

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 16**

**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**  
**1 Democrat and 2 Republicans are running for this office in District 16**

<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> <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>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <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?</b>
<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>PENNY LUEBS</b>  639 Hendrickson  Clawson, MI 48017</p>	<p>Oakland County Commissioner District 16, 2018 - present  Mayor, City of Clawson, 2007-2017  Council Member, City of Clawson, 2003-2007  Clawson Community Coalition Chair  Clawson Youth Assistance Chair  Boy Scout Troop 1627 Committee Secretary  Farmers Market Co-Organizer  First Presbyterian Church of Troy member  Area Agency on Aging 1B Board Member  Easter Seals, Clinical Supervisor, 2001 - present  Master's Degree in Social Work (LMSW) and Certified Addiction Counselor (CAADC)  Five children, nine grandchildren</p> <p>I enjoy working with and advocating for people. As a County Commissioner, I am able to make decisions that allow each person to live a good life.</p>	<p>Health and Safety  Balanced budget  Environmental sustainability</p> <p>Health and safety is paramount in today's society. Support for our public services of police, fire, DPW, health department and businesses is managed through good stewardship of our resources.</p> <p>Our vision, goals, mission and priorities determine where we allocate money in the budget. Maintaining the AAA bond rating increases our opportunities and purchasing power for supplies and contracts.</p> <p>Environmental sustainability increases the quality of life. Recycling, native landscaping and maintaining our roads, water and sewer system contribute to ensuring that future generations will our geographical landscape.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>SUSAN KUHN</b> 2172 Wattles Rd. Troy, MI 48085</p>	<p>I served 8 years as Oakland County Commissioner from Troy &amp; Clawson, earning Preferred &amp; Well Qualified, Civic Searchlight's highest rating last time I ran. I have previously been the County Commissioner's Chair of the Health &amp; Human Services Committee, and Chair of Community Development Advisory Council, reviewing all Block grants. Clawson homeowner 17 years and past member GFWC- Clawson Women's Club and Clawson Methodist Church. I have been a Troy homeowner since 1992. I am a member of Big Beaver United Methodist Church, plus 15 years Troy Newcomers Club.</p> <p>I am an Albion College graduate. I worked 20 years at Hudsons, senior corporate inventory control auditor. I recently worked at Robert Half/Accountemps as a contract automotive buyer. My experience is working with people and numbers, always planning to make good decisions with determination, high energy and hard work. I am results oriented. I want to serve the citizens of Clawson and Troy as your County Commissioner again</p>	<p>1= With looming budget deficits, Oakland County must spend tax dollars on essential services and infrastructure that are needed by our citizens and communities. The current commissioner, however, has voted massive subsidies for political organizations and supported no-bid contracts. We need to stop the political subsidies and assure that all our contracts are properly bid out.</p> <p>2=We need to be supporting our local businesses. The County issued orders that unreasonably restrict small business and are hurting our economy and destroying our jobs. Small businesses like the Dairy O in Clawson are essential to our economy. We need to get everyone back to work and be the Land of the Free, Home of the Brave again.</p> <p>3=Oakland County needs to maintain the high AAA rating sustained for decades by former Republican County Executive Brooks Patterson. That bond rating allowed us to obtain massive infrastructure improvements in sewers, drains, roads and technology at a reduced cost.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>MATT PRYOR</b> 38145 Dequindre Rd. Troy, MI 48083</p>	<p>Former Mayor and Councilman, Troy, Mi. 40yr Business Owner; Landscape Design and Construction. Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan, Troy High graduate. In 1993, Troy had lost \$52 million in business along Big Beaver. As Councilman I fought for new zoning methods, environmental buffers, regulation changes and controlled spending. By the time I was Mayor we had brought in \$8 billion in new investment. We lowered taxes all 3 years I was Mayor and were ranked one of the safest cities in the U.S. My track record as an elected official in Troy speaks well for my ability to deal with the current economic crisis.</p>	<p>Government takes money from all of us. Therefore, spending and taxation should be determined by the consensus of a clear majority, not just a simple majority. Government should not tell us how to live, but protect our freedom to choose how we live so long as we do no harm. no single individual should be allowed to determine this. at many levels, government is currently failing at each of these priorities. There is not the additional priority of helping both individuals and our businesses recover from the economic devastation of COVID. My goal is to address these issues as your Oakland County Commissioner by reviewing all County spending and require a 60% majority for all spending and taxation. The County should have its own legislative response to situations like COVID and rigorously defend the Constitutional rights of our residents so long as those rights are exercised responsibly. All programs to boost business and jobs should be kicked into high gear. No stone left unturned.</p>

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