

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 20

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.

2 Candidates for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for ONE 2-year term

1 Democrat and 1 Republican are running for this office in District 20

| <u>CANDIDATES for COUNTY COMMISSION</u> | <u>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</u> Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for County Commissioner and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position. | <u>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</u> 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? |
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| <p>ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p> <p><i>Democrat</i> GARY R. MCGILLIVRAY 926 Tanglewood Dr. Madison Heights, MI 48071</p> | <p>Married to Diane for 45 years, 2 Adult Children and one Granddaughter. Former Madison Heights City Councilman and Mayor (1983-2008). Current Oakland County Commissioner # 20 (2009 - Present) Democratic Caucus Chair, Oakland County Parks Commission Chairman, and Chairman of Public Services Committee. The main reason I'm serving is because I enjoy being a part helping people and my district # 20 (Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Troy and Royal Oak). Some of projects that I have lead on include Local Road Improvement to local communities to them repair and replace roads that some some local communities can not afford to do on their own. Also as Chairman of Parks Commission, I fought to get the O.C. Parks to take over the Madison Heights Nature Center when the city could no longer afford to operate the nature center. I have also been a part of many other projects that benefited Oakland County and the local communities.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our main job as County Commissioners is good fiscal responsibly. We must be sure we are spending your tax dollars wisely. With over a \$900 million budget, it's important that we access the need of any of any budget request. As a member of the Finance Committee, I look at the need and and if the request is within their department budget. 2. As I stated above, I served on City Council in Madison Heights. That is why it is important for the county to help local communities. Many times cities must cut their budget because of their shortfalls. So we must try when possible to help them with things like Roads Improvement, Public Safety or in general where ever their are and when its possible for us to be able to give a helping hand. 3. I will be working on a new program that can assist residents and businesses with low interest financing on environmental projects to reduce their costs by installing Solar, Wind and Geothermal improvements. |

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| <p>Republican DAVID J. HARRELL 1936 Kirkton Dr. Troy, MI 48083</p> | <p>I am a life-long resident of Oakland County having lived in Berkley, Royal Oak, Oak Park and Troy and am heavily invested in Oakland County with 2 small businesses that I operate from Troy. My wife Barbara and I have lived at our current home for the last 26 years and don't anticipate ever leaving. Although I have always been involved in the political scene in some way, I have never held political office other than precinct delegate. I was an Engineer and Program Manager for about 30 years in the automotive industry and have led many successful teams through the years which would be a valuable asset for the Commissioner position. I started a small business in 2009 when the great recession took my automotive job and I just started another small business in Troy at the end of last year. These experiences mean that I will bring problem solving, innovation, entrepreneurship and integrity to the 20th District Commissioner position.</p> | <p>Oakland County has been the gold standard in responsible budgeting and spending for many years due to the forward thinking of L. Brooks Patterson and the Republican led Commission. Their 3 year budget has kept the current Commission and Executive from bankrupting the County. I will return the taxpayer's voice to spending priorities.</p> <p>The roads are still a priority. As the bridges that hold up I-75 are being torn down and re-built, the surface streets are taking a beating. I want to re-invent the way we make our roads using new technologies, and by investigating the true cost over the life of a road surface.</p> <p>Since the 2018 election and the unfortunate death of L. Brooks Patterson the Commission has behaved in strange and extremely partisan ways in order to re-make Oakland County. Politicians should represent their constituents and not their political party or special interest groups. I will instill the highest moral and ethical integrity into the office of County Commissioner.</p> |

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