

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 7**

**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 7**

<p><b>CANDIDATES for COUNTY COMMISSION</b></p> <p><b>ONE 2-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> 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><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</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?</p>
<p><b>Democrat</b>  <b>KAREN J. ADAMS</b>                      4539 Ravinewood Dr.                      Commerce, MI 48382</p>	<p>I am committed to public service. I know government can work for people when it is actually led by an experienced, effective person who knows the issues, understands policy and is careful with funds. My government experience, as a township planning commissioner, school board director, assistant borough manager, and my work experience in human resources, law and commercial real estate gives me insight and knowledge to craft and implement policies to benefit Oakland County. My volunteer experience in the Red Cross, the Lions Club, various civic associations, and PTO's created invaluable friendships and an understanding of the needs of the community. I am committed to listening to the concerns and responding to the residents of this district.</p> <p>I am a native Michigander, married for over 39 years. We have two daughters, both work in healthcare, and live near us in Oakland County too. I am a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.</p>	<p>I believe it is vital that we protect our lakes, streams, and groundwater from contaminants. I would seek all available state and federal funds to treat and maintain water quality so we can preserve our waterways for generations to come and ensure our drinking water is safe. Crucial to protecting our water is improving water and sewer systems. I will address the problem of aging systems.</p> <p>Our roads continue to need repair and replacement. Again, I will work with the county road commission finding state and federal funds for these improvements.</p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis has made it even more apparent that unreliable utilities, electricity, phone, and internet, and the lack of public transit pose a danger to seniors and all of us. The lack of public transit for seniors makes it difficult for them to age in place. I will work with state and federal officials for funds to bring Oakland County into the 21st Century.</p>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 7 (Continued)**

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<b>Republican</b> <b>CHRISTINE A. LONG</b> 1342 E. Commerce Rd. Commerce, MI 48382	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

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