

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 9

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

<u>CANDIDATES for COUNTY COMMISSION</u>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?
<p>ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p> <p><i>Republican</i> HUGH D. CRAWFORD 46275 W. 11 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48374</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Democrat</i> GWEN MARKHAM 45540 Violet Ln. Novi, MI 48374</p>	<p>I have been a member of the Novi City Council since 2013. I've served as Chairperson of the Planning Commission, President of Friends of the Novi Theatres, and am a founding member of Sustainable Novi. I serve on the Executive Board of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), focusing on improving transportation and regional cooperation for Novi's residents, businesses, and visitors. I advocate for women and children, serving as a board member for Oakland-Macomb NOW, and a member of AAUW-Nov/Novi/Northville. I'm seeking the office of County Commissioner because I see a need for cooperation on issues that affect more than just Novi. Cooperation between communities on subjects such as environmental quality, road funding, transportation, and public safety is essential going forward if we are to grow as a region. Understanding our similarities and differences helps foster new and innovative approaches to governing.</p>	<p>Oakland County Commission should be supportive of regional transit initiatives. Over 50,000 people travel to and from Novi each day for work. 22,000 people work in Novi in retail, hospitality, and health care, at jobs that pay \$10-20/hr. Many do not own cars, and our economy suffers when they can't get to work. Students, senior citizens, and the disabled need better transit options. I will keep working toward regional cooperation on this issue.</p> <p>Public Health is an area where the Commission sets policy, and provides funding. I expect data-driven decisions to be made that determine how to best use these public dollars.</p> <p>Southeastern Michigan, and Oakland County specifically, is a hub for human trafficking. I support measures to protect vulnerable populations including mental health services, temporary housing, and other protections for victims, as well as coordinated law enforcement strategies to find the traffickers and bring them to justice.</p>

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