

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 17**

**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.**

**3 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term**

**2 Democrats and 1 Republican are running for this office in District 17**

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| <p><b>ONE 2-year term</b><br/><i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p> <p><i>Democrat</i><br/> <b>YOLANDA S. CHARLES</b><br/>           17580 Westland Ave.<br/>           Southfield, MI 48075</p> | <p>I'm Yolanda S. Charles, running to be the next Oakland County Commissioner, District 17. I humbly ask for your support and vote on August 4th.</p> <p>I am a product of Southfield Public Schools where I attended PreK-12th grade. After graduating I got my Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the Hampton University in VA. I hold a Master Degree in Education - Instructional Technology, as well.</p> <p>My family relocated to Southfield back in 1968 seeking better neighborhoods, education and city services. As a second-generation graduate of Southfield Public Schools, I have enthusiastically served on the Board of Education in Southfield since 2011, holding the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.</p> <p>In addition to my elected experience on the school board, I have worked closely with youth and seniors throughout my career. In 2009, I was appointed to the Commission on Senior Adults (COSA) in Southfield.</p> <p>You have a choice, CHOOSE Yolanda S. Charles!</p> <p>Thank You!</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better Funding for Southeast Oakland County. This includes Regional Transportation, Senior Activities and Services, and more.</li> <li>2. Investment in Infrastructure. This includes Technology and our Roads.</li> <li>3. Economic Development Supports for Oakland County Small Businesses. This includes bolstering Business Incubators, housing the Satellite Business One Stop locations in our neck of the woods, and post-Pandemic help.</li> </ol> <p>I know how to get things done. As a member of a robust Board of Education, I am accustomed to working with partners, allies and stakeholders regardless of political affiliation.</p> <p>I will bring an unfettered level of productivity to this job on DAY 1. I am prepared and I am ready to lead during these already challenging times. District 17 deserves a leader with maturity and a record of performance.</p> <p>Together, we can get things done. Vote Yolanda Charles on August 4.</p> <p>Want to help? Visit <a href="http://voteyolanda.org">voteyolanda.org</a> to sign up!</p> |

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 17 (Continued)**

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| <p><b>Democrat</b><br/><b>MYKALE GARRETT</b><br/>P. O. Box 760528<br/>Lathrup Village, MI<br/>48076</p>               | <p>I have been the Mayor of Lathrup Village since 2017. Prior to that appointment I was the Mayor Pro Tem from 2013-2017 and served as a Councilwoman from 2011 to 2013.</p> <p>In addition to my political career, I have been involved with many volunteer opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan Commission of Community Action and Economic opportunity</li> <li>• Chair/President of the national nonprofit Mothering Justice</li> <li>• Co-Chair of the 14th Congressional District Screening Committee</li> <li>• Former Chair/President of the Southfield Lathrup Village Democratic Club</li> <li>• Former Vice President of the Oakland County Democratic Club</li> <li>• Former Vice President of the Southfield Lathrup Optimist Club</li> <li>• WON (Women Officials Network) Membership Committee</li> </ul> <p>I was tapped by the current Commissioner Nancy Quarles to succeed her upon her retirement. She has been my political mentor since early 2000. I am running to continue the work of Commissioner Quarles and preserve her legacy.</p> | <p>Engaging Citizens - Communicate regularly with the residents of southern Oakland county is the key. Through regular communication residents will be informed about the available positions on boards and commissions along with learning about resources available to them.</p> <p>Senior &amp; Vulnerable Citizen Support - Work with both side of the aisle county-wide and state-wide to provide funding for housing repairs and maintenance to the most vulnerable residents so they can stay in their home if that is their desire and they are able to.</p> <p>Infrastructure - Partner with cities for funding to upgrade and replace sewer systems/water lines/pipes. Work directly with the road commission and communities to communicate and secure funding for road repair.</p> |
| <p><b>Republican</b><br/><b>MORDECHAI<br/>KLAINBERG</b><br/>17692 E. Goldwin St.<br/>Southfield, MI 48075</p>         | <p align="center"><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>  |  |

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