

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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2 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

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<p><i>Republican</i> MICHAEL J. GINGELL 583 Shady Oaks St. Lake Orion, MI 48362</p>	<p>I have spent the majority of my life in Oakland County. My family are some of the original pioneers and built a town in Orion Township called Gingellville. I was raised with a sense of community, a responsibility to help your neighbor and commitment to lead efforts that improved the lives of others. I have been a County Commissioner for the past 12 years and am currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (Longest serving Chairman in Oakland County history). I have a good understanding of the governmental system and the individuals within the system. I know how to get things done in an bipartisan manner. I also have 25 years of private sector experience including running mature business globally, restructuring business globally and initiating and running start-ups. I have a MBA from Wayne State University, Bachelors in Business Administration from Oakland University and attended Oakland Christian high school.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balanced Budget: Ensuring financial responsibility and viability. Making sure we do not spend more than what we have. I will not vote for a budget that is not balanced and responsible. 2. Investment in People and Assets: The County needs to continue to invest in its people to ensure they have the wages and benefits to have a quality life. In addition, we need to invest in our assets to to ensure they remain viable for the next decade and that they have the appropriate level of security and safety mechanisms in place. I will initiate and support these activities. 3. Viable Workforce: Unemployment in Oakland County is low and in order to the economy to continue to grow, we need to ensure we have a consistent supply of labor. We need to work with the schools, colleges and business community to invest in programs that provide the needed resources. I will initiate and support these activities.

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<p>Democrat MICHELLE BRYANT 4912 W. Stonegate Cir. Lake Orion, MI 48359</p>	<p>I am a formal military officer, registered nurse, healthcare executive, presenter, consultant and advocate for access to quality healthcare. My body of work extends from for-profit and non-profit health systems to academic in a variety of geographic locations as well as I am well known throughout the healthcare industry for my expertise with accreditation and regulatory agencies. My experience includes small business ownership, clinical operations, nursing, educator, quality assurance, process improvement, risk reduction, infection prevention and control, patient safety, research, medical staff services and utilization management. I will utilize my skills, knowledge and abilities as a County Commissioner to put the Community needs first by fighting for access to quality healthcare (community & veterans), protection of our water (drinking & recreational) and public education system as well as sufficient funding for our transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>Access to quality healthcare (community and veterans), improve County’s transportation infrastructure and protecting our water (drinking and recreational).</p> <p>As County Commissioner, a balance budget would be my priority; however, through collaborations and partnerships, I would evaluate revenue loss due to large corporate tax cuts (cost versus benefit to Oakland County community). Corporate tax cuts determine to have no or limited benefit to the community will be challenged. In addition, high sales taxes for gas not being allocated to road maintenance will be challenged with a push to move Michigan from 40th in the U.S. to a top 10 state for investment of tax dollars charged on gasoline to help with updating and maintaining our roads and transit system.</p>

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