

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER ELECTION
CITY of SOUTH LYON

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

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9 Candidates for MAYOR for ONE 2-year term

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MICHELLE BERRY <i>(Write-in)</i>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
KENYSON BORKOWSKI <i>(Write-in)</i>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
BRYAN JOSEPH CAPEN <i>(Write-in)</i>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
ASHLEY ENSTAD <i>(Write-in)</i>	<p>I'm an MIT graduate with degrees in Management Science and Computer Science & Engineering. I have experience in economics and statistical analysis and work as a software engineer at a major NASDAQ company. I am an active member of the South Lyon Kiwanis Club.</p>	<p>The budget, development of Volunteer Park, and downtown!</p> <p>Budget: To bring fiscal strength to our community, we need to balance our budget without putting additional tax burdens on our Seniors who are on fixed incomes.</p> <p>Volunteer Park: I will push to develop Volunteer Park to provide an outlet for recreation for our families and sporting community.</p> <p>Downtown: I want to support the economic development of our downtown area and make it a place for everyone in our community to gather and have fun!</p>
JAMIE NELSON <i>(Write-in)</i>	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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<p>DANIEL L. PELCHAT <i>(Write-in)</i></p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>WILLIAM GREGG POWELL <i>(Write-in)</i></p>	<p>I am a life long resident of South Lyon. I was a graduate of South Lyon High School class of 2001. My wife and I married in 2011. We have 2 beautiful daughters. My position with my career has given me the opportunity to run effective meetings working with different meeting programs such as EOS. I am in charge of roughly 15-45 employees on a daily basis and I work with many different personalities. Problem solving and multitasking is hourly occurrence in my position and I thrive in challenging situations.</p>	<p>1st. The city needs to operate with a balanced budget</p> <p>2nd. The continued development of beautification of downtown</p> <p>3rd. A permanent solution is needed for Bob Martins old position</p>

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<p>RICHARD ANTHONY VESSELLA <i>(Write-in)</i></p>	<p>Born right here in Michigan (Detroit), spending life growing up between Brighton-South Lyon-Ann Arbor; I've seen a lot of changes over the years many exciting, some in need of assistance.</p> <p>I'm a blessed family guy with Angela, the love of my life and our beautiful angels. I served 17 years in Our Military serving (no break in service) in both the US Navy and Michigan Army National Guard as a Hospital Corpsman, SR EVAC Medic and Instructor. I also serve God in local ministries and in prayer for others. So my life has been largely spent in the service of aiding and helping others. A friend suggested that with my experiences and skill I should run. So I prayed about it. My life has been serving others so why not South Lyon!?</p> <p>As a Navy Corpsman, Army Medic, Ambulance EMS you're trained to quickly assess a situation (approx 60sec) and determine the best actions to save someone.</p> <p>That's what I'd like to help South Lyon with, solutions to our problems, stop the bleeding! And help grow our city.</p> <p>I would like you to know I AM NOT a Politician! I go in help it's what I do, that's me.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Stagnant Growth in Business and non-existent city image 2). No voice for the people or businesses and their wants and desires 3). Abhorrent traffic, too many big semi-trucks, and speeding 4). Our Kids their safety, protection and things for them to do. 5). Respect for Our SLPD need for more officers, bike officers, citizen patrols/help 6). Regulation of redundancy in business' allowed too open and business hours 7). Need for a civic/activity center, community gardens, more city events and foot traffic
<p>BRANDON TRENT YOPP <i>(Write-in)</i></p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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4 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL for THREE 4-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for City Council</p> <p>THREE 4-year terms <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>JOYCE CLOHOSEY 302 Lyon Blvd. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>I am running for City Council to have a positive impact on the city’s financial situation, as well as a positive impact on the services residents receive, and infrastructure such as the downtown area. As a resident and property owner in South Lyon I am motivated to work to keep and make South Lyon a desirable place to live and patronize.</p> <p>Biography: Eastern Michigan University -Bachelor of Science/Business Minor, Schoolcraft College -Associates of Science -Associates of Arts/Business (Honors), Business/Medical Practice Management Experience, 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Experience</p>	<p>1. Fiscal Responsibility: Require fiscal responsibility rather than tax increases to solve budgetary issues. Continuing to raise taxes and thus the burden on homeowners, is not the solution to budgetary shortfalls, lack of budget controls, and smart spending practices. Taxpayers funds should be treated with the utmost respect and responsibility.</p> <p>2. City Infrastructure Needs & Downtown District Encourage development of Volunteer Park, playgrounds, and sidewalk connectivity by pursuing grants and private funding, as well as department funding. Surrounding communities are improving their walking trails which build value in their community through grants. We have a great Rail Trail system and as a community we could benefit from pursuing these types of funds for improvements and maintenance. We have a growing Downtown and I would be an advocate for new businesses and events that want to call South Lyon home. Many efforts have been made and they need to continue in earnest.</p> <p>3. Seniors We have a large senior population. I would work to bring improved senior programming and support.</p>

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<p>GLENN KIVELL 235 W. Lake South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p>My wife and I have lived in South Lyon since 1987 and raised three children in our downtown home. I have 20 years of City Council experience and I have never been more excited about the position of our downtown and its growing vitality. I've always been deeply engaged in finding the proper balance of government's role in people's lives and I have held true to the idea that if you think things could be done better, don't complain about it, be involved in making things better. My intention is to continue with that work.</p>	<p>Our Downtown is an important key to our future and continuing to support its growth and blend of businesses tops the list of priorities. City Council's role should be to provide an environment for businesses to thrive and encourage under-performing areas to be redeveloped for more business opportunities and additional foot traffic.</p> <p>Another priority is enhancement of existing parkland and further development of Volunteer Park to help our sports leagues meet their increasing need for ball fields. City Council will need to help solicit sponsors to offset construction costs and work closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission to strategize fund raising events to further help that cause.</p> <p>And finally, continuing to work on ways to stretch every tax dollar to accomplish as much as possible toward providing the high level of services our residents and businesses throughout the city enjoy.</p>
<p>CARL W. RICHARDS P. O. Box 504, South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>ROSE WALTON 365 Hampton Ct. South Lyon, MI 48178</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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