

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER ELECTION
CITY of LATHRUP VILLAGE

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

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5 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL

TWO 4-year terms (two highest vote totals) and ONE 2-year term (third highest vote total)

<p>CANDIDATES for City Council</p> <p>TWO 4-year terms and ONE 2-year term <i>Vote for no more than THREE</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>FRANK M. BROCK 18878 Sunbright Ave. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>IAN A. FERGUSON 28836 Lathrup Blvd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p>6-year veteran of the US Navy. 20+ years as an automotive engineer. AS from Morristown College. BS (minor in Mathematics) from Alabama A&M University. MSM from Walsh College and Accountancy. Married for 22 years with a 12-year old daughter. I am running for reelection to help move our city forward with sound economic decisions that will allow our city to gain steady growth, and will attract young families in the coming years. I am highly skilled at negotiating contracts, attracting new business, and have a full understanding of development challenges and achievements that are needed in our city in the short term.</p>	<p>1.) The city is grossly understaffed with a great deal of overlap to fill the empty positions. In addition, we are lacking a qualified city manager with several years of experience that can set a sound path forward for the city. If elected I would hire qualified individuals for the open positions and immediately begin the city managers search for a qualified individual. This would drastically improve morale for the staff, and limit distractions.</p> <p>2.) Anne Lathrup School on Southfield Road has been closed for several years now. It is giving the perception that Lathrup Village does not care about education. This obviously is not the case. If elected I would partner with the building owners to repurpose the school into a mix-use building.</p> <p>3.) The majority of our commercial buildings are out dated and some are in need of repair. I have already begun to reach out to those owners to formulate a plan to start the remodeling process of one building, so that the city can begin attracting long term businesses that would encourage our residents to fully support our business base.</p>

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<p>BRUCE KANTOR 18129 Sunnybrook Ave. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p>I have lived in the Southfield-Lathrup community for 50 years and have been a homeowner in Lathrup Village for the past 28 years. I graduated from Southfield-Lathrup schools and earned a Bachelor Degree at Kalamazoo College. During my career, I worked in both the technology sector and in the business management side of the healthcare field. I love our village and have worked tirelessly over the years in an informal capacity to improve it. Not only do I serve on a Downtown Development Authority Committee, but I have also undertaken a number of self-initiated efforts. Some examples include working directly with businesses to improve and maintain their properties, improving the sidewalks in the business district, preventing street closures and prompting the city to enforce ordinances and hold parties liable for subpar work. I have always wanted to serve on City Council, but career responsibilities prevented this. Now that I am retired, I have the time and energy to use my experience, common sense, fiscal responsibility and business skills to help guide our city in a more formal manner.</p>	<p>While Lathrup Village is an amazing place to live, like any city, it has its issues. If I am fortunate to serve on City Council, one of my top priorities will be to clean up the Southfield Road business corridor and use that as a springboard to attract high quality shops, markets and restaurants to the large number of empty storefronts. Another high priority will be to repair and replace the residential streets, which are currently in poor condition. Our street repaving program has slowed and, at times, stalled and needs to be resumed with intensity. Lastly, I want to use my strong sense of fiscal responsibility to ensure common sense spending that balances the needs of both the residents and businesses but remains within budget. Most of all, I want to work to preserve and promote the tranquility and quality of life we enjoy in Lathrup Village.</p>
<p>MARCUS RAUDSZUS 19111 Saratoga Blvd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>SALEEM R. SIDDIQI 27670 Lathrup Blvd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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THERE IS 1 CITY PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT.

PETITION INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 17.14 PROPERTY SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE	“Shall the City of Lathrup Village Charter be amended to add a new Section 17.14 providing that a criminal conviction is required before forfeiture of any property to the City; that all revenues from forfeited property in connection with any crime must be used solely for street repairs and may not be used for law or code enforcement purposes; that a property owner may seek the return of forfeited property and the City must return, replace, or pay compensation for such property under certain circumstances; and that the City must keep records of forfeited property and publish such records monthly.”
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