

VOTER GUIDE – CITY ELECTION
CITY of PONTIAC
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4 Candidates for MAYOR for ONE 4-year term

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<p>DEIRDRE WATERMAN P. O. Box 431161, Pontiac, MI 48343</p>	<p>Pontiac Mayor Deirdre Waterman has brought a pragmatic, hands-on approach to leadership that has produced positive results. She works every day to make your voice heard and fights for a cleaner, safer and more financially resurgent Pontiac.</p> <p>Through her actions and community involvement, she has shown that she cares deeply about our city. As a trusted physician, for over 30 years, she had her office in downtown Pontiac. Her passion for public service comes from watching and learning from hard-working citizens, every-day.</p> <p>Pontiac Mayor Deirdre Waterman is a committed public servant with decades of professional expertise and public service. She was elected mayor by the citizens of Pontiac in 2013, becoming the first woman to ever be elected to the position. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago, with a degree in Biology and Political Science, as well as Meharry Medical College. She completed her residency at the Kresge Eye Institute at Wayne State University.</p> <p>At this delicate phase of our progress, stable and consistent leadership is key to continuing in the right direction.</p>	<p>During Deirdre Waterman's term as Mayor, Pontiac has seen a resurgence in development.</p> <p>The financial stress that Pontiac was stuck in for decades is now over. During the Mayor's term, we have gone from a deficit budget to a \$15 million surplus – This is a landmark achievement! Financial stability allows us to take care of long-delayed needs like roads, a new youth center, and other public priorities.</p> <p>1. Jobs and Financial Stability We need to continue policies and development like we've seen over the past 4 years. Deirdre Waterman is committed to finding everyone in Pontiac a job that pays them a living wage.</p> <p>This city is growing and moving forward, we will continue doing this over the next 4 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Over 3,750 new jobs coming to Pontiac. Providing new opportunities for high-tech, construction, service, financial, manufacturing, and aerospace careers. (No college degree needed for 75% of new good paying jobs) -Resolved retiree lawsuit protecting taxpayers & retiree healthcare. -Approved \$3 million extra to repair Pontiac's worst roads. -\$150,000 annually for high-tech job training.
<p>LINDA KAY HASSON <i>(Write-in)</i> 1075 Williamson Cir. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>ALFRED PATRICK <i>(Write-in)</i> 632 Luther Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>My name is Al Patrick born and raised in the City of Pontiac. I am a graduate of Pontiac City schools. I earned my Associates Degree from Ferris State College and my Bachelors of Arts Degree from the Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana. I've worked for a local community action agency for 28 years. I have been an advocate for the citizens through my works as a Deputy Director for Community Relations. I have many years of successful community involvement that includes creating job programs for our youth, young adults and senior programs to improve their quality of life. I have built a strong and diverse network of peers from local, state and federal municipalities.</p>	<p>In my opinion, the top three priority issues of the City are (1) resolving the Phoenix Center lawsuit, (2) finalizing the retirees pension healthcare lawsuit, and (3) revitalization of the City of Pontiac in the areas of creating new tax revenue, improving basic and essential services and quality community services for all residents. Respectively, my first approach in resolving the Phoenix Center lawsuit would consist of meeting with the owner of the Phoenix Center, City Council and all other essential parties to come up with a viable plan of closure. Secondly, I will continue to work with the city attorneys and the union leadership in working out a viable solution for all retirees. I am aware of a potential agreement that has not been voted on for reasons unknown. In response to the last issue identified, I will focus on attracting new businesses, business retention and expansion of current businesses. I will continue working with entrepreneurs to secure small business loans for residents who want to become business owners and job creators. Last improve basic city services.</p>

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2 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 for ONE 4-year term

<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>CHRIS JACKSON 486 Fildew Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>Born and raised in Pontiac, MI, I have the pleasure of saying that I am a positive product of the environment that raised me. Attending multiple High Schools (PNH, Cranbrook, West Bloomfield) has provided me with very different perspectives that contribute to how I make decisions. I attended Hope College where I Double Majored in Accounting & Business Management. The decision to begin my career in the Grand Rapids area was very beneficial. Aside from gaining valuable experience as a Project Manager and Product Line Manager for a Multi-million dollar residential manufacturer, I have a wealth of knowledge concerning the entrepreneurial landscape. I am a founder of tech oriented businesses, assisted my alma mater with evolving their program and worked extensively with SmartZones across Michigan. I believe these experiences lend well to governing in a diverse community such as Pontiac's. Simply put, the reason I'm running for City Council is to bridge the gaps that exist within our community.</p>	<p>Transparency, Collaboration, Vision. There are certainly major issues that need to be addressed that are well known to our community. My plan is to debate what the facts mean and help provide solutions if given the opportunity to serve on City Council. We are currently suffering from the last 50+ years of questionable decision making on Pontiac's behalf.</p> <p>Transparency: There needs to be a way for elected officials to be held accountable. My suggestion is that we adhere to updating electronic scorecards that citizens have access to. These scorecards would reflect stated goals and explanations by elected officials.</p> <p>Collaboration: An absolute necessity if we plan to overcome hurdles that could set Pontiac back further and take away from our progress.</p> <p>Lastly, it will take an organized Vision in order to make and implement plans that helps Pontiac become a more progressive community.</p> <p>Please see my Governing Proposal & Platform for further details: https://cj4pontiac.tumblr.com/post/159026558356/governingproposal.</p>

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<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>PATRICE WATERMAN 1002 Canterbury Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I have devoted my adult life to public services. In 1985, I refocused my career to Municipal Government and retired from the City of Pontiac as the Legislative Administrator to the Pontiac City Council in November of 2006. I learned early on to fight for the voice of the People a proud community activist and champion for change. I'm a firm believer in giving back. I have served on the Pontiac City Council for the last 8 years as President of the Council for the last 4 years. I have spearheaded many initiatives of the eighth and ninth council. My leadership was on display during the lean years when the city was controlled by an emergency manager. As President, I stepped up and called on citizens to be engaged and played a major role in the City's resurgence, bringing financial stability back to the City and the relinquishment of State management. I have earned the trust and respect of the community, a proven track record of nothing less than strong leadership, working diligently with elected officials of all branches of government, faith based organizations in empowering our community.</p>	<p>Infrastructure, Blight, Restoring Youth Involvement</p> <p>We must secure additional funding to repair our streets Council passed in our budget 3 Million for road repairs but much more is needed. I will work diligently in redevelopment of our neighborhoods in having code enforcement enforcing our city codes to eliminate blight from our communities as well as working with our businesses in implementing new opportunities and creating jobs for our citizens. In closing, I will continue to advocate to restore recreation and activities as well a safe haven for our youth and seniors for the city of Pontiac.</p> <p>"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced"</p>

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3 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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.	Question 2: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the city should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?
DON WOODWARD 109 Ruth Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
COLEMAN YOAKUM 32 Newberry Pontiac, MI 48341	<p>My parents are both veterans so, I watched my parents try to figure out how to make ends meet on a fixed retirement salary.</p> <p>I moved to Pontiac out of a desire to live somewhere that I could make a difference. I've tried to do that though getting to know my neighbors, community gardens, opening Sprout Fresh Food Store, doing back-to-school events, repurposing broken bikes for kids and being a listening ear for my community.</p> <p>I attended both a private liberal arts college and state universities. I've worked in higher education. This fall I will complete my certificate in nonprofit management at Oakland University. I plan to pursue a Master's Degree.</p> <p>I've spent much of my career in nonprofits. I worked the night shift as a staff coordinator at an emergency children's shelter, serving children who had been taken from their homes. In Pontiac, I've worked for OLHSA trying to bring healthy food to Head Start families. I currently sit on the Boards of two great nonprofits including Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and Leaders of the Future.</p> <p>I bring to the office the desire to serve.</p>	<p>Remain Out Of Receivership-- We've come a long way thanks to smart leaders and the can-do attitude of the city. There are still questions regarding the Phoenix Center, our schools, and our infrastructure that have yet to be answered. Those all come with enormous price tags on them. Any one of them has the potential to hamstring growth. We have to start visiting other cities and reading case-studies of success in order to navigate wisely.</p> <p>Improve Infrastructure-- We can forget dollars represent people. We live in a city where a pot hole can undo so much progress and a broken tie-rod cost a job. Roads are a government's most oft used service and there is no better way to show the people how important they are than improving the roads and side-walks they navigate daily.</p> <p>Pave the Way for Small Businesses-- Navigating how to start a new business in Pontiac is difficult. If we truly feel that small business is the engine that drives cities, and we want to be a city that is attractive to young entrepreneurs, then we need to be better at getting out of the way.</p>
MAUREEN DUNWOODIE <i>(Write-in)</i> 26 Myra Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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3 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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.	Question 2: What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the city should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?
NIC GRYGLEWSKI 130 Dresden Ave. Pontiac, MI 48340	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
MARY E. PIETILA 195 W. Kennett Rd., #110 Pontiac, MI 48340	<p>I am currently the only candidate, who has been active with District 3, not only living in it, since 1992, but also active during the time of 9 years of oversight, by the State Treasury office with the Emergency Fiscal Manager and RTAB. Although our responsibilities were limited, I continued to stay active in our District. I walk or drive the neighborhoods, speaking to our business owners and residents, hearing their concerns and still continue to address District wide issues, on a far more frequently than that of a part-time basis, which Council's position is. I also make it a point to know the ordinances, both State and local, following them or knowing who to address them with, if I do not, to ensure all is being handled in the correct and legal way.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic Development is a must. Welcome businesses who want to move to our City. New businesses mean new property taxes as well as income taxes. Welcome businesses and encourage both residents to apply for open positions and businesses to hire qualified City Residents. 2. Safety of our neighborhoods. To accomplish this I would continue working with OCSO to establish Neighborhood Watch Programs, which will create a more proactive response on criminal activities, resulting in a safer community for all. 3. Community Development ensuring City and State Ordinance are developed and or redesigned for the betterment of all parties concerned, but at the same time they need to be adhered to by all residents and businesses, with no favoritism. Making our City a safer place for all to Live, Work and Play. How to make this happen? Continue with meetings and open communication with all parties involved.

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<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>CAROL JOHNSON EHAMBE <i>(Write-in)</i> 186 Lakeside Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>I am a mother of four children, sons and daughters, I've been married to my children's father and also raised my children as a single parent. I have my own business.</p> <p>What have I done in Pontiac for the 4 years I've been here? In 2014, I was homeless, but since then I have volunteered at the Pontiac Library, helped the homeless find a place to live, and helped people become Friends of the Pontiac Public Library. I also am a member of Pontiac Food Bank, who gives back to those in need.</p>	<p>My reason for running is to pave the path to rebuild families, rebuild the community, and renew the nation and world.</p> <p>I hope you will join me by writing my name in on your ballot.</p> <p>My name is Carol Johnson Ehambe.</p> <p>I am a community activist from Detroit over two decades.</p> <p>My experience includes organizing and working to develop the youth in Pontiac. I know what it takes!</p> <p>Vote for me. A change in District 3.</p>

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2 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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.	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>RANDY CARTER 86 W. Yale Ave. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>I am a two term incumbent with a proven platform. District 4 is one of the safest, cleanest most active areas in Pontiac.</p> <p>My priorities are well defined. Our residents work hard to reduce crime, eliminate blight and graffiti, and to increase our property value. We achieve this by reducing voter apathy.</p> <p>I am a strong supporter of public education. As the Council's liaison to Pontiac School District, I am involved in all aspects of educating our children. I participate in state and national conferences for both the city and the school district. The success experienced by our residents is a chronology of pictures, news articles, and community success that span eight years.</p> <p>If re-elected, I will continue to develop highly efficient inter-governmental collaborative relationships. These alliances include working with Oakland County Sheriff's department, the Pontiac School District, faith based, business, and education</p>	<p>1 Health Care / Unfunded Liability - Retiree Health Care / Unfunded Liability - This liability is a 280 million dollar deficit that needs to be approved by the Transition Authority Board and the State Attorney General to avert dismantling the pension fund and stop the lawsuit against the city.</p> <p>2 Phoenix Center Litigation - In 2015, and again in 2016, Oakland County Judge Michael Warren ruled against the City of Pontiac's decision demolish the Phoenix Center. I agree with his decision. The city of Pontiac needs to cease actions against the Ottawa Towers, and there would be no more lawsuits.</p> <p>3 Youth Millage - I would reference verbiage on the ballot. The criteria state that the youth recreation millage would curb juvenile delinquency. My interpretation of the millage was to provide services that address juvenile mental health, abuse, and neglect. I would create wrap-around programs that would provide a safe nurturing environment...</p>
<p>SHERMAN WILLIAMS II 1546 Richmond Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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3 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 for ONE 4-year term

<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>GLORIA MILLER 431 Boyd St. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of the City of Pontiac. The wife of Timothy Miller, and the mother of two adult children, TaMeka and Jonathon. I worked for the City of Pontiac for over 13 years. I obtained my Associates degree in Applied Science from Oakland Community College; along with an Administrative Support Technology-General Business degree.</p> <p>As a former city employee, I witnessed the harm and destruction that the Emergency Manager (EM) when the decision was made to sell all of the city's assets in order to balance the budget. During the time that the EM was active in Pontiac, I became much more involved in the community, and began engaging in policies that would move our community forward.</p> <p>I have had the opportunity to work alongside many elected leaders across the state of Michigan, as well as, former and recent council members within the City of Pontiac. My experience is unique because I have spent countless hours with many of the city's residents, going to them individually regarding the issues that concern them.</p>	<p>I believe the city's first priority should be geared toward addressing the Phoenix Center; as It has been in litigation for several years now. The taxpayers have paid a substantial amount of money in the past and perhaps will do so in the future, fighting to keep it in place. The residents should be allowed to vote in which direction to take.</p> <p>The next priority that I would like addressed is the demolition of the Silverdome. It has been an eyesore for many years. My subdivision that I reside in sits directly across the street from the Silverdome. This property would do well to be sold or at least, redeveloped.</p> <p>The third action that should be addressed is the youth mileage. The taxpayers voted in favor of this mileage so that our youth could have a place for extra curriculum activities. The youths are truly our future. As an elected official, it is imperative that we work cohesively with every entity that would make finding a place where our kids are safe and secure a priority.</p>

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<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 ONE 4-year term Vote for no more than ONE</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>JOSEPH C. SINCLAIR 1611 Stirling Lk. Dr. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>46 Married; no children.</p> <p>Attend private and Pontiac Schools. Attended Morgan State, Prince George's College, OU.</p> <p>27 year Employee Pontiac Schools as Water Safety Instructor and Special Education Para Professional.</p> <p>Commissioner Zoning Board city of Pontiac.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation supervisor for City of Pontiac, West Bloomfield, Ferndale, Waterford.</p> <p>I'm running for City Council for no other reason than to continue to build on the efforts of Mr. Holland, Watkins, and Hanson, and take District 5 to the next level. I'm seeking to be the voice of the people because my experience working for municipalities and for the people have given me a in depth knowledge and experience of how government operates and works for the people, thus allowing me to be of better and more effective service to the citizens of Pontiac</p> <p>I've been busy working close with our current council man Mark Holland and couple that with I'm a commissioner on our zoning board means I'm very abreast to the business of the city...</p>	<p>1. Ottawa Tower lawsuit: I believe that there is still enough time for this current council to negotiate a settlement out of court. I would say allowing Mr. Stephens do business, use the escrow for repairs to the parking garage and elevator and partner with the city in promoting the top for outdoor functions would be a win win for both the owners and the citizens of Pontiac.</p> <p>2. Infrastructure upgrades: Our roads are the first area of improvements that need to address not to mention all others such as DTE, Consumers Energy, WRC, and our Technology/Communications are in great need of upgrading to provide more saving in cost to us the customers.</p> <p>3. City Services and Business: Improvements can be made in every area of city services, mandatory inservice would provide better customer service and relations. Attracting new business by improving our marketing strategies and reach out to more tech based companies. Also even though GM scaled back there operations here in Pontiac, I believe with Fiat Chrysler right next door that we are behind in fostering a relationship thats beneficial</p>

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2 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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.	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>DORIS TAYLOR BURKS 314 Nelson St. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>I serve on the Oakland County Senior Advisory Board, representing the city of Pontiac. Founder of the Metro Minority Chamber of Commerce, Founder and CEO of the Taylor Scholarship Fund,(22 Years) The only female to help to re-write the Charter that that the city serve's under presently. Retired from GM Truck Group, where I was the first and only female to work in the Reliability Lab Skill Trades as a Group Leader. I am also a Notary, where I serve clients no charge. I am a member of the Trinity Baptist Church, where I serve on the Jail Ministry and serve as a Mentor for young ladies ages 16 to 18. I am running for re-election, because I have lived in the City for most of my life and have lived in my home for 32 years. I have been involved in the city for over forty years, working with young people and other elected officials. Being a member of Michigan League and holding an office , has allowed to much info for the betterment of the City.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Streets need fixing. 2. Bring back Parks and Recreation Department. 3. Bring DPW back in house. <p>I will work very hard to make sure that these three thing get done for the benefit of our city and the citizens that live here.</p>

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<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>WILLIAM A. CARRINGTON 185 Carr St. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>My name is William A. Carrington candidate for the Pontiac Council 6th district. I have obtained two associate degrees from Charles Stewart Mott (Business Management and General Business); Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration-Spring Arbor University; Master's Degree in Public Administration-University of Michigan-Flint and Master's Degree in Sociology-Wayne State University. President of WeCare Neighborhood Association (501c3), situated in the 6th district.</p> <p>I am running because Pontiac is an extraordinary city that need leaders that know how to listen and serve!</p> <p>In 2014, I was elected to the Pontiac School Board where I have been instrumental in working with District Administration to reduce the district deficit from 39 million to 24 million. In 2015, I organized WeCare Movement ballot committee and was able to pass two critical millages that were desperately needed to provide a safe and positive learning environment for our children.</p> <p>My knowledge base is extensive: Financial and Budget, Writing and Research, Crisis Management and Problem Solving, and Management skills.</p>	<p>Priority 1. Making our city, the city to live in and do business in! a. Promote the concept of one-stop shop that focuses on new businesses, retention and expansion. b. Work aggressively to ensure that companies are good corporate citizens by negotiating for the hiring and training of Pontiac citizens. c. Promote home ownership, and d). Work collectively with all branches of government to ensure economic growth and stability in the city of Pontiac.</p> <p>Priority 2. Making our neighborhoods GEMS! a. Promote policies that will encourage small businesses to set-up shop in our neighborhoods, to provide affordable goods and services as well as provide jobs directly to those neighborhoods. b. Promote volunteerism to assist in the revitalization of our neighborhoods so that residents are involved in their own growth. c. Promote clean neighborhood campaigns.</p> <p>Priority 3. Making our Youth a priority and caring for our Seniors! a. Support a short-term and long-term plan to rebuild our youth and recreation centers. b. Work collectively with community groups to stay connected with our seniors.</p>

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2 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 for ONE 4-year term

<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</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>TROY F. CRAFT 78 N. Ardmore Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>KERMIT WILLIAMS 365 S. Edith Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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10 Candidates for LIBRARY BOARD for SIX 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for Library Board SIX 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than SIX</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Library Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues that the library should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?
ALEDA J. BRISBON 474 Moore St. Pontiac, MI 48342	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
VERNITA DUVALL 16 N. Astor Pontiac, MI 48342	<p>Executive Benefits Consultant, Patterson-Bryant, Inc.</p> <p>Vernita is a graduate of The University of Michigan with a BA in English and Communications. She has traveled extensively abroad and studied in Salamanca and Madrid, Spain.</p> <p>Vernita is a proud member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as President of the Civic Committee Ministry. Vernita also serves as Co-Chair of the Committee of 50, which is an organization of community and business leaders involved in discussing, developing, and executing solutions for the City of Pontiac. She is a former President of the Pontiac Rotary Club. Vernita is constantly recruited and considered for several Boards and distinguished appointments. She recently served on two transition teams for the City of Pontiac's new Mayor. Vernita is currently an elected official holding an office as Treasurer, City of Pontiac Public Library Board.</p> <p>Vernita is an avid reader, loves to travel, and enjoys professional networking. Her education, experiences, personality and commitment to community makes her an ideal asset.</p>	<p>I Represent the Pontiac Public Library.</p> <p>The 3 issues we need to address are:</p> <p>A satellite Library that's located on a different side of town</p> <p>A book mobile to get to seniors and handicapped patrons</p> <p>Consistently advanced technology</p>
PERRY EARL, JR. 40 S. Genesee Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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<p>CANDIDATES for Library Board</p> <p>SIX 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than SIX</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Library Board 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 that the library should address and what actions would you take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>JANIECE GAGE 51 Esther St. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Pontiac, born and raised here. A high school graduate of Pontiac Northern High School, with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. I began my adult work experience with the bank where I worked twenty- three years and worked in a number of positions balancing accounts and payrolls. I offer my professional experience as well as fifteen plus years as a volunteer service worker in the community.</p>	<p>My first concern would be to make sure our library is financially sound. Where it can support its structural needs hoping it can become a state of the art library one day. I'd also review daily operations and programs offered to the residents. These are things that should be done with minimal support from sponsored events. The first step to this process would be to meet with the board members and review the past financial expenses adjusting as needed. Secondly develop fundraising programs that will bring in large sponsorship members and partners. And I'd utilize the help and support from the library staff for their input. Another priority I'd like to focus on is the continuous training of computer programs, making sure we have the most up to date reading material and technology. I'd like to see such computer programs as Dragon added to our training program which would assist people with special mental and physical needs. I'd make myself available to assist with the training if needed. And I'm concerned about the care, and preservation of the historical documentation on our city.</p>

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MATTIE MCKINNEY HATCHETT 135 Perkins St. Pontiac, MI 48342	<p>EDUCATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS in Elementary Education • Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH • Masters of Arts in Teaching • Oakland University, Rochester, MI • Education Specialist Degree in Administration • Wayne State University, Detroit, MI <p>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Mayor of the City of Pontiac • Coordinator of School and field Services at Oakland University • Curriculum Consultant • Director of Student Services • Assistant Principal of a Junior High School • Supervisor of Pupil Personnel • Elementary School Principal • Oakland County Commissioner for District #10 for twelve years • Past vice-president, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women Club, Inc. • Past Chairperson of the Pontiac General Hospital Building Authority • Member, Society of Afro-American Police • Member, Citizen District Council I • Member, Golden Opportunity Club • Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority • Member, National Congress of Black Women <p>I am running to provide additional multi-media, educational services, and increase community involvement at the library.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finances: Willing to find additional financial resources to provide additional services, funding toward a new facility, and focus on financial stability. 2. Capital Improvement: The Library building is outdated and need serious capital improvements. For example, the heating and cooling system and other building infrastructure needs. 3. Community Involvement: We need to increase the participation with the community through providing additional services that appeal to the community.
KIESHA JONES 211 S. Paddock St. Pontiac, MI 48342	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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<p>ROSIE LANCE-RICHARDSON 60 N. Midland Dr. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>I am a member of the Michigan Library Association and American Library Association. I am an educator, certified teacher, special education, and school administrator. I have been a resident of the City of Pontiac for over 50 years. I am the proud mother of four children (including twins) and two grandchildren. I am vested in our community.</p> <p>The relevant qualities and skills I bring to the Pontiac Public Library as a trustee are important. The most pertinent qualities are my attendance to appropriate American Library Association and Michigan Library Association conferences and workshops related to duties and responsibilities of a library trustee. I work as a well-versed advocate in literacy, contract negotiations, budget allocations, administration, and community relationships. I am an active member of the Lion's Club, Oakland Literacy Council, Oakland University Kresge Library, School of Education, College Readiness and Parent University, special needs programs, and related community organization partnerships and sponsor mote literacy until satellite and mobile libraries</p>	<p>The top 3 Priority Issues the city should address are supporting the library in promoting events, patrons need to utilize library services and find ways to support displaced individuals to reduce itinerant at our library.</p> <p>The actions needed to resolve our issues are allowing public access to promote information on local access television, finding ways to engage displaced individuals in gaining and regaining life skills. Changing the climate and culture for our library will enrich the current and future environment of our library.</p>

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<p>HOLBERT MAXEY 1053 Oxford Rd. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I worked in the school district city of Pontiac for over 10- years as a Professional Certified Sub-Teacher, in addition, inclusive of Supervisor, coordinator for after school,programs, and private education contractor- At Risk Students(behavior modification program). I voluntetered for community- school advovate- and special assignment programs in the cirriculum and evaluation program. I,am and currently an Community Activist -covering a period of over 35- years +, additionally, I currently serve on and with four non- profit organization as a member of finance team. I have a total of 15+ years of finance background, that I bring to the Pontiac Library Board.</p>	<p>(1) Medical/ mental health service for all,citizens</p> <p>(2) Education/ workforce development programs - beginning with 18- year olds high school grads- Education work/ workforce development programs for laid- off workers (skill training), single female - moms- special- work force skill program-.</p> <p>(3) One stop shop with-unlimited resources to,meet the needs of the citizens- inclusive of business-/business development info- data based-in the area of research and development / educ/ info inclusive of K-grades/ middle and senior school-thru- college..</p> <p>EXECUTION Use identified resources that directly address the aforementioned needs:: Use intern scholarships/ paid- un- paid, use established business-exp) in areas of construction prog's- med- prog's In service based-using -2-yr colleges/ for certifications/apprentiships- prog's/,.Use Pontiac Promise-zone- Pay- 2/4 yr Colg-(free)-use identified job needs thru- media..</p>

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<p>MALKIA M. NEWMAN 433 Harvey Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I am running for a seat on the Pontiac Library Board because I feel my experience with and knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure and Board Governance, coupled with my ability to work well in team settings, will be an asset to the Pontiac Library.</p> <p>I'm a native of Pontiac, Michigan and a product of the Pontiac School District residing with my husband Dubrae in the home that we purchased in 2012.</p> <p>My civic activities include: 2007 to present Board Member, Oakland Community Health Network, (formally known as Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority), where I have served 2 terms as Board Chair and 2 terms as Vice Chair</p> <p>2002 – 2006 Board Member, Pontiac Housing Commission, where I served 2 terms as Vice Chair</p> <p>2013 to present Ordained Minister currently serving on the Ministry Staff of New Birth International Church, 124 W. Columbia Ave. Pontiac, MI</p> <p>1998 to present Member of the Oakland County Chaplaincy Program providing Christian Education to women housed at Oakland County Jail</p>	<p>I believe that the top 3 Priority Issues for the Pontiac Library are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Library Board needs to develop a better working relationship with the Library Director so that she can achieve the goals and objectives that she's been given by the board. 2. The Library Board needs to review and develop additional policies and procedures that assist in accomplishing the previous objective if needed. 3. The Library Board needs to develop ways to get more input from citizens and other stakeholders to help develop programs and services that meet the current needs of library patrons.
<p>MELANIE SHAREE RUTHERFORD 1018 Argyle Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

THERE ARE NO CITY PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT.