

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER ELECTION
CITY of KEEGO HARBOR

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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2 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL for TWO 3-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for City Council</p> <p>TWO 3-year terms <i>Vote for no more than TWO</i></p>	<p>Question 1: Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the city should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>ROBERT KALMAN 2830 Stennett Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p>Robert Kalman and his wife Jennifer are Keego Harbor homeowners. He owns a successful agile and IT consulting business.</p> <p>A lifelong Oakland county resident, Robert Kalman: graduated from the University of Michigan, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University, interned at the EX-IM Bank in Washington, DC, and graduated from the FBI Citizen's Academy.</p> <p>Robert has volunteered for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Habitat for Humanity, and numerous other organizations. He has completed several Detroit Free Press marathons.</p> <p>Kalman is running for re-election to the city council so he can provide positive leadership and help complete important projects.</p> <p>Robert Kalman describes himself as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well educated, articulate business owner • Someone who understands FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY • Someone who will emphasize community services • Someone who won't waste money on foolish projects • Someone you can trust to make good decisions • Someone who will work hard for all residents 	<p>1) Financial planning. While municipal revenue has decreased over the years I have used my business experience to work constructively with the council and I will continue to develop sound financial strategies, with a vision for the future, so we can provide essential services, like our own police force.</p> <p>2) I continuously work with the council to bring costs inline and find affordable, creative solutions to our city infrastructure challenges. We have repaved large portions of our roads and revitalized parts of our water and sewer system without raising taxes. We strive for efficiencies and seek out grants that help our city.</p> <p>3) When I'm re-elected I will push for a greater sense of community. Let's encourage active participation of all residents in enhanced cultural and recreational activities.</p>

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<p>KAREN MEABROD 2255 Maddy Ln. Keego Harbor, MI 48320</p>	<p>I am 57 years old, happily married to my husband Dudley, with 3 grown children, Karley, Bill and Kady. We have two grandchildren, Kleo and Clark. Dudley and I moved to Keego Harbor in 1980. I started volunteering for the City in 1989 on the Recycling Committee. We established curbside recycling. From there I went on to serve on Parks & Rec, Election Board, Tax Board of Review, Cass Lake Road Widening Committee, Cass Lake Road Streetscape Committee, Harbor Garden Club and the 50th Anniversary Committee. Currently I am the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, a ZBA member and on the TIFA Board. I believe I bring an abundant amount of City experience that will aid me as a Council Member.</p>	<p>Our Police Department and how we fund it, has to be the top priority. We will have an opportunity to maintain our own Police Department with the passing of the Safety Millage. I will be supporting this millage, without it, I believe, tough decisions are going to have to be made. Maintenance of our infrastructure, amenities and investments should always be a top priority. An example of that are sidewalks. In order for Keego Harbor to truly be a walkable city, sidewalks have to feel safe, especially along Orchard Lake Road, to encourage more pedestrians and bikers to walk/ride. The passage of the safety millage will also help to free up monies to allow us to hire a much needed DPW staff. In order to properly maintain our beautiful city. We need to do a better job promoting ourselves and communicating with our community. Our news letter has been greatly missed and our website could use some help too. There is a promotional tax, Act 359, that the residents already pay. I would like to encourage that this tax be designated to promoting our city and communicating with our community.</p>

THERE ARE 2 CITY PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT.

<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT 1 DEDICATED POLICE MILLAGE</p>	<p>An amendment to Section 11.5 of the City Charter to add Section 11.5(a) to authorize the levy of 4.0 mills for police purposes for the years 2018 to 2026.</p> <p>This amendment authorizes the annual levy of not to exceed 4.0 mills for 8 years, 2018 to 2026, for police purposes. Approval would increase the tax levy by 4.0 mills as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by law, restoring a portion of the Charter millage authorization previously approved by the electors, since reduced by the Headlee amendment. If levied, 4.0 mills would raise approximately \$369,106.00 when first levied in 2018. Approximately \$40,344.00, will be required to be distributed to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.</p> <p>Shall this proposed amendment be adopted?</p>
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<p>Property Seizure and Forfeiture New Section 18.7 of the Charter of the City of Keego Harbor, Michigan Section 18.7. Property Seizure and Forfeiture.</p>	<p>As used in this section, “property” shall be liberally construed to include assets and possessions; “employee” includes anyone acting under the authority of the city. A conviction of a criminal offense is a prerequisite to forfeiture and the transfer to the City of Keego Harbor of title to property directly used in or derived from that offense. All revenues from forfeited property, including revenue derived from sharing proceeds of forfeited property from cooperation with other federal, state, or local agencies, shall be placed in a separate fund, used only to pay costs directly related to local street repair, and shall not be earmarked or allocated to law enforcement or code enforcement. At any time, a property owner may ask the City or a court to return property that was wrongly seized or because there is no reason for the City to continue to hold the property. No bond shall be required on any property seized under authority of the city. If property is wrongfully seized, the City has no reason to continue to hold the property, or the property owner is not convicted of a criminal offense that has a forfeiture provision, the city shall return, replace, or provide full compensation for any property damaged, defaced, or devalued as a result of seizure by city employees. Records of all property seizures shall be indexed by date, department, name of owner, property type, and seizure value, and include details of the conviction. These records shall be published monthly on the city’s publicly-accessible website consistent with Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act 442 of 1976.</p>
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