

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 15

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

3 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

2 Democrats and 1 Republican are running for this office in District 15

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 MELANIE HARTMAN 191 Erin Castle Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48306</p>	<p>As a medical professional, a parent, and long-time volunteer in our schools and greater community, I have the experience, integrity, and heart we need to make the right decisions for our district. My educational background and work as a pharmacist and physician as well as my involvement in the community over the years at the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, Rochester Certified Emergency Response Team, Stoney Creek High School PTSA Executive Board and Green Schools Chair, Board member of the Oakland Youth Orchestras and officer of the Oakland County Democratic Party have helped me to understand the needs of our community. I want to ensure our residents' voices are heard and our priorities are taken seriously. Most importantly, I want to help us rebuild, reinvent ourselves, and fight through uncertainty towards a stable future.</p>	<p>Priorities to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provide increased testing for COVID-19 and reliable antibody testing to allow for contact tracing in order to prepare for a possible resurgence. > Help small businesses to achieve a new normal with continued access to grants and loans as well as training and education for those who have lost jobs. > Increasing mental healthcare access for Oakland County residents, including those experiencing anxiety and depression as a result of the current pandemic including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare workers who are experiencing PTSD as their caseloads are lightened • Families who have had the increased responsibility of homeschooling their children while working remotely at home • Victims of domestic abuse who cannot leave their current situation. <p>If elected, I will work with the Oakland County Administration as well as community partners to continue to broaden the services of the Oakland County Health Division as well as dedicate resources to the above priorities.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> EDDIE HILLERY 2331 Cumberland Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48307</p>	<p>I grew up in district 15, here in Rochester Hills. I graduated from RCS in 2000. After HS I attended Central Michigan Univ., where I earned A BS in sociology, criminal justice. After college I attended the Oakland Police Academy, graduating in 06'. In 2007, I was offered an amazing opportunity to play professional football overseas. I continued to live/play abroad until 2009. In 2011 I accepted a job with Washtenaw County, where I was a corrections officer. While employed as a Sheriffs employee, I earned my Masters in Administration, Public Administration from CMU, in 2014. After nearly 4 years as a CO, I transitioned to work for Oakland Schools. At Oakland Schools I serve the community as an attendance/truancy officer.</p> <p>I am father of 2, and have been married to my wife Samantha for 8 years. I am running to maintain the high quality of life here in district 15. Through my profession and personal experiences, I have a broad scope of experiences that help me to relate to the electorate.</p>	<p>Community health is vital to our county. A healthy community is a strong community. As a commissioner I would help to review the money allocated to our health department. To ensure that those whom utilize these county services are well cared for. In the event of a pandemic, many residents look to the health department for guidance and resources.</p> <p>As a county commissioner I would visit the jail to observe working conditions for the staff and living standards for the inmates. Also I would ride along with deputies to gauge current practices. In addition I would like to read public comments to address any recurring issues or praises. This district is part of one of the safest communities in the country; I would like to intimately know why.</p> <p>The county budget is the most important duty assigned to the commissioners. I would work to ensure money is being spent efficiently, with little waste. I also would work so ensure that monies go to the citizens and areas of government that need it.</p>

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<p>Republican ADAM KOCHENDERFER 1550 Traceky Rochester Hills, MI 48306</p>	<p>I am currently the County Commissioner for District 15 (Rochester, Rochester Hills). I previously served on the Rochester Hills City Council. I chose to run again due to the unprecedented challenges to both the economy and public health in Oakland County. Many families are still grappling with the impact of COVID-19. I've always tried to serve our community through facts, not fear, and avoid the partisan games that are too prevalent these days. I'm running again to continue that practice and ensure we represent all residents through this challenging time.</p> <p>In addition to the County Commission and City Council, I have served in a variety of roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Space Advisory Board, Rochester Hills; • Historic District Study Committee, Rochester Hills; • Board of Directors, Rochester Rotary Club; • Crittenton Hospital Charitable Giving Committee; • Board of Directors, Oakland University Alumni Association; • Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce; • Rochester Area Jaycees. 	<p>1) PUBLIC HEALTH. We must treat COVID-19 with the perspective and seriousness it deserves, putting safety measures in place that protect residents while avoiding overbroad restrictions.</p> <p>2) ECONOMIC RECOVERY. The economy's devastation has had health effects of its own, and we must do everything we can to revive Oakland County as Michigan's economic powerhouse.</p> <p>3) QUALITY OF LIFE. Each action county government takes must be aimed at preserving residents' strong quality of life at a reasonable cost. I will continue to support measured and responsible use of tax dollars.</p>

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