

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 18

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

Website: www.lwvoa.org **E-mail:** contact@lwvoa.org **Phone:** 248-594-6602

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 18

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>Democrat</i> CHARLIE CAVELL 640 E. Marshall St. Ferndale, MI 48220</p>	<p>I am running for office to improve regional cooperation, create racial, social and economic justice, make Oakland County a leader in innovative government, and address the needs of our aging population and infrastructure. My values are rooted in my lived experiences. My mother died at a young age and my father was incarcerated, leaving me to shuffle between the homes of relatives and in our State’s foster-care system until I was adopted at 16. I later earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Social Work from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. I then founded an innovative nonprofit whose job-training model was adopted by our State and provided 3,000 of our neighbors with career-path work. I also worked internationally on community development in India and East Africa, and served locally on Mayor Duggan’s Economic and Tax Policy team handling public finance during Detroit’s comeback. I currently work as a Program Director at Matrix Human Services, a local nonprofit.</p>	<p>The top 3 issues that I would like to tackle on the County Commission are regional transit, caring for the needs of our seniors, and implementing criminal justice reform. Our lack of effective regional transit has left us behind, and if elected, I would work with our local and State-wide partners to pass an effective and equitable regional transit plan once and for all. Second, with our growing senior population, I would work with our regional partners to develop and fund a plan that will provide our seniors with the resources to gracefully age in place in Oakland County. Further, having been personally touched by the mass incarceration epidemic, and with nearly half of our County budget dedicated to the criminal justice system, I hope to work on the County Commission with our County Prosecutor and Sheriff to reduce the number of residents we throw in jail for petty offenses, establish the means for effective community police oversight, and end cash-bail for non-violent offenses.</p>

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 18 (Continued)

<p>CANDIDATES for COUNTY COMMISSION</p> <p>ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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>
<p><i>Democrat</i> DAN CHERRIN 26694 Humber St Huntington Woods, MI 48070</p>	<p>I have worked to bring people together to resolve complex problems. This includes: Successfully facilitating an urban transit strategy in Washtenaw Cty; Leading a binational coalition to ensure Canadian nurses got to work at Detroit-area hospitals after 9/11; & starting an association of the region’s leading community mental health providers to strengthen the provider's voice. I served as the Communications Director for the City of Detroit and Press Secretary to Detroit Mayor Ken Cockrel, Jr. I am a lifelong resident of Oakland Cty, married for 20 years & we have three teenagers. I am running to build a stronger & more resilient community where we work together to get things done. As Commissioner, I will ensure we continue to build upon the momentum now underway, to strengthen our county & the region, to restore leadership, & embrace our future. We need experienced leaders managing our government. I have the experience, competence & compassion to help us through a long recovery.</p>	<p>(1) Strengthen our county’s resiliency by rethinking our priorities in a post-COVID-19 environment. This includes focusing on public health, making upgrades in technology, fixing our fragmented mental health system, ensuring children receive nutritious meals, and helping people keep their homes through difficult times.</p> <p>(2) Bring a fair share of resources to the County’s South End by creating a vision for Oakland County that supports vulnerable communities and reduces the impact on the environment while improving our cities infrastructure.</p> <p>(3) Refocus County programs around seniors. I will advance policies that encourage aging in place and living independently. This includes: Enforcing the quality of care at rehabilitation centers & nursing homes; Building regional partnerships to design and build senior housing specifically for our LGBTQ+ community; and expanding transit options for seniors. www.votefordancherrin.com</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> MICHELANGELO FORTUNA III 23777 Easterling Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan national organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. Candidate responses are included as submitted and have not been edited except in cases where the replies have exceeded the stated word limitations. **Spelling and Grammar were not corrected.** The inclusion of candidates’ statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters which takes no responsibility for any views or facts stated by the candidates.