

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

Website: www.lwvoa.org

E-mail: contact@lwvoa.org

Phone: 248-594-6602

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.

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term

JOHN DOLAN 54360 Belcrest Dr., Milford, MI 48381

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

MICHELE CASH 26945 Milford Road, Unit 6, South Lyon, MI 48178

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

PATRICIA D. CARCONE 28735 Danvers Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178

LYON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

6 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township 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 facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p>Republican LISE BLADES 29885 Glynn Lee Ct. New Hudson, MI 48165</p>	<p>I have lived in Lyon Township for 17 years, and I am running for reelection as Trustee to continue working to maintain the safe and semi-rural community many of us moved here to enjoy. My husband is a Lyon Township Fire Fighter, and we have an 18 year old daughter and a 16 year old son at South Lyon High School. I am an English and Yearbook teacher in Warren Consolidated Schools. As a teacher, I have dedicated 26 years to serving children and families. My communication skills have been useful in listening to residents' concerns, and my journalism background has helped me make informed decisions on agenda items. I served five years on the Planning Commission, giving me experience with updating the Master Plan and reviewing developments. I am a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and I have served on several Board committees. I believe I would continue to bring a fresh perspective to our Township while working collaboratively toward common goals for our residents.</p>	<p>The top priority facing Lyon is responsibly managing growth to ensure the safety and comfort of our residents. As a Township Trustee, I believe it is important to follow the Master Plan and our ordinances, while maintaining design flexibility. Developers must be held responsible for creating township-wide benefits if they are asking for density increases. My second priority would be safety. This includes supporting our fire department with updated equipment and additional full-time firefighters. It also includes supporting our sheriff's deputies and the School Resource Officers at both high schools. We must continue to address the traffic and road problems that are unique to our Township. In the last four years, we as a Board have worked cooperatively with developers, neighboring communities, and county agencies to create partnerships that will help all of our residents travel throughout Lyon. The last issue of importance is fiscal responsibility. I would look carefully at our budget to eliminate overspending, while looking for ways to fund projects such as completing sidewalks and pathways and creating green spaces and park amenities.</p>

LYON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

<p>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</p> <p>FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township 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 facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>Republican KRISTOFER ENLOW 61680 Topsfield Ln. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/KrisEnlowTrustee/</p> <p>Occupation: Civil Engineer</p> <p>Education: BS Civil and Environmental Engineering-University of Michigan, MBA-Wayne State University, Professionally Licensed Engineer (MI and OH)</p> <p>Experience: Lyon Township Trustee, Lyon Township SEMCOG Voting Delegate, Sidewalk/Bike Path Sub-Committee, Elections Sub-Committee, Former Lyon Township Planning Commissioner, South Oakland County Municipal Engineers-Secretary, Civil Engineering experience in 20+ communities, Board of Directors-Beckett & Raeder, Huron River Watershed Council supporter</p> <p>As a 16-year resident, I have a vested interest in Lyon Township. This is where my wife and I choose to raise our three children.</p> <p>I am a small business owner of a civil engineering firm that works with municipalities throughout Michigan. I utilize my day job and contacts to help Lyon Township. I listen to the concerns of our residents and pride myself on being reachable and responsive.</p> <p>I am running for re-election because I enjoy serving the community I call home. I will continue to uphold the values that make Lyon Township a great place to live as our community grows and welcomes new neighbors.</p>	<p>Responsible Development: Lyon Township is one of the fastest growing communities in the state. We must be mindful of growth and take into consideration our Township motto: Honoring Yesterday, Building Tomorrow. As a Planning Commissioner, I helped create our Master Plan, which is a blueprint on how we want to develop. When a proposed development comes before the Board I compare it to our Master Plan to see how closely it fits and how it impacts our utility systems, the existing community, and its future tenants (homes or businesses).</p> <p>Traffic Mitigation: Lyon Township does not have jurisdiction over ANY roads, so addressing traffic takes talent. I have and will continue to utilize my day job and interactions with the county road commissions to push for more attention in Lyon Township. During my term, we secured funds for 27 miles of road work, but there is more to do.</p> <p>Government Transparency: The Township Board has become more transparent over the last four years, by live-streaming and recording Board meetings. I personally share Township information on my Trustee Facebook page and will continue to do so. I always respond to residents' e-mails and messages as I work for them!</p>
<p>Republican ANDY FLETCHER 26710 S. Hill Rd. New Hudson, MI 48165</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

LYON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

<p>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</p> <p>FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township 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 facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>Republican SEAN O'NEIL 61720 Mustang Dr. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>My wife Stephanie and I have been Lyon Township residents since 2006. We are a household of civil servants. I am a municipal planner and Stephanie is an elementary school teacher in our community. We are proud to raise our children in Lyon Township and we strive to be involved whenever the opportunity arises. I have a degree in Urban Planning from MSU and 21 years of professional experience. I also served for 8 years on the Planning Commission prior to becoming a Trustee in 2013. I seek reelection as Trustee to finish what this Board started. Together we have worked to pave or resurface dozens of miles of road, added traffic lights at dangerous intersections, increased police and fire staffing to significantly improve emergency response times, added necessary equipment and apparatus to strengthen our public safety capabilities, completed a new state-of-the-art municipal water system, built critical pedestrian pathway connections around the Township, made improvements to our parks, and the list goes on. I'm proud to say that our local taxes have not increased during this period either. It has been a privilege to serve as Trustee and it would be an honor to continue for another term.</p>	<p>Public Safety - It is imperative that we maintain a superior level of public safety as the demand for services increases. A community without high-quality police and fire services is not a desirable place to live, work, or raise a family. Sustaining our commitment in these areas is vital and non-negotiable. Our Township has worked hard to advance the capabilities of our public safety departments and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Responsible Land Use - Simply put, we need to follow our land use master plan and be mindful of our road and utility infrastructure. We must balance our rural roots with the push for new development. Following our master plan will allow us to responsibly grow our community in a manageable way. With meticulous planning and measured action, we can remain true to this mission.</p> <p>Continuing to Govern Efficiently & Responsibly - We must continue to govern efficiently and operate in a fiscally responsible manner. Lyon Township has survived very difficult economic times while avoiding financial pitfalls. Difficult decisions and economic perils still lurk, and we must remain ever vigilant in this regard.</p>

LYON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township 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 facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Republican</i> ROBERT SWAIN 30005 Cherry Ln. New Hudson, MI 48165</p>	<p>It's with great pride for the community I grew up in that I am running for Lyon Township Trustee!</p> <p>My career is in project management and industrial engineering. I currently chair the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a group I also served on in high school, where I interact regularly with current township officials and consultants. After buying a home here to continue my life in Lyon Township, I decided it's time to take the next step and combine my educational background in economics and political science with my passion for our community and experience in strategic planning and budgeting to serve you in this new role. I look forward to working with you as your trustee to make our community the best it can be! Please reach out and share with me what you think makes our township great as well as what we can do to improve it together.</p> <p>Website: www.VoteSwain.com Email: Robert@VoteSwain.com Phone: (248) 667-8762</p>	<p>1) Responsible Development: The key is to maintain a delicate balance between growth & preservation. We must preserve the semi-rural character many of us love & avoid further compounding existing issues, like traffic. I will work to ensure that the right developments go in the right places & that they provide true benefits to the entire community.</p> <p>2) Infrastructure/Amenities: I support continuing water, sewer, & road improvements. I will accelerate the work we've started to fill in some of the gaps in our "sidewalks to nowhere" to make our pathway system more usable. I will push to adequately develop parks that we already have land set aside for.</p> <p>3) Transparency/Involvement: Ensuring transparency for the public to see what their government is doing is essential. I'd like to prominently post the budget online along with periodic updates tracking actual spending. More can be done to actively solicit involvement in the decisions the township makes through online comment forms & sending out surveys for key issues. I will be available to meet with by having open office hours & holding listening sessions at different times & locations out in the community in addition to appointments.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> MARK VENUS 54401 Pontiac Trl. Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan national organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. Candidate responses are included as submitted and have not been edited except in cases where the replies have exceeded the stated word limitations. **Spelling and Grammar were not corrected.** The inclusion of candidates' statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters which takes no responsibility for any views or facts stated by the candidates.