

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 18**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA**

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Republican or Democratic – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.  
**Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Republicans preceding Democrats.**

**4 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term**  
**2 Republicans and 2 Democrats are running for this office in District 18**

<b>CANDIDATES for  COUNTY COMMISSION</b>  <b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> 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?
<i>Republican</i> <b>ALLEN MAJOROVIC</b> 23560 Meadowlark St. Oak Park, MI 48237	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>STEVEN ZIMBERG</b> 13122 Borgman Ave. Huntington Woods, MI 48070	<p>I graduated from Hillsdale College in Economics and Business, worked as a Certified Paralegal, a Certified Financial Planner and union Electrician (Local 58). I have been a Precinct Delegate for years and at Dads and Moms of Michigan. I held top level positions in each of these fields.</p> <p>The Oakland County Government and its departments have cut financial corners in some bad ways, which often lead to the breakdown of our families and hurt our children and seniors. We must look at the longer term effects of our actions and not simply the lowest cost. There are many things we can do to correct this and I want to be part of creating the common sense ideas and solution we so desperately need. I have a special gift for spotting and grasping these issues and expressing them in easy to understand words. As a community, we need more citizen involvement and I can surely help in this area as well.</p>	<p>We need mass transit, however we should use smaller buses and not all done at once. We must consider the growing group of bicyclists. And instead of a billion dollar plan that uses a few robots, it would employ new drivers yet save hundreds of millions.</p> <p>Help citizens spread delinquent property taxes over a longer period and at lower rates. The current penalty and interest rates are criminal. This would generate a smoother revenue stream and reduce family breakups and the problems that causes. The same type plan could help those with student loans who live and work in Oakland County. This would spur economic growth and attract many college educated people into our county.</p> <p>Create alternatives to child support related incarcerations. This represents the highest sector in our jails – and most received court appointed attorneys. This destroys a family more than the act itself with more money owed to attorneys than child support arrearages. It also saves county millions in legal fees.</p>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 18 (Continued)**

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<p><b>Democrat</b> <b>RUEL E. MCPHERSON</b> 23439 Davey Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	
<p><b>Democrat</b> <b>HELAINÉ ZACK</b> 8320 Hendrie Blvd. Huntington Woods, MI 48070</p>	<p>Since obtaining a BA and MSW from the University of Michigan, I have worked to improve the lives of employees and their families in the employee assistance program field. I have also served on numerous community boards and worked for several non-profit organizations. I view service as an elected public official as an additional way to improve the lives of County residents. As a social worker with health and human services expertise, my voice as Commissioner has been uniquely important. I seek re-election for a ninth term to continue to solve resident problems and to make Oakland County a special place to live for everyone.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Transit and Mobility-I work closely with the RTA and numerous other elected officials and organizations to champion the latest Connect Michigan plan. Presently, my efforts are focused on urging the Oakland and Macomb County executives to allow citizens the opportunity to vote on a proposed transit plan. I am part of a collaborative effort to bring Detroit's bike share program to five South Oakland County Cities.</li> <li>2. Affordable housing-Michigan and particularly Oakland County do not have enough affordable housing. I am working with one non-profit to develop a project in my District. Oakland County can and should use its Federal Home funds toward rental assistance and other efforts to change policy to increase more quality rental units.</li> <li>3. More road investment! The State's road funding is painfully slow and still underfunded. For several years, Oakland County has had a pilot program to match local resources to County. I will work to continue this program.</li> </ol>

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