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The Poor Next Door Struggling to Get By in Oakland County

Join the LWVOA on
October 24, 2019
at 7 pm in the
**Bloomfield Township
Public Library** for a
forum covering the
financial struggles felt
by many families
across all communities
in Oakland County.



Hear the surprising
numbers that show the difficulty of making ends
meet for many members of our communities.

Understand the network of services for individuals
and families with housing and food insecurity.

Learn about effective policy initiatives to support
citizens living on the financial edge.

Ask questions of panel members. This is an
opportunity to become part of the conversation.

The presenters are:

- **Gilda Jacobs**, Michigan League for Public Policy
- **Rachel Williams**, Gleaners Community Food Bank

Gilda Jacobs 2019 Inductee into Michigan Women's Hall of Fame



The LWVOA congratulates our
League member **Gilda Jacobs** as
she is inducted into the **Michigan
Women's Hall of Fame in 2019!**

We salute Gilda for her historical
and valuable participation in the
democratic process as the first woman elected to the
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Commissioner of Oakland County, a Michigan State Representative, the first female to serve as legislative leader, a Michigan State Senator and the Chair of her party's Senate Caucus.

She is currently **President and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy**, a nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to economic opportunity for all.

The Hall of Fame event is scheduled for **Thursday, November 7 at 5:30 pm** in downtown Detroit at **Cobo Center** (now TCP Center.) It costs \$175 to attend dinner and hear about each 2019 inductee.

Click [here](#) for an online reservation or call 313-773-3517 to make a reservation by phone: Please email Eva Packard at packardeva@gmail.com if you plan to attend

SUMMARY OF 2019 FALL CANDIDATE FORUMS

There have been 16 city candidate forums held during the fall 2019 election cycle to date. The League of Women Voters Oakland Area coordinated 14 city forums including: Ferndale, City of Rochester, two in Rochester Hills, Southfield, Berkley, Farmington, two in South Lyon, Clawson, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Novi and Royal Oak.

Thanks to Ann Edwards, Judy Bateman, and Jerry Burden for coordinating these events. The City of Northville forum was coordinated by the League of Northwest Wayne County and the City of Farmington Hills forum was hosted by the Council of Homeowners Association. The forums were very well attended and will enable citizens to make educated choices on election day.

Thanks to all the members who volunteered to be moderators, screeners, timers, and pages. Also, thanks to members of the Birmingham Junior League who volunteered their time to be timers and pages.

These forums offer the opportunity for all voters to meet and hear from the candidates that will be on their ballots. As always, you can attend our forums in person or view them from home on local TV channels and websites or YouTube (see below for available links).

Ferndale September 16: for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term) and for **City Council** (five candidates for two 4-year terms and four candidates for one 2-year term). [Watch a video of the forum.](#)

Rochester September 16: for **City Council** (seven candidates - three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term). [Watch video of the forum here.](#)

Rochester Hills September 17: for **Library Board** (three candidates for two 6-year terms).

[Watch video here.](#)

Rochester Hills September 25: for **City Council At-Large** (four candidates for two 4-year terms) and **City Council District 2** (two candidates for one 4-year term).

[Watch video here.](#)

Northville September 17: for **City Council** (three candidates for two for 4-year terms) and for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term).

[Watch video here.](#)

Southfield September 18: for **City Council** (12 candidates, vote for four, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term).

[Watch this forum courtesy of Southfield's Cable 15.](#)

Berkley September 19: for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term) and for **City Council** (six candidates for three for 4-year terms).

[Watch video here.](#)

Farmington September 23: for **City Council** (five candidates - two highest vote totals for 4-year terms, third highest for 2-year term).

[Watch a video of the forum here.](#)

South Lyon September 24: for **City Council** (seven candidates for three for 4-year terms).

[Watch video here.](#)

South Lyon September 26: for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term).

[Watch video here.](#)

Auburn Hills September 30: for **City Council** (six candidates - three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term).

[Watch video of the forum here.](#)

Clawson September 30: for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term) and for **City Council** (four candidates for two for 4-year terms).

[Watch a video of the forum here.](#)

Birmingham October 2: for **City Council** (seven candidates and one write-in for four 4-year terms).

[Watch a video of the forum here.](#)

Novi October 3: for **Mayor** (two candidates for one 2-year term), for **City Council** (six candidates for three for 4-year terms) and for **City Council** (three candidates for one 2-year term).

[Watch a video of the forum here.](#)

Royal Oak October 7: for **Mayor** (two candidates for 2-year term) and for **City Commission** (six candidates for three for 4-year terms).

[Watch video for Mayor.](#)

[Watch video for City Commission.](#)

Farmington Hills co-sponsoring with the Council of Homeowner Associations on Thursday, October 17, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48336. 7

pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term; six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.
Forum will be cablecast and rebroadcast on TV before November 7 election.

League Voter Guides are Available for Fall Elections

Voter Guides for the November 5, 2019 general election for 26 cities and proposals for Oakland County College and seven School Districts are now available. All candidates were asked to provide biographical information and answers to two League questions to voters in their own words. Voter Guides with the information are provided on both VOTE411.org and LWVOA.org. This provides you an easy way to compare candidate positions and priorities in local races where information can be difficult to find.

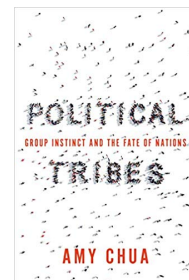
During last year's 2018 general election, more than 60,000 voters visited VOTE411.org to view guides available for races on ballots in Oakland County and more than 30,000 voters visited LWVOA.org to view individual Oakland County community guides.

LWVOA Book Club

Details of the next meeting of the LWVOA Book Club are below. Everyone is welcome! No need to have attended other book club meetings. See you there!

Upcoming meeting and book:

Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* / Amy Chua, Panera 2125 S Telegraph Rd Ste B, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



Empty Bowls Fundraiser in Milford

Our LWVOA member, Denise Tyler, and her husband, Lyle Tyler, are active with the Community Sharing Outreach Center which provides food, clothing and emergency financial help for struggling families.

An Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 13 from 12-3 pm at Bakers of Milford. Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered online. There will be 15 varieties of soup and breads. Please support this worthy cause by attending and enjoying this event.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 24, 7 pm The Poor Next Door forum, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1009 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Twp 48302

Tuesday, November 5, 7 am - 8:30 pm, City Elections and Ballot Proposals. Voting can be done by absentee ballot or in person at your voting precinct on election day.

Thursday, November 7, 5:30 pm Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Cobo Center (now named TCF Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226

Sunday, November 13, 12-3 pm Bakers of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Rd. Milford, MI 48381

Wednesday, December 4, 7 pm, LWVOA Book Club, Panera [2125 S Telegraph Rd Ste B, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302](#)

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