

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 11

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
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 Democratic or Republican – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.
Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Democrats preceding Republicans.

4 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

2 Democrats and 2 Republicans are running for this office in District 11

CANDIDATES for <u>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>Democrat TIM BURNS 5304 Abington Dr. Troy, MI 48085</p>	<p>Husband to Barbra for fifteen years. Dad of 11-year-old Jack & Maggie who attend Troy Public Schools. Attorney, small business owner, youth soccer coach and community volunteer. Currently on Board of Directors for Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society plus my neighborhood homeowners association. Previously served on Board of Commissioners for State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Parks Commission, and Oakland County International Airport Authority. Past president and board member of the Troy Community Coalition, named “Democrat of the Year” in 2010 by Troy Democratic Club, and honored as “Distinguished Citizen of the Year” in 2011 by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge. Also served as County Commissioner representing Troy from 2007 – 2011. Looking to re-engage in government because tired of elected officials acting more like school yard bullies than good neighbors. I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work making a positive contribution as your County Commissioner.</p>	<p>TACKLE THE PANDEMIC</p> <p>Oakland County’s Health Division has crucial role in combating the coronavirus pandemic through enforcing health standards, providing medical services including testing, and eventually distributing vaccinations. I will provide guidance and support so we can efficiently and effectively tackle this public health emergency. We need leaders who understand science and facts matter in making decisions. Oakland County’s recovery is my top priority!</p> <p>PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p>Enhance County’s home improvement program to stimulate local jobs while increasing property values. Collaborate with colleges and hospitals to create biotech industry jobs expanding our economic base.</p> <p>MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>During the Great Recession, as a County Commissioner I worked on passing balanced budgets which helped residents through tough times and preserved essential services without raising taxes. I will use that experience to help us be fiscally responsible moving forward now</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> R. KENT CATHCART 5816 Northfield Pkwy. Troy, MI 48098</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> THOMAS E. KUHN 1595 Pebble Point Dr. Troy, MI 48085</p>	<p>I have been an elected official in Oakland County for 26 years, serving 12 years at the local level and 12 years on the Oakland Community College board, 2 years as chair, as well as currently serving as your County Commissioner. I have a BA, MA and PhD in Political Science and have been an attorney for 35 years. In addition to my service as an elected official, I have been active in youth sports as a coach and board member, and as a homeowners association board member. In all those years of service, I have never seen the lack of oversight, no-bid contracts and fiscal irregularities brought upon us by the current Oakland Co. Democratic leadership. We need change. As your commissioner, I will continue to work closely with our city leaders to provide improved roads and infrastructure, and provide support for our businesses, neighborhoods and families. I am totally committed to assuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely and that contracts are properly bid. Website: votetomkuhn.com</p>	<p>Restore Fiscal Responsibility: For decades, Brooks Patterson, Sheriff Mike Bouchard and the Republican County leadership maintained strong fiscal responsibility that provided our critical county services at the best value for taxpayers. The County’s AAA bond rating allowed for dramatically improved infrastructure. We need to return to the wise and rational policy that served the County’s taxpayers so well for so many years. Restore Accountability: Currently, the County Commission does not allow adequate oversight and review prior to important votes. The Commission needs to re-establish its previous operating committees which can provide meaningful oversight of county expenditures and programs. Restore Commitment to Oakland County Residents: The Commission is now spending massive amounts that don’t benefit our residents, including subsidizing political groups. The County needs to be re-committed to providing essential services and infrastructure for Oakland County residents.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> JOSH WEST 1610 Brentwood Dr. Troy, MI 48098</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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