

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 11

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> THOMAS E. KUHN 1595 Pebble Point Dr. Troy, MI 48085</p>	<p>I am very pro-family; I have been married 24 years to my wife Sherry, who is a retired special ed teacher. We have three adult children and three grandchildren. I have been an attorney for over 30 years. I will provide strong representation for our families and neighborhoods on the County Commission, working to streamline bureaucracy, provide thorough oversight and financial accountability-- and cutting taxes. I have had extensive experience in local government, where I have always been very responsive to citizen and neighborhood concerns. I recently served for 12 years on the Oakland Community College Board, including 2 years as Chair. Before that, I served 12 years on city council, including terms on the city Planning Commission, Master Plan Review and Audit Review Committees. I will use my extensive experience to focus attention on improved roads, expanded emergency and dispatch capacities and support for our local communities' law enforcement and crime prevention efforts.</p>	<p>My top priority is to assure County government is financially responsible and accountable to our citizens. I will work hard to streamline county government, to keep taxes low and to eliminate waste and inefficiency. One example of waste is County commissioners' salaries-- which are excessive for a part-time position. I will start with cutting my own salary. My second priority is to assure strong law enforcement for our families and neighborhoods. I support improving county dispatch and emergency response-- the needed resources and technology to assure rapid police and fire response to protect our citizens. My third priority is to establish oversight and accountability for maintaining major roads. For too long, the county has ignored critical road maintenance and improvement needs. We need strong oversight of the massive amount of tax dollars which go to county roads. I will always display the integrity needed to fulfill my responsibilities to you, the voters of this district.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> ANN ERICKSON GAULT P. O. Box 70973 Rochester Hills, MI 48307</p>	<p>Ann Erickson Gault is running for Oakland County Commissioner in the 11th District representing Troy, Rochester Hills, and Auburn Hills. She an attorney, small business owner, Past President of the Women Lawyer Association of Michigan, and a homeowners’ association board member. She lives Troy with her husband Tom and their daughter Ellie who will be an Athens High School student in the fall.</p> <p>In 2017, Ann Erickson Gault led a team of volunteer petition circulators from Troy and Rochester Hills for the nonpartisan group Voters Not Politicians. Her team collected more than 4000 signatures to help put an independent redistricting proposal on the ballot in November.</p> <p>Ms. Erickson Gault plans to bring new leadership to County government and create an Oakland County that works for all of us. Her background as an advocate will allow her to vigorously represent the needs of her constituents, while her skills as a negotiator and leader will allow her to reach consensus on difficult issues.</p>	<p>Oakland County’s suffers from crumbling roads and failing infrastructure. The County budget is \$900 million, yet we spend less than 1% of that on roads. As a County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will fight to increase road spending and ensure safe drinking water.</p> <p>Another issue in Oakland County is the lack of affordable housing. A recent study found that a person earning minimum wage could not afford a studio apartment in Oakland County. As County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will promote development of affordable housing for working people, seniors, and our vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Oakland County also lacks the vision to create the economy and job market of the future. At my daughter’s Eighth Grade promotion ceremony, a speaker noted that many of the students of the class of 2022 will work at jobs that we haven’t even imagined yet. As County Commissioner, Ann Erickson Gault will ensure that our economic development promotes the businesses and jobs of the future.</p>

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