



NON-PARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
12TH DISTRICT

Tuesday, August 5, 2008
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY
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The Wayne County Commissioner for the 12th District represents the Cities of Inkster, Westland and part of the City of Livonia.

PARTISAN BALLOT: In the Primary Election, you must vote either on the Republican Ballot or the Democratic Ballot. In the 12th District, there are 8 Democratic candidates and 2 Republican candidates. A winner will be chosen from each party to compete in the November election

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT: Wayne County Commissioner 12th District

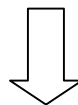
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Table with 2 columns: Question 1 (150 Words or less) and Question 2 (150 Words or less). Each column contains a question and a candidate's response (RONAELE BOWMAN).

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<p align="center">PAUL G. CITKOWSKI 38688 Glenwood, Westland, MI, 48186</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single father, Meredith 16, Lauren 9 ½ years old ▪ B.A. Communications, University Of Detroit ▪ Wayne County Commissioner, 12th District, 1976-1983 ▪ Michigan Legislature, Administrator to the Speaker Pro Tem, 1983-1986 ▪ Owner, Detroit Dog House Coney Island Restaurant, 1987-1999 ▪ Archdiocese of Detroit, Certified Youth Mentor, 2004-Present <p>My formal education, public service record and business sector experiences present me, I believe, as a credible candidate. These qualifications are on paper black and white and easy to read and evaluate. However, we all bring unique perspectives and talents to the table. I'm fortunate to have a wealth of knowledge, strength and serenity gleaned somewhat from life successes, but also from life setbacks.</p> <p>I have the proven ability to just "DO THE RIGHT THING" (selfless public service attitude) WHILE GETTING THE JOB DONE (tireless work ethic). These personal qualities are some of the most important in a candidate and unfortunately, perhaps the most difficult to measure!</p>	<p align="center">PAUL G. CITKOWSKI 38688 Glenwood, Westland, MI, 48186</p> <p>Issues will continue to come and go. A commissioner with a SELFLESS PUBLIC SERVICE ATTITUDE and a TIRELESS WORK ETHIC will tackle issues as they arise and anticipate needs and initiate new issues. This Commissioner will take action rather than simply reacting to circumstances!</p> <p>Three priority areas for me are: SENIOR CITIZEN QUALITY OF LIFE, THE ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING PARKS AND RECREATION) and PUBLIC SAFETY. These three priority areas hold a soft spot in my heart. However, these very difficult tough times demand difficult tough decisions and creative leadership in government just as we are forced to do in our own homes nowadays.</p> <p>A major misconception is that the County Commission is a Legislative body when in all actuality it is more a budgetary oversight administrative committee and limited as such. WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH LANSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATIVELY RE-INVENT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND WAYNE COUNTY IS UPON US!</p>

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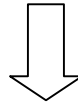
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<p align="center">JOAN GEBHARDT 35248 Leon, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>A 35-year homeowner in this district, a mother, a grandmother, I want to insure that future generations will find good jobs with businesses here in Wayne County so they can fulfill their dreams right here. Wayne County's ability to maintain and improve its infrastructure and essential services is seriously challenged by declining revenues. Foreclosures threaten our families, home values and tax base. Failure to act wisely will threaten our ability to meet 21st Century demands. I have extensive budget management experience as a Schoolcraft College Trustee (\$69,000,000) and as a school principal. Many of you already trust me to represent you as a Schoolcraft Trustee. My fellow Trustees chose me to represent them at SEMCOG. My peers chose me to lead my union (AFL-CIO 60). Speaker Andy Dillon trusts me to represent him with his constituents. I listen to my Schoolcraft College constituents and will continue listening as your Wayne County Commissioner.</p>	<p align="center">JOAN GEBHARDT 35248 Leon, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>Economic Development: We need a good economy to create the jobs we want and the infrastructure we need for the 21st century. Despite challenging economics, Wayne County must continue investing in its infrastructure to attract new businesses and the jobs we want for the 21st Century.</p> <p>Prioritize Health & Safety: Taxpayers' investment in Wayne County government must be wisely spent. The budget is where we set priorities for our county. Health, safety and welfare of our citizens are of the utmost importance. I am absolutely committed to transparency in government – so taxpayers can see how that investment is being used.</p> <p>Foreclosures: Wayne County is facing record home foreclosures. I see it everyday as I knock doors talking to voters in the 12th District. Each foreclosure leaves in its wake a devastated family, falling property values and reduced revenue. County government can and must act to aid families struggling to avoid foreclosure.</p>
<p align="center">JAMES R. GODBOUT 38639 Alma Lane, Westland, MI 48185</p> <p>A lifelong County resident, I have been active in the Westland community for 29 years. Currently President of the City Council, I am also Vice Chair of the Nankin Transit Commission and serve on the board of the Westland Community Foundation, Michigan Municipal League Legislative Governance Committee and the League's Energy & Technology Committee.</p> <p>My experience on the Westland City Council dealing with challenging budgets while improving fund balance and service to the residents is well documented. The County needs leadership with a proven track record. The residents deserve a Commissioner that represents their interests while working with the 14 other Commissioners to insure the County is financially strong and providing quality services.</p> <p>A 1978 graduate of Lawrence Technological University, I am an Account Manager for Rockwell Automation in Troy. Married to Sande for 30 years we have one son Matt.</p>	<p align="center">JAMES R. GODBOUT 38639 Alma Lane, Westland, MI, 48185</p> <p>Housing Foreclosures – We need an aggressive Foreclosure Prevention Program. Housing provides the #1 revenue source for the County. We need to have a strong housing market for the County to financially sound. Turning foreclosed homes into "sold" homes by working with housing authorities and realtors needs to be a priority.</p> <p>Roads and Infrastructure – Gas & Weight taxes currently are the only source of revenue for road improvement funding. We need to find additional funding sources as that revenue decreases because of better fuel efficient vehicles and people driving less.</p> <p>Environmental Cleanup- The County has several environmentally contaminated sites like Westland's Central City Park. We need to work with the DEQ and Federal government for cost effective solutions and funding support. Lower Rouge & Hines Park need upgrades and improvements.</p>

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<p align="center">DOUGLAS A. KAYE 2868 Wesfield, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>My Biographical information can be found at DOUGLASKAYE.COM</p>	<p align="center">DOUGLAS A. KAYE 28684 Wesfield, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>My Priority issues can be found at DOUGLASKAYE.COM</p>

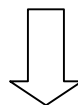
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<p align="center">DANNY WILSON 345 Taffy, Westland, MI, 48186</p> <p>Danny is married to Attorney Janet Frederick-Wilson for ten years. They have seven children Maxine Huston, Mark Frederick, Jason Frederick, Danielle Wilson, Kelly Drouilliard, William Wilson and Danny Wilson, Jr., and six grandchildren, Seth, DJ, Zanieb, Madison, Alex and Derek.</p> <p>Danny and Janet Wilson have been residents of Westland for ten years. Assembly line worker early 70's Old Dodge Main Plant Detroit</p> <p>Office Manager ~1998-Present Family Law Practice Janet Frederick-Wilson Attorney at Law</p> <p>Founder and State Director~1996-Present Parents for Children</p> <p>Elected Chesterfield Trustee Democrat ~1988-1992 1992-1993 President, Member, Michigan Township Association, Macomb County Chapter 1989-1991 2nd Vice President, Michigan Township Association, Macomb County Chapter 1990-1992 Township of Chesterfield Police Administration Board 1989-1990 Township of Chesterfield Planning Zoning Board of Appeals 1987-1990 Township of Chesterfield Planning Commission 1986-1988 Township of Chesterfield Fire Administration Board 1980-1988 Founder, (elected five times), President, Chesterfield Business Association: " Organized to improve the business climate and better serve the public ...</p>	<p align="center">DANNY WILSON 345 Taffy, Westland, MI, 48186</p> <p>The three top priorities facing County:</p> <p>County Commissioner Pay Cut to reflect Oakland and Macomb County Salary Of \$40,000. Wayne County Salary is \$68,000</p> <p>County court's and People's Access to them, they should have the same protection and parking Facilities The employee's Have.</p> <p>Housing Foreclosure's and how we get Families back into them.</p>

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REPUBLICAN BALLOT: Wayne County Commissioner 12th District

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<p style="text-align: center;">THOMAS E. THOMPSON 35624 Parkdale, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>My education includes a BA in Anthropology from U of M and an MA in Linguistics also from U of M.</p> <p>I am married and have four children.</p> <p>I am a retired schoolteacher—Detroit Public Schools (middle school) for 30 years.</p> <p>From 1986-1960 I served as District Chr. of the Republican Committee for the 15th Congressional District of Michigan.</p> <p>For six years I served as an Elder for Ward Presbyterian Church. During the last three years I was Chr. of the Session Committee on Single Adult Ministries.</p> <p>My reason for running is to monitor our letting of contracts and to work to assure quality. I also want to encourage the county to continue to help the needy and disadvantaged as well as to provide incentives for businesses to locate in our county.</p> <p>I have deep empathy for those in need. I work well with other people. I am comfortable with both details and long range planning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THOMAS E. THOMPSON 35624 Parkdale, Livonia, MI, 48150</p> <p>The most important issue facing Wayne County and its 15 commissioners is the decrease in revenues due to our poor economy. We need to increase our efficiency of operations. We also may need to make cuts and possibly lay off some of our workers. Before laying off any I would like to see salaries and wages cut. If elected I will request that my salary be reduced 15%.</p> <p>Our second most important item is our roads. We need to choose reliable contractors who will guarantee the quality of their work. We also need to make sure that our road specs are adequate. Finally we need to supervise road construction to make sure the specs are followed.</p> <p>My third area of concern is to make sure that we treat the citizens of our county fairly whenever we inconvenience them. This applies especially when we condemn their homes. We need to compensate them adequately.</p>

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