

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

**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.

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1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term

CHRIS BARNETT P. O. Box 888, Orion, MI 48361

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

PENNY S. SHULTS 1770 Kinmount Dr., Orion, MI 48359

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

DONNI STEELE P. O. Box 826, Lake Orion, MI 48361

ORION TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

7 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

| <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> |
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| <p><i>Democrat</i> CHEYENNE DWYER 3676 Grafton St. Lake Orion, MI 48359</p> | <p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |
| <p><i>Democrat</i> EILEEN NOLTON 1201 W. Clarkston Rd. Orion, MI 48362</p> | <p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |
| <p><i>Republican</i> BRIAN BIRNEY 733 Bristol Ln. Clarkston, MI 48348</p> | <p>Brian Birney is a proud husband and father of four. He grew up in Beverly Hills, Michigan and now lives with his family in Lake Orion, Michigan. He attended Brother Rice High School and Ferris State University.</p> <p>He is proud to be a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he served during Operation Enduring Freedom in Djibouti, Africa - winning Marine of the Quarter while deployed. He spent 8 years with 1/24 Marines, Alpha Company (Grand Rapids).</p> <p>Brian owns and operates two businesses, The Birney Directive, a full service marketing agency, and Lake Orion's American Summer, a yearly celebration in the Lake Orion area. During his career, we worked as the Marketing Director for the Detroit Media Partnership, Race Director for the Detroit Free Press Marathon and Marketing & Communications Director for Crittenton Hospital Medical Center as well as President of OACC.</p> <p>Because of all the hard work and determination over recent years, Brian was selected to L. Brooks Patterson's Elite 40 Under 40 class for Oakland County and awarded the 2016 Economic Impact Award and 2018 Business Person of the Year for the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce as well as 2019 Patriot of the Year.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety and security is and will always be my number one priority. We must continue to build and enhance the Fire Department and our relationship with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Village of Lake Orion. 2. The balance of urban and rural living. We all enjoy new restaurants, stores and attractions, but not at the expense of why Lake Orion is such an appealing place to live. We need to work with and embrace new businesses, but find the balance of where they develop and how it impacts our community. 3. Innovation. We have an extremely unique community that should be taking advantage of it's unique resources, while benefiting the citizens and businesses. We should encourage new events and gatherings like Lake Orion's American Summer, which I'm the Founder of. We need to continue to embrace our culture and make Lake Orion better than it's ever been before. |

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| <p><i>Republican</i> JULIA DALRYMPLE 1435 Beach Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48360</p> | <p>I am running for Township Office for a simple reason - I live, work and play with my family in this one of a kind community and I want all residents to love it as their community.</p> <p>Orion Township Trustee since 2018.</p> <p>Lake Orion High School 16 year Marketing Educator. Lake Orion Teacher of Year in 2015. Michigan Marketing Teacher of the Year in 2014.</p> <p>Highly involved in the Forgotten Harvest weekly Mobile Pop-up Pantry in Orion Township since March.</p> <p>Works hand in hand with the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce for their yearly Shop Local EXPO.</p> <p>DECA Advisor, an association of high school marketing and entrepreneurship students at LOHS that compete on the District, State and International Level in diverse marketing areas and gain top leadership skills.</p> <p>Lake Orion Work Based Learning Coordinator - connecting students with local professionals to gain work experience and skills outside of the classroom.</p> | |
| <p><i>Republican</i> MICHAEL FLOOD, JR. 3920 Rohr Rd. Orion, MI 48359</p> | <p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |
| <p><i>Republican</i> MARIE MONACO 3426 Bald Mountain Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48360</p> | <p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |

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| <p><i>Republican</i> KIMBERLY URBANOWSKI 2965 Lessiter Dr. Lake Orion, MI 48360</p> | <p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p> | |

THERE ARE 2 PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT.

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| <p>FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATING MILLAGE</p> <p>(INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION)</p> | <p>Shall the Charter Township of Orion be authorized to levy up to 3.0 mills on all taxable property within the Township and Village of Lake Orion for a period of six (6) years, starting December 2020 and expiring December 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of funding fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS), including Advanced Life Support, and all related operations, wages, benefits, and capital expenditures?</p> <p>Approval of the above proposal would allow the Township to levy up to 3.0 mills (being a continuation of the previously authorized fire and emergency services operating millage) as a new additional millage for purposes of continuing to provide fire protection and emergency medical services; including Advance Life Support. Approval of this proposal would allow a tax limitation increase and approximate levy of \$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property within the Township and Village of Lake Orion. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect approximately \$5,696,466.81 in the first year if approved and levied, a portion of which will be distributed to the Village of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be taxed up to \$300.00 for the millage.</p> |
| <p>POLICE OPERATING MILLAGE</p> <p>(NOT INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION)</p> | <p>Shall the Charter Township of Orion be authorized to levy up to 3.5 mills for a period of six (6) years, starting in December 2020 and ending in December 2025, inclusive, for purposes of continuing to provide police services in the Charter Township of Orion?</p> <p>In 2016, Township voters approved a millage for the above-stated purposes in the amount of 3.0 mills. The 2016 millage expired in 2019. Approval of this proposal would allow the Township to levy up to 3.5 mills (being a continuation of the previously authorized police services operating millage) as a new additional millage to provide police services; including all operations, wages, benefits, housing and capital expenditures. The millage will be assessed on all taxable property within the Township, except and excluding all taxable property within the Village of Lake Orion. This proposal would allow a tax limitation increase and an approximate annual levy of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of all taxable property. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$6,135,467.70 in the first year if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be taxed up to \$350.00 for the millage.</p> |