

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
OAKLAND COUNTY
CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS**

**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 CLERK for ONE 4-year term
1 Democrat and 2 Republicans are running for this office**

CANDIDATES for <u>CLERK</u> ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for county office 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 this county office should address and what actions would you, as an elected official, take regarding each of them?
<p>Democrat LISA BROWN P. O. Box 251552 West Bloomfield, MI 48325</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Oakland County and have been honored to serve as Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds since 2013. I am an attorney, Certified Elections/Registration Administrator, former Realtor, former State Representative, ICLE contributor, member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association, and proud mom.</p> <p>I am running for re-election to continue providing an accessible, efficient and fiscally responsible office to the residents of Oakland County. I have saved Oakland County taxpayers millions of dollars while increasing efficiency and access. I have received national awards and attention for innovative programs I have implemented in the office. Now more than ever, it is vital to have a Clerk/Register with experience and knowledge in each area of this important office to serve in this role. I will build on my track record of success to promote access, transparency and accountability.</p>	<p>1) Continue providing accessibility to services, as I have done even during a pandemic, by opening a satellite office location, and programs I pushed for, like eliminating the fee for Veteran’s cards, lowering the birth record fee for seniors and the fee reduction/waiver program for individuals facing extreme hardship.</p> <p>2) Implement a new program platform in the Register of Deeds office with newer technology and insure the terms of the contract are met. I will continue to fight fraud and empower homeowners with my award winning first of its kind program, Property Records Notification (PRN) , a free alert system.</p> <p>3) I want to ensure everyone has access to the ballot which is why I have held voter registration drives around the county. I will continue and expand poll worker training and voter education to help reduce the number of spoiled ballots and ensure our elections are accurate, secure and fair.</p>

OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK (Continued)

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<p><i>Republican</i> TINA BARTON 7985 Clemae Davisburg, MI 48350</p>	<p>I am the Rochester Hills City Clerk and have served as an election administrator for over 15 years. I have an MA in Management and Leadership and a BA in Business Administration. I am certified by the IIMC as a MasterMunicipal Clerk and a Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk II by the MAMC. I serve on the Election Security Commission, appointed by SOS Benson. I also serve on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, appointed by the US Conference of Mayors. I have received a ClearieAward for Election Innovation. Under my leadership, Rochester Hills was the first city in Michigan to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit pilot. I have been honored by Leadership Oakland as a Leader of Leaders in Public Service and by the MAMC as the City Clerk of the Year. I am the President of the Oakland County Clerks Association. I am a professional, experienced, and nationally respected Clerk that is committed to serving all of the residents of Oakland County with excellence.</p>	<p>As your next County Clerk, I will promote collaboration, communication, and innovation. I have a record of collaborating with Clerks across our county, state, and nation. I am respected for my ability to reach across the aisle in order to get work done. In the last year, I have been a speaker at GOP events, for the DNC, as well as the ACLU. I pledge to increase the amount and quality of communication that is going out to the residents of Oakland County. I will effectively communicate on all social media platforms, as well as through the press. My personal passion for and intimate knowledge of this profession will lead to my continued innovative practices and processes which have been recognized locally and nationally. As your County Clerk, I will value your time and resources, as well as your rights as a voter. I will lead innovatively with transparency, a vision, and by collaborating with all residents of our county.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> PATRICK R. WILSON 500 Overbrook Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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