborn.com">http://odonnell4dearborn.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:brian@odonnell4dearborn.com">brian@odonnell4dearborn.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> Brian ODonnell for Dearborn</p>	<p>I have a BS and an MBA. I am a father, brother, son, and husband. My career and life experience have helped to prepare me for my service on the council. My profession has provided me with an opportunity to interact, lead, and work with individuals and groups with diverse backgrounds, ideas, and cultures. It requires strategic planning, budgeting, and a solution oriented mentality. I have demonstrated skills in these and in many other areas, and have been rewarded for my efforts. If re-elected, I will use my experience personally and professionally to continue to work for all of the citizens of Dearborn.</p>	<p>The neighborhoods are one priority that I feel are of the utmost importance in order to preserve the character and integrity of the Dearborn we all know and love. When an average citizen is asked "Why do you live in Dearborn", the answers can be varied, but usually include the phrase "I love my neighborhood". I would like to see greater enforcement of the city codes already in place and new codes where it makes sense. The city also needs to promote neighborhood associations throughout Dearborn, and use the organizations themselves as a resource to better understand the needs and wants of the citizens.</p>	<p>As an elected councilperson, I take an oath to follow and uphold the city charter. As such, I do not take changes to the charter very lightly. I have heard a few reasons why the district representation would be positive, but I disagree with these assertions. The reason why that is that to me, an elected office represent the entire City already. If an elected official does not pay attention to all areas of the city, they will most likely not be an elected official for long. I vote how I believe someone did or will conduct themselves during deliberations for the entire community, not their address in the city.</p>	<p>I perused the various activities listed in the Healthy Dearborn website, a few thoughts came to mind. First, I wonder how many interested people do not know this site exists. Awareness through education would be a key to start. Then, making the recommendations safer and easier to follow would be a help. For example, council just passed an ordinance stating a car must give a bicyclist 5 ft. if possible when passing. This type of ordinance can help to ensure safety for all involved and is an example of a way to help promote the recommendations.</p>

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.  (625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p><b>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</b></p>	<p><b>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</b></p>	<p><b>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</b></p>	<p><b>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ken Paris</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Corporate Security/ Retired Police</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> Henry Ford Community College, EMU School of Police Staff and Command, FBI National Associates Executive Leadership Training</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://www.paris4council.com/">http://www.paris4council.com/</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:kenparisforcouncil@gmail.com">kenparisforcouncil@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/paris4council/">Facebook.com/paris4council/</a></p>	<p>As a prior police/command officer with Dearborn Police and UM-Dearborn Public Safety, I have unique experience and knowledge of processes and functions of municipal and university operations. I attended most city council and budget meetings the past two years. Other unique experience includes; current Traffic Commission Chair, prior UM-D Interim Police Chief, and prior elected positions on police union executive board and police/fire pension board. Public Safety plays a critically important role in our daily lives. My background would be an asset to our community by bringing a needed public safety perspective.</p>	<p>My priority is to ensure adequate public safety staffing, training and resources. Others include Infrastructure, development opportunities, fiscal responsibility through priority based budgeting and improved customer service delivery through technology and accountability. A perceived lack of traffic enforcement is consistently a top concern of residents. We should dedicate several part-time officers for traffic enforcement. "Selective Enforcement" traffic enforcement should be based on sound data from speed and traffic studies, accident causation, consultant/engineering recommendations and citizen complaints.</p>	<p>We strive for "One Dearborn," yet district representation may cause divisiveness and separation by boundaries. Clearly defined and observable district boundaries have to follow State law. It is a difficult and time-consuming process. Such representation may be problematic if few or no "district" candidates decide to run. Qualifications, abilities and experience are more important candidate considerations. I favor staggered council elections of (4) Council and Clerk, followed 2 years later by election of (3) Council and Mayor to provide continuation of experience and limiting slates. Public hearings are essential.</p>	<p>These recommendations influence city service enhancements and help to attract residents, visitors and business opportunities. I will promote health and wellness programs from a community, environmental, educational, and individual perspective. It is all about Quality of Life. More is needed to address the serious problems of substance abuse. We can promote more private/public partnerships and programs to expand the influence of Healthy Dearborn. I was an active member of the original UM-Dearborn Campus "Smoke-Free" Committee. UM-D encourages healthy lifestyle choices with programs like "MHealthy" and "Active U."</p>

Voter Guides from the League of Women Voters are a unique and valuable service in our communities. VOTE411.org and the printed Voter Guides available in our libraries, city halls, and other locations are made possible by donations from civic-minded individuals and organizations and by the dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent to provide these services. Please show your appreciation by sending a check of any amount to the League of Women Voters of Dearborn-Dearborn Heights Education Fund, 120 N. Military, Dearborn 48128. Your support is needed.

<p>There are 14 candidates listed in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(625-character limit for each response to the 4 questions)</p>	<p>What is your background, and how will it help you to serve the City as Councilperson?</p>	<p>What are your priority issues, and how will you address them?</p>	<p>To ensure that all of Dearborn receives equal representation on City Council, would you support a charter amendment to provide for BOTH district representatives and council people-at-large? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Over the course of the next four years, how would you help promote the recommendations for "Healthy Dearborn?" <a href="http://www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn">www.cityofdearborn.org/community/healthydearborn</a></p>
<p><b>Michael T. Sareini</b></p> <p><b>Salesman/Attorney</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> 1990-Fordson High School, 1992-Associates Degree Henry Ford Community College, 2009-Bachelor of Arts - University of Michigan Dearborn, 2012-Juris Doctor -Thomas M. Cooley Law School</p> <p><b>Campaign web site:</b> <a href="http://councilmansareini.com">http://councilmansareini.com</a></p> <p><b>Campaign email:</b> <a href="mailto:ctemikesareini@gmail.com">ctemikesareini@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook campaign name:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmanSareini/">https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmanSareini/</a></p>	<p>I am a proud husband and father of 5 children. Dearborn is my home it is where I grew up and where I raised my kids. Public service is a way of life for my family, my mom served the city for 24 years and my brother serves in our Navy. I am a licensed attorney and have been a salesman at Ford since 1995. My sales experience along with my legal education has allowed me to lead changes to several policies that have resulted in thousands in taxpayer dollars saved. It has been an honor serving on the Council over the last 4 years. I believe I have made a difference and have been a needed voice on the council.</p>	<p>Budget and Accountability. With the uncertainty of State revenue sharing and nearly 69 cents of every dollar allocated to public safety, we are challenged with finding a way to do more with less. My main objective is to properly budget and ensure that tax dollars are not wasted. It's a priority to tackle the tough issues and ensure that we are getting the most out of every tax dollar. I propose the council get independent accounting advice throughout the budget process in order to get a fresh perspective. I would advocate for more independent review of city services to ensure we are as efficient as possible.</p>	<p>No, I believe our City is best served with our current format of an at-large representation. Elected by all city residents the representation will be unbiased for the city as a whole. Throughout my first term I have responded to residents' concerns from the borders of Wyoming to Gulley. I believe that districting the city will result in reduction of overall services. In districting you will find each representative fighting for resources that are exclusive to their area, this approach will leave some districts with disproportionate allocation of services. Our city is best served when it's viewed as one community.</p>	<p>Your health is your most important asset; I fully support Healthy Dearborn's initiatives. That is why I joined from its inception and helped craft its mission statement. In partnership with the City of Dearborn, Beaumont Health, and Dearborn Public Schools it provides our residents with alternatives that help lead a healthier lifestyle while keeping up with today's fast pace world. I will help promote their recommendations by continuing to support legislation that focuses on green spaces, walking paths, bike paths and bike share programs as well as maintaining our parks and recreation venues.</p>





**Before you vote, go to the online Voter Guide.  
How to find your races on [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org)**

- Enter your address
  - Click on the green “Get Personalized Information” bar
  - Your races will pop up
- Keep checking **VOTE411.org** for updates.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
DEARBORN / DEARBORN HEIGHTS

**VOTE411.ORG**  
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED