

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 4

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 4

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<p>Democrat PHILLIP REID 6050 Shappie Rd. Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>Lifelong Michigan resident and Oakland County resident for 35+ years. Married 38 years with two adult children. MBA Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Additional information can be found at https://www.facebook.com/groups/Reid4CC/</p> <p>As a buyer for Chrysler Group, managed an annual buy in excess of \$30 million of engineered components for assembly and powertrain operations. As a system administrator I supported their production purchasing system with an annual buy of \$1.4 billion, well in excess of the annual budget of Oakland County.</p> <p>I am personally acquainted with several current commissioners which would facilitate my transition to commissioner.</p>	<p>I am seeking the office of Commissioner, District 4 to serve its residents in the areas of roads, water quality, education, and economic opportunity. I will work on a bipartisan basis to seek solutions to managing the county budget and challenges</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> KAREN JOLIAT 4181 Lakewood Dr. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>While completing my second elected term as a Waterford Township Trustee, I’m pursuing a run for Commissioner to bring fiscally conservative and transparent governance to the Board. I have a BA in Business Administration from Walsh College. I have +25-years of experience in government and the for-profit sector as a pharmaceutical representative with Bristol-Myers & account executive for Detroit Newspapers. In addition, experience in the non-profit sector as past president Oakland County Children’s Village Foundation for 8-years. These careers have equipped me with fair and balanced budgeting tools. I’ve been successful and resourceful in maximizing services and appropriating funding on a limited fluctuating budget. I have the flexibility, creativity, and drive to be a productive board member. My experience and community involvement has earned me Commissioner Middleton’s endorsement. Joliat4Commissioner.com</p>	<p>Maintaining the County’s AAA Bond rating is paramount. I will work toward fiscally conservative budgeting practices to preserve this rating for the benefit of the taxpayers.</p> <p>The roads continue to be a challenge. I plan to work with Road Commission & SEMCOG to ensure fair appropriations from the State to District 4. Serving as a Trustee, I see firsthand the lack and need for funding of infrastructure to local units of government.</p> <p>Economic development will be more important than ever in 2021. I will work with County’s Economic Development team to support them, along with local governments, enticing companies to relocate. Having been the local representative to County’s Economic Gathers, I’ve seen the benefits of partnerships with education institutions and MEDC. As a tech248 organizer for the Northwest region, I’ve observed the benefits of engaging the workforce along with Oakland County tech businesses. I will work hard to support programs such as these.</p>

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