



Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Dearborn Primary Election

Voter Guide



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WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

▶ Vote in one party's primary only.

Governor _____

U.S. Senator _____

U.S. Representative _____

State Senator _____

State Representative _____

Wayne County Executive _____

Wayne County Commissioner _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

**Wayne County Public Transportation
Millage Proposal**

YES or NO

**City of Dearborn Sewer System
Improvements Bond Proposal**

YES or NO

DID YOU KNOW?

You must vote in only one political party in a partisan primary election.

The ballot will have 3 choices:

Republican, Democrat, Libertarian.
Vote only for candidates in that party.

(On November 6, you can vote for any candidate.)

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MICHIGAN SENATE – 3RD DISTRICT

The Republican Party Candidate, Kathy Stecker, is unopposed in this election.

<p>Democratic Party 4 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>1. PRIORITIES What are your top 3 priorities for the State, and how would you address?</p>	<p>2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?</p>
<p>Anita Belle Website: www.belle4mi.com Facebook: belle4misenate/ Occupation: President of the Reparations Labor Union & Melanin Technology Co. Female co-chair of NCOBRA-Detroit. Education: Graduate of Henry Ford High School, B.S. from Wayne State University, J.D. from the University of Florida. Qualifications: When I practiced law, I was the attorney for the Nicaraguan Contras' Narcotics Trafficking Litigation, a human rights case that sued the U.S. Government for its role in importing illegal narcotics into America's segregated black neighborhoods and causing harm to all Americans. I conduct reparations workshops in houses of worship and for racial reconciliation groups. I train election challengers.</p>	<p>My first priority is to address the human environment regarding racial justice and reconciliation. Population statistics predict that, within the next 25 years, blacks and Hispanics will become the majority in America. Many Hispanics are descendants of indigenous people. I therefore propose navigating the "browning" of America by treating minorities as we'd like to be treated and by repairing the damage done to black and indigenous people. My second priority is ensuring quality public education for all. My third priority is repair the natural environment with clean energy and by repairing the infrastructure.</p>	<p>I support more pay, benefits, and pension-secured retirement for teachers, substitute teachers, and school support staff. I don't support teachers or students being armed. I support our children being provided with technology much like books are assigned to individual students. I support arts education. Although I support making community college education free, I also don't want to see "degree inflation" cause an associate's degree to become equivalent to a high school diploma and thus make higher education more expensive and unattainable. I support providing more technical/trades training in the middle schools.</p>
<p>Terry T. Burrell Website: terryburrell4senate2018@yahoo.com Facebook: http://terryburrellttt@yahoo.com Occupation: Volunteer Education: Liberal Art Degree and a major in political science and a minor in communication Colleges Henry Ford and Eastern Michigan University Qualifications: Educated in the field</p>	<p>The criminal law need to be reformed Higher wages More education programs</p>	<p>improve the education system</p>

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<p>Sylvia Santana</p> <p>Website: www.votesantana.com Facebook: Sylvia Santana @votesylviasantana Occupation: State Representative Education: Eastern Michigan University, BA Finance, 2007 Qualifications: 15 years in the financial services industry. I serve on the Appropriations committee and oversee the largest state budgets, i.e. Corrections, Department of Health and Human Services, and License and Regulatory Reform and Insurance Financial Services.</p>	<p>Lowering the cost of auto insurance requires the elimination of non-driving factors as the determination of rate structure, elimination of red-lining, providing transparency to Michigan catastrophic claims funding, and the creation of fraud authority. 2. Repealing Pension Tax - eliminating corporate tax breaks. 3. Increasing education funding - Today's per-pupil allotment is approximately \$7,000 and I would like to increase the amount to \$10,000 by transferring savings from MDOC to education. Michigan expects to have a sharp reduction in prisoner population in the future.</p>	<p>I propose that the legislature stop trying to re-write education policy every election cycle. Secondly, we must treat teachers respectfully by paying a decent salary. Lastly, we must hold parents accountable for the success of the children.</p>
<p>Gary Woronchak</p> <p>Website: www.gary4senate.com Facebook: garyworonchakforstatesenate Occupation: Wayne County Commissioner and Chair of the Commission Education: B.A., University of Michigan-Dearborn, political science Qualifications: Wayne County Commissioner (since 2005), Chair of the Commission (since 2011), State Representative (1999-2004). Experience in leadership position, knowledge of writing and moving legislation. Communication skills from career as journalist prior to elected office.</p>	<p>Roads and infrastructure: Change PA 51 for more equitable roads funding distribution. Consider new revenues to increase per-capita roads spending, which is less than other states. Education: More investment in traditional public schools to avoid additional shifting to growing patchwork of charter schools. Teachers need more pay and fewer attempts to cut benefits (retirement) to encourage more to go into teaching to address shortages. Public Safety: Municipal funding based too heavily on property tax, needs to be changed so local communities gain resources to invest in safer neighborhoods. Restore revenue sharing</p>	<p>In a word, investment. Michigan's educational outcomes have fallen dramatically. Some have claimed "throwing more money at the problem won't solve it," but I disagree -- given the current state of education, we should try it. Our teachers should be well paid with comfortable benefits, to attract and retain the best to this profession. More emphasis on traditional public schools, as the charter school experiment has drained resources without demonstrated, consistent positive results. Address the out-of-school challenges students face that inhibit learning, particularly poverty and nutrition.</p>

MICHIGAN SENATE – 3RD DISTRICT

<p>Democratic Party 4 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>3.ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?</p>	<p>4.ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</p>
<p>Anita Belle President of the Reparations Labor Union & Melanin Technology Co. Female co-chair of NCOBRA-Detroit.</p>	<p>I support legalizing marijuana and augmenting legalization/medical marijuana with a social equity/reparative justice component. I support further research on the medical benefits of entheogens, a.k.a. psychedelics, and permitting their use for religious purposes. Because Michigan is a motor capital, I support the development of safe flying cars and expansion into space technology. Because Michigan is also a music capital, I support the development of the arts to attract tourism. I support the research and development of clean energy from human hair melanin as a means of job/entrepreneurial creation.</p>	<p>In August 2013, there were 16,612 more ballots than there were voters in Detroit. In November 2013, there were 25,562 more ballots than voters in that election. Ballots stuffing in Detroit continued even after the purchase of new voting machines, there being 6,180 more ballots than there were voters in the November 2017 election. I propose investigating whether the vote dilution phenomenon is occurring elsewhere in Michigan. I further propose legislation that automatically audits election results in order to protect the legitimacy of government from voting machines being hacked and other means of election-rigging.</p>
<p>Terry T. Burrell Volunteer</p>	<p>allow the agencies to hire more people so the economy can rise.</p>	<p>I believe all people should have the right to vote, and as long as the campaign money is spent properly than there should be no reason why a person should get in trouble by law.</p>

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

- Candidates are listed in alphabetical order within their party.
- Questions have 800-character limits (about 150 words)
- Every effort was made to invite candidates to participate.
- Candidates entered their own responses which have not been edited by the LWV for spelling or grammar.

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<p>Sylvia Santana State Representative</p>	<p>We have to continue investing in skill trades, STEM and find ways to lower the cost of college.</p>	<p>I support state policy that requires campaign finance reports to be posted earlier in June or July during the campaign cycle. As a State Senator, I plan on introducing legislation that tightens up the language regarding voting suppression tactics.</p>
<p>Gary Woronchak Wayne County Commissioner and Chair of the Commission</p>	<p>Raise minimum wage, including for tipped workers. \$15 is a good goal, but obviously consensus must be reached to take into account not wanting to lose jobs or close smaller businesses along with higher costs to consumers that could slow spending. Resist further tax incentives for downtown developments, with the possible exception of combining incentives with firm commitments to create new jobs with investments in the neighborhoods that haven't seen the resurgence that downtown has. Improve transit to attract more major companies to region.</p>	<p>I support no-reason absentee voting, automatic registration at voting age and mandatory instruction in high schools on both the mechanics and importance of voting. Strengthen disclosure in non-contribution lobbyist activities such as trips and meals.</p>



MICHIGAN SENATE – 3RD DISTRICT

<p>Democratic Party 4 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>5.ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan’s water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state’s energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.</p>	<p>6.JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?</p>
<p>Anita Belle President of the Reparations Labor Union & Melanin Technology Co. Female co-chair of NCOBRA-Detroit.</p>	<p>I seek to represent a state senatorial district that has some of highest asthma rates in the state and nation. Petcoke is dumped in my district. I believe there's no such thing as coincidence and breathing is a human right. Moreover, as President of Melanin Tech, I have found that pineal calcification is a health epidemic that affects motion and emotions that is exacerbated by neurotoxins such as fluoride. I would propose Michigan be a better water bearer for the Great Lakes, the source of 20% of Earth's fresh water, and better guard the surrounding air and land by removing petcoke, fluoride, and closing Line 5.</p>	<p>By failing to right the wrongs of history, Michigan repeats the history of wrongs. I propose holding truth and reconciliation circles that include implementing reparations for people of African and indigenous descent. It's no excuse that slavery was officially outlawed in the Northwest Territories, because narcotics are illegal, too, yet many Michigan residents are now enslaved/addicted to opioids/heroin and cocaine. The state must do more than mass incarcerate "slave collaborators" while high-level kingpins, some of whom are in government, pay no debt to society. It's time for racial reconciliation for freedom's sake.</p>
<p>Terry T. Burrell Volunteer</p>	<p>I will support that the water system be check every three months so that if any thing is wrong with the water the people will know and come up with an solution to solve it.</p>	<p>I will promote equality among all of the people so that everyone get it fair share of the deal.</p>
<p>Sylvia Santana State Representative</p>	<p>I supported a bi-partisan bill package to place regulations around air quality. In the wake of the Flint water crisis, we need to revisit policies around water quality and infrastructure. In the state budget, I fought to protect the funding going to Flint for families.</p>	<p>I am one of the many sponsors of the Raise the Age bill package. Michigan is still 1 of 4 states that sentences youth under the age of 18 as adults and sends them to adult prison. I am an outspoken opponent of the " English Only" bill.</p>
<p>Gary Woronchak Wayne County Commissioner and Chair of the Commission</p>	<p>Change MDEQ policy so resident opinion and quality of life, a more human-factor perspective, can be taken into account when considering permits, rather than automatically approving permits if within “allowable limits.” Also, review what are “allowable limits.” Finally, shut down Line 5.</p>	<p>Add LGBTQ protections to Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Make certain that any procedures that attempt to document racial profiling by law enforcement don’t have “blind spots” that skew results drawn from data. Expand use of body cameras for law enforcement, perhaps with subsidies to help community</p>

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 9TH DISTRICT

The Republican Party Candidate, James Stephens, is unopposed in this election.

<p>Democratic Party 3 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>1.PRIORITIES What are your top 3 priorities for the State, and how would you address?</p>	<p>2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?</p>
<p>Gary Pollard Did not respond</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>
<p>Donald L. Stuckey II Special Ed. Paraprofessional Website: http://www.votestuckey.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/votestuckey/ Education: B.A in Political Science from Eastern Michigan University M.A Dispute Resolution from WSU</p>	<p>Insurance Fairness- I support ending insurance redlining. I support banning the use of credit scores and other non-driving factors as ways to determine a person's insurance rate. Public Education Funding- we need to fully fund our public schools and hold charter schools accountable Environment- We need to do more perfect our environment. This means cracking down on corporate polluters and protecting Michigan waters</p>	<p>We must start by fully funding for schools. We must make sure charter schools are held accountable just like every other public in our state. Early childhood must be available to every family in Michigan. We must make sure that high school students have access to the vocational programs.</p>
<p>Karen Whitsett Community Activist Website: www.KarenWhitsett4StateRep.com Facebook: http://KarenWhitsettforStateRepresentativeDistrict9DetroitandDearborn Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for State Representative - District 9 Education: Frank Cody High School University of Phoenix</p>	<p>Car insurance is far too high – not just in the City of Detroit, but across the entire state. Michigan leads the country when it comes to auto insurance rates. I will support Driver's Choice to lower auto insurance rates for all drivers in our state (especially seniors). I believe working people have the right to form or join a union. I will fight back in Lansing against the Snyder administration's war on working families: I will work to reverse Michigan's so-called "right to work" law and restore prevailing wage to support working families everywhere. I support repealing the tax increase on pensions and restoring a</p>	<p>Michigan once was a state people moved to for a quality public education. Sadly, that's no longer the case – but I believe we can and must rebuild our public school system. Charter schools have devastated Michigan's public education system. I support regulating charter schools and holding them strictly accountable. I support increasing funding for public schools statewide, and especially in cities with the most need, like Detroit. We need to pay our teachers much more, since they're on the front lines of improving student learning. Finally, we need to improve access to higher education for working families by keep</p>

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 9TH DISTRICT

<p>Democratic Party 3 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>3.ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?</p>	<p>4.ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?</p>
<p>Gary Pollard Did not respond</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>
<p>Donald L. Stuckey II Special Ed. Paraprofessional</p>	<p>I think we need to roll back tax breaks for big corporations so that it can invest in job training and helping people start their own small business.</p>	<p>Every person has the right to vote. That means we must make sure that people can vote early. We must repeal the voter ID laws and have automatic and same-day voter registration</p>
<p>Karen Whitsett Community Activist</p>	<p>As I've said before, I am a strong supporter of organized labor and believe that working families do best when they're able to organize or join a union. I support living wage laws and increasing the state minimum wage to \$15 an hour. I believe in ending pay discrimination, since far too often, women are paid far less than men for doing the same job. I would be proud to support pay equity legislation in Lansing. I support Driver's Choice to finally lower Michigan's ridiculously high auto insurance rates. Lowering auto insurance rates would help families statewide. I support expanding job training programs so Mich</p>	<p>I believe we need to make it easier, not harder to vote. I support no-reason absentee voting, same-day voter registration, and anything else that makes it easier for citizens to play an active role in their democracy.</p>

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<p>Democratic Party</p> <p>3 candidates: Vote for 1</p>	<p>5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan’s water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state’s energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.</p>	<p>6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?</p>
<p>Gary Pollard</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>	<p>Did not respond</p>
<p>Donald L. Stuckey II</p> <p>Special Ed. Paraprofessional</p>	<p>I think we need to transition away from fossil fuels and we need to double down on renewable energy like wind and solar.</p>	<p>People must feel that our society treats everyone with respect. This is why I support expanding the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act. I also believe that we need to hold police officers accountable if they are unfairly targeting African-Americans in Michigan.</p>
<p>Karen Whitsett</p> <p>Community Activist</p>	<p>We must protect our water, air, and land for Michiganders today and tomorrow. I support continuing to expand renewable energy in our state. I will push for environmental justice, because too often, Detroiters feel like the same environmental regulations followed in the rest of the state aren’t enforced here. I support closing down Enbridge Line 5. Our Great Lakes are too important to our entire state to risk ruining them forever with an oil spill.</p>	<p>I will do everything in my power as a state representative to make our state more inclusive for all of its people. All Michiganders must have the same opportunities to succeed in life. Where you grow up, what your skin color is, where your family is from, what religion you practice, or what your sexual orientation or gender identity is shouldn’t dictate how successful you are in life.</p>

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER – 13TH DISTRICT

Republican Primary – no candidate on ballot

Democratic Primary Vote for 1 of 2 candidates	<i>Please provide biographical information and experience, and explain why you are running for this office.</i>	<i>What are the priority issues facing this office and what actions would you take to address them if elected?</i>
<p>Sam Baydoun</p> <p>Occupation: Real Estate Broker at CENTURY 21 CURRAN AND CHRISTIE Website: http://www.VoteSamBaydoun.com Campaign email : info@VoteSamBaydoun.com Campaign phone: (313) 384-6000 Education: B.A. Business Administration, Davenport University Associates, Liberal Arts, Henry Ford College</p>	<p>I have laid down my roots in Dearborn as a resident and active volunteer for over 40 years. I am a devoted husband and proud father of four beautiful children and together we play an active role in the fabric of our community. As an Associate Real Estate Broker, for over three decades I have helped thousands of families find their homes in the Dearborn and Allen Park neighborhoods. As the chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Dearborn Board, I worked with city officials to eliminate a failed escrow policy that was crippling our neighborhoods during the foreclosure crisis, while advocating for seniors and veterans who live on a fixed income. I am running for Wayne County Commission because I am uniquely prepared. I have a commitment to the residents of Dearborn and Allen Park and my proven work ethic has helped me earn more endorsements than any candidate in this race.</p>	<p>I have experience balancing budgets for organizations. My top priority is to make sure necessary resources are allocated to fund roads, infrastructure, Meals on Wheels, Veterans programs and public safety programs. As the former President of the Dearborn Area Board of Realtors, we convened to discuss matters related to economic development, home appraisal values and building stronger neighborhoods. I will use this experience to help attract jobs and more funding in order to maintain the beauty of the Dearborn and Allen Park neighborhoods. Transparency in government is also a priority. I will work to ensure that our county government is transparent, accountable and working for the residents of Dearborn and Allen Park, by asking the tough questions and by being a partner of the current administration when it best serves our residents.</p>
<p>Brian Stone</p> <p>Occupation: Public Relations Consultant Website: http://www.votestone.com Campaign email : brian@votestone.com Campaign phone: 3136182892 Education: Bachelor of Arts, Communications - University of Michigan-Dearborn, Associate of Arts - Coastline Community College</p>	<p>Brian Stone is running for county commission to serve the residents of Allen Park and Dearborn. Brian Stone honorably served our country in the US Navy, receiving numerous medals and awards. Brian Stone was born and raised in a union family in Dearborn, is a member of the UAW through the National Writers Union, has a degree in communications and works in the field of public relations. Brian Stone is running because he believes the residents of Dearborn and Allen Park deserve experienced leadership. Brian is the only candidate with real experience getting funds for our community through the county commission. Concerned about the rise in hate crimes, Brian Stone worked with Gary Woronchak and the Wayne County Commission to secure funding for a hate crimes task force. Justice is being served thanks to Brian Stone.</p>	<p>The top issues that Brian Stone will tackle with the Wayne County Commission are improving public safety, investing in our infrastructure & roads and advocating on issues related to seniors & veterans. Brian Stone's record of results on these issues is ironclad: he's helped fund the first ever Wayne County hate crimes task force by working with the commission, he reformed tuition policies at our major universities that continue to save veterans \$9 million per year and he has used his national column through the Huffington Post to advocate for improving the standards used to build and repair our roads. Brian also successfully advocated for the City of Dearborn to address health problems in our senior housing facilities. As a county commissioner, Brian Stone will uphold the highest ethical standards of conduct and ensure issues like the county jail project are finally resolved.</p>

WAYNE COUNTY BALLOT PROPOSAL

WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

If approved, this proposal will renew the 1.0 mil levied by the Wayne County Transportation Authority for the years 2018 through 2021, 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 1.0 mil on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transportation Authority area be imposed for a period of four (4) years, being years 2018 through 2021?

Based on known taxable values from the previous year, this millage would raise approximately \$16,840,062.04 in the first year. YES or NO

CITY OF DEARBORN BALLOT PROPOSAL

CITY OF DEARBORN SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Dearborn, County of Wayne, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000), and issue one or more series of its general obligation unlimited tax bonds payable in not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issue of each series, to be used by the City for acquiring, constructing and installing improvements to the City's sewer system necessary for complying with federal and state water pollution control regulations, and reducing untreated sewage overflows in the Rouge River?

The estimated millage to be levied in 2018 is 0.22 mills (\$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.87 mills (\$0.87 per \$1,000 of taxable value). YES or NO

Explanation on the Ballot

State and federal regulations require the City to design and build additional major improvements to its sewer system so that untreated sewage overflows in the Rouge River are drastically reduced. These addition improvements are estimated to cost approximately \$60,000,000.

In order to pay for these improvements, the city will either increase sewer rates or spread the cost onto the property tax rolls with voter approval. If the proposal passes, the cost will be spread onto the property tax rolls. The annual cost for the owner of a home with the average taxable value of all Dearborn homes is estimated to be approximately \$48.00 over the life of the bonds.

LWV Explanation: The City is mandated by the State & Federal Governments to spend approximately \$60 million to improve the city's sewer system. This proposal would borrow the necessary funds by issuing a bond which would increase taxes by \$0.22 mils per \$1,000 of taxable value. If the Bond Proposal fails, the City may raise sewage rates.



Vote Aug. 7

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
DEARBORN – DEARBORN HEIGHTS**

What's inside this Guide:

These races:

Michigan Senate District 3
(includes all of Dearborn)

4 Democrats
(Republican is unopposed in Primary)

Michigan Representative District 9
(includes part of northeast Dearborn)

3 Democrats
(Republican is unopposed in Primary)

Wayne County Commission District 13
(includes all of Dearborn)

2 Democrats
(No Republican on ballot)

Michigan Representative District 15 (includes most of Dearborn) is not inside.

Space did not allow for Incumbent Democrat Abdullah Hammoud's response. Both Abdullah Hammoud and Republican candidate Doug Mitchell are unopposed in the Primary. To view responses, go online to VOTE411.org.

These ballot proposals:

Wayne County Public Transportation Millage (SMART)

City of Dearborn Sewer System Millage (CSO Projects)

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