

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE PRIMARY

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.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR TWICE ON THE AUGUST BALLOT, ONCE TO FILL A PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2020 THE OTHER FOR THE FULL 4 YEAR TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2021

4 Candidates for COUNTY EXECUTIVE for ONE 4-year term
2 Democrats and 2 Republicans are running for this office

<p>CANDIDATES for EXECUTIVE</p> <p>ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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>
<p>Democrat DAVID COULTER 555 Leroy St. Ferndale, MI 48220</p>	<p>As the current county executive, I am working collaboratively with the Board of Commission to achieve results. I hired the most diverse leadership team in county history, signed the first non-discrimination policy and stood with Black Lives Matter as residents throughout our county protest racial inequity. I have also stood up to President's Trump dangerous agenda and preserved family planning services at Planned Parenthood for our residents. We are transforming our county health clinics to provide primary care and mental health services. I have achieved these results while maintaining strong fiscal policies, approving a three-year balanced budget and securing the county's AAA bond rating. I am championing an Oakland Together agenda because I know that for too long residents felt excluded from county government and overlooked in county policies. Now we are bringing everyone together, celebrating our diversity, building on our strengths, and addressing our challenges.</p>	<p>We must manage the COVID-19 pandemic, recover from the recession and incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into all our efforts. In three short months over 8500 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically over 1000 have died. Our quick actions during the Stay at Home order to require health standards to screen employees, require social distancing and face coverings at open businesses helped to slow the virus. Now we are opening safely and implementing aggressive testing throughout the county to track any reemergence of the virus. In order to recover from the recession, we are providing grants to our small businesses, community non-profits and local governments hard hit by the pandemic. We are working with our schools so they can open safely in the fall by providing trained school nurses and ensuring child care providers can operate safely and provide affordable child care as parents return to work.</p>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> ANDY MEISNER 12786 Talbot Ln. Huntington Woods, MI 48070</p>	<p>As County Treasurer for 10 years, I helped lead Oakland County out of the Great Recession and Foreclosure Crisis by helping thousands of families save their homes, holding the big banks accountable and protecting our AAA bond rating. I am running for Oakland County Executive to leverage my experience as Treasurer, State Representative, Policy Advisor on Capitol Hill and licensed attorney to lead us out of the COVID crisis and into a future with greater gender and racial equity, criminal justice reform and access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs for every resident. As the sponsor of Michigan's stem cell research, problem-solving court and motion picture and digital media tax credit laws and as the first Treasurer in Michigan to suspend tax foreclosure for the whole year, I have a record of innovation and leading with my heart. I'm running for Oakland County Executive to make sure that every person in Oakland County gets an opportunity to succeed, no matter their zip code.</p>	<p>The top three issues that the County Executive should address are (1) demanding racial and gender equality immediately for every resident of Oakland County who has suffered too long with lower wages, discrimination by law enforcement and a less equal and less fair life in our county, which can be remedied by demanding equal pay for women, reform of police practices and using the full force of Oakland County government to advance these goals, (2) universal access to early childhood education and college or career education to make sure that our young people are getting the opportunities they deserve to succeed without taking on insurmountable debt, and (3) making sure that every uninsured and underinsured person in Oakland County gets access to affordable prescription drugs and high-quality healthcare, mental health and overall wellness services to make all of us healthier and happier. We must achieve these goals while maintaining a balanced budget and fiscal discipline.</p>

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<p>Republican MIKE KOWALL 2333 Cumberland Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>Mike is married to Eileen and owned the former Accurate Woodworking Inc. of Waterford before he was approached by L. Brooks Patterson and Representative David Galloway to run for State House.</p> <p>After serving in the House, Mike was asked, and encouraged, to serve as the White Lake Supervisor, and then as one of five State Senators serving Oakland County. During his term in the State Senate, Mike was chosen by his fellow members as their Senate Majority Floor Leader.</p> <p>As a Senate Leader, Mike made it a priority to honor our Veterans with multiple Veteran Remembrance Ceremonies throughout our State.</p> <p>In short, Mike knows how to balance the financial, economic and employment needs of our state and our County. And, he knows we need to take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. Balanced. Thoughtful. Nuanced. Action.</p> <p>Brooks knew what we know now. If we want Oakland County to be a great place to live, work and raise a family, we need MIKE KOWALL for Oakland County Executive!</p>	<p>TAX INCREASES AND TRANSIT: MIKE WILL fight ANY proposal that adds additional taxes on Oakland County Citizens for programs, or Transit Systems. Mike has fought, and won, against the current Administration’s plan to raise the average homeowner’s taxes by \$1,020.00 per year.</p> <p>AAA BOND RATING – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: Maintaining a AAA Bond rating allows us to bond for infrastructure programs and fix our roads at a lesser expense. The leaders in Oakland now are turning us away from the fiscal responsibility that has fostered the Economic Development and Quality of Life we have seen over the last 30 years.</p> <p>THREE YEAR BALANCED BUDGET – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: It was under the leadership of Brooks Patterson that Oakland County became the first County in the Nation to adopt a three-year rolling line item budgets. MIKE KOWALL wants to maintain this level of fiscal forecasting. MIKE KOWALL will pledge to provide a balanced budget and will work to maintain fiscal responsibility.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> JEFFREY G. NUTT 1631 Lexington Dr. Troy, MI 48084</p>	<p>Raised in Detroit and Southfield, I attended Gesu Catholic and Southfield Christian schools, was Chaplain/Salutatorian. A Leadership Detroit XIX and Fulbright to Oxford University alum, I earned United Jewish Appeal-funded scholarly study in Israel, an Oral Roberts University BA and an American University JD. My wife is a Beaumont OB/GYN. A voice for the unheard, I am fighting for a better economy, a world-class education system, access to the very best healthcare and county government.</p> <p>A State Champion, I spoke to 25,000+ people. I served high officials at US Supreme Court, Senate, US State Dept. Environmental Affairs and in Oakland County. A Troy executive practicing law, I led 7+ chief executives and 100 consultants/professionals, helping 50+ schools/communities and businesses in 30 nations. I oversaw 20 Neighborhood Legal Services accounting departments to aid countless youth, seniors, homeless, abused, veterans, and disabled/HIV victims. I host UnitedInstitute.org podcast.</p>	<p>Great Jobs/Economy: Apply lessons from the best economy in American history just a few months ago. Increase incentives to small businesses to create high-paying jobs to restore the county as a top 3 in the nation for per capita income.</p> <p>Knowledge Economy/Healthcare: Enhance K-16 outcomes, increasing college completion from under 50% to 65% forming a new world knowledge hub with career tech training where most needed. Make sure all virus-infected persons enter great care while all other persons access world-class care for all to prosper.</p> <p>Transportation/Solid Financial Management: We will demand a state law reform plan to fund nearly \$100 million for new transportation to recapture federal tax we pay sent elsewhere by forming a new entity with no taxing power or elected officials. Retain AAA bond rating with rolling, 3-year budget that allows time to thoughtfully restructure operations while maintaining stable service delivery emulating best practices of L. Brooks Patterson.</p>

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