

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 5

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

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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 5

CANDIDATES for <u>COUNTY COMMISSION</u> ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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><i>Republican</i> TOM J. BERMAN 2525 S. Telegraph Rd. Ste. 100 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302</p>	<p>I was elected in 2016 and am finishing my first term so I am running for reelection. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Republican Majority Caucus and I currently sit on the Public Services and Economic Development Committees (previously Planning & Building). I also serve as a member of the Study Group on Gun Violence and the Technology Study Group. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in these capacities. I have been able to utilize my education, background and experience as an attorney, as well as a proven leader in both business and government administration having held elected office previously as a Member of the Keego Harbor City Council, coupled with my entrepreneurial spirit, dedication and vigilance to help continue to advance Oakland County forward. The health and strength of Oakland County is of the utmost importance to me as a lifelong resident that continues to live, work, play, and most notably, raise my family here. I deeply care about Oakland County.</p>	<p>Our top priority is to maintain our AAA bond rating and sustaining the passage of multi-year balanced budgets through smart, responsible, and fiscally conservative principles. This allows Oakland County to sustain its success and ability to continue to be government trailblazers by being able to invest in advanced technologies and innovative initiatives and solutions to keep us strong. Secondly, strong fiscal management as such allows us to pursue Economic Development opportunities that are mission critical to encouraging businesses and people to stay or locate here. We also need to find a way to improve and participate in mobility to help our residents, including students and seniors to get to where they need to go. This will spur economic development and will improve our economic climate. Lastly, it is incumbent upon us to keep our community safe, specifically our children in our schools. I will continue to work with the Sheriff's Office and the Health and Human Services to do so.</p>

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 5 (Continued)

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<p><i>Democrat</i> KRISTEN NELSON 3860 Cass Elizabeth Rd. Waterford, MI 48328</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Keego Harbor, and I've been a homeowner in Waterford for the past 10-years. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education from Wayne State University, and I completed BCBA coursework at Florida Institute of Technology. Presently, I work full-time as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with individuals who have Autism Spectrum Disorders. At the age of 18, I started working in public schools as a special education paraprofessional in WBSD, and by the time I was 23, I was teaching in FPS as an ASD special education teacher. In 2016, I stepped out of the classroom after 15-years. As a first-time candidate, I offer new ideas and fresh perspectives from the most diverse generation in history. I'm an energetic leader, passionate problem solver and a forward-thinker, and I'm running for Oakland County Commissioner because I believe we need more younger voices running for elected seats to ensure a safer and stronger future for all.</p>	<p>Protecting Our Future. Our health, local economy and property values are tied to the quality of our lakes in our communities throughout district 5. I will support clean and renewable energy initiatives to ensure a future where we have access to clean air, food, water and the economic growth we need without sacrificing our health and environment. My goal is to make Oakland County a leader in environmental sustainability and conservation. Public Safety. Create a sustainable no nonsense economic plan to upgrade and rebuild outdated and failing infrastructure including community spaces, roads, bridges, dams, wastewater treatment plants, water and sewer systems. Education and Public Health. I'm committed to ensuring all public school students have equitable access to the resources they need, despite disabilities, family income or zip code, to reach their full academic and social potential, and I will work to ensure increased accessibility to quality behavioral health services and support.</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> PHILLIP A. TRZOS 3252 Bulwer Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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