

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 19

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.

3 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term
1 Republican and 2 Democrats are running for this office in District 19

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<p><i>Republican</i> MICHAEL RYAN 959 Harvard Rd. Berkley, MI 48072</p>	<p>I have been a dentist for 32 years, working both at my own office in Huntington Woods and and a classmate's clinic in Detroit. I've been married to Ilene for 18 years and have two children attending Berkley High School, as well as two adult stepdaughters. Having run my own office and listening to my patients' concerns have honed my skills both on the business side of work and the people skills needed to confront and solve a problem both gently as possible but also effectively. I was Grand Knight for seven years and am currently Financial Secretary for the Knights of Columbus Clawson council, where we have to prioritize our financial and volunteer resources to get the most good for our charity missions. Also, operating my office very close to where I live and the 19th commission district would give easy access for someone needing help with a county government matter.</p>	<p>I feel that the county needs to use the input of ordinary people to help make it a great example for others to follow. Both involve doing things the county already does, but in a different way. First is insisting on how it's employees health benefits are managed, so that when a patient undergoes a treatment that has no reasonable alternative, there would be no deductible charged. When they undergo a treatment that has less expensive alternatives, a higher copay with the deductible would be charged, and for all elective procedures, they would know ahead of time their cost and where to have it done for the best "deal". Small random panels of the covered employees would decide which procedures fit in which category. The other issue involves civil asset forfeitures, the county would only accept funds from them if four of six "spare" jurors agreed before the trial that the seizure is reasonable, and they were convicted of a crime. Third advising SMART on better ways to cheaply serve riders.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> DEVIN BONE 3249 Cumberland Rd. Berkley, MI 48072</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>Democrat DAVE WOODWARD 2915 Woodland Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073</p>	<p>Education: B.S. Mathematics - Wayne State University Married and father of two young children</p> <p>State Representative 1999-2004 County Commissioner 2004 – present (current Chairman of the Democratic Caucus) Former Chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party Board Director, Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union</p> <p>Accomplishments as our commissioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped raise the minimum wage • Restored and increased funding to support survivors of sexual assault and help prosecute sex offenders • Started anti-bullying program currently used by many Oakland County schools • Protected kids from lead in Oakland County schools by replacing drinking fountains • Secured new local road repair money for cities across Oakland County (including Royal Oak & Berkley) • Created a countywide lake-water testing program • Improved senior services and eliminated wait-lists for essential services • Started new discount prescription drug program 	<p>I will continue to be a strong progressive voice that fights for opportunity and equality for all. We can to create an Oakland County that works for everyone and not just a few.</p> <p>Fix Our Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding for local cities to fix potholes and rebuild roads and bridges • Make our county road commission more responsive to resident concerns • Enforce truck weight limits on our local and county roads <p>Attract and Retain Talent for A Strong Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better wages and earned paid sick time for workers • Dramatically improve regional transit • Grow the number of skilled workers available to fill good-paying jobs • Invest in early education, K-12 and adult technical training <p>Meet the Needs of Our Growing Senior Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of affordable senior housing across county • Improve senior mobility options in Royal Oak and Berkley • Increase funding to combat senior scams and elder abuse

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