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2021 General Election Voter Guide

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Vote Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Who May Vote?

In order to vote in Michigan, you must be registered with the Department of State. To register you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old by election day, a resident of the city or township where you register for at least 30 days, and not serving a sentence in jail or prison. Registration is permanent as long as the resident continues to live in the city or township where registered.

Due to passage of a 2018 statewide ballot proposal, a citizen may register to vote, up to and on election day, and is automatically registered to vote when applying for, renewing or updating a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines. **Check the Michigan Voter Information Center – MVIC – (www.michigan.gov/vote)** or contact your local clerk for details about how and where to register.

How Do You Vote?

The procedure involves these steps:

1. Complete an application to vote.
2. An election inspector checks your name against the computerized list of registered voters for the precinct.
3. Show photo identification or sign an affidavit stating that you're eligible to vote.
4. Vote by using a pen to darken the oval to the right of the candidate's name or Yes / No in the case of a proposal.
5. Tabulate the ballot by inserting it into the optical scanner.

You may receive assistance when voting from anyone except an employer, union, or their representatives. Election officials may assist you, in which case two inspectors (one from each major political party), will give assistance. Instructions in using voting equipment are available online at the Michigan Voter Information Center (www.michigan.gov/vote).

About Voter Identification

A provision of Michigan election law **requires voters to either present picture identification or sign an affidavit if they do not have picture identification with them.**

The following are acceptable forms of photo identification (ID), assuming they are current and a picture is provided:

- Michigan driver's license or personal ID
- Non-Michigan driver's license or personal ID
- Federal or state government-issued ID
- U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Student ID—high school or accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal ID card

A Kalamazoo County ID Card is NOT acceptable. If the voter does not have an acceptable photo ID in his or her possession when offering to vote, that voter may sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of a photo ID. A voter who completes an affidavit will be allowed to vote a regular ballot.

Write-in Candidates

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of that person in the blank space provided for that office and darken the oval.

Votes for write-in candidates are counted only for persons who have declared their intent, at the appropriate jurisdiction, to be write-in candidates by 4 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the election—October 22. Names of write-in candidates will be available after that date on the Michigan Voter Information Center website (www.michigan.gov/vote).

Are You Registered & Who's on Your Ballot?

The Voter Information Center on the Michigan Secretary of State website allows voters to confirm their registration status, obtain information on the location of their polling place, view a sample ballot and obtain other election-related information. Go to www.michigan.gov/vote. Enter your name, birth month and year, and zip code.

For Students

The State of Michigan allows students to register to vote at a permanent address (a parent's address, for example) or at a school address. It is important to know that the address on your voter registration must match the address on your driver's license. Registering to vote will change the address found on your driver's license, if you register at a different address. Likewise, if you change the address on your driver's license, the address of your voter registration will be changed to match. **You can vote only in the precinct where you are registered**, so take that into consideration when you complete a voter registration form or renew your license. Students who choose to register at their parents' address may request an absentee ballot to be sent to their campus address—and not have to change the address on their driver's license.

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Absent Voter Ballots

With passage of a 2018 ballot proposal, all eligible and registered Michigan voters may request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

How do I receive the ballot?

You can:

1. Call your city or township clerk and ask that an application be mailed to you. Complete the application, including your signature, and mail it, scan and email it, or deliver it in person to the clerk.
2. Download an application from the Michigan Voter Information Center – MVIC – (www.michigan.gov/vote), then complete and return it as for option 1.
3. Apply online at MVIC. You will need to submit information from your driver's license, as well as the last four digits of your social security number. Your digital signature kept on file for your driver's license or state ID must match the signature on your ballot when you return it.

Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. If you are already registered at your current address, you can pick up an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If you are registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on election day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. Ballots are available 45 days before the election and requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately.

When must absent voter ballots be returned to the clerk?

At the time of publishing this Guide, the deadline for returning ballots to the clerk's office is 8 p.m. on election day.

The League of Women Voters recommends that you use a ballot drop box or deliver your ballot to the clerk's office in person. If you use the postal service to deliver your ballot, place it in the mail no later than October 18 to allow adequate time.

Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file.

There are instructions included with the ballot regarding who is eligible to return a ballot on behalf of a voter. For further information, contact your city or township clerk.

Did my ballot arrive?

Registered voters can track their ballots by looking up their information on the MVIC website. (www.michigan.gov/vote)

Editors' Note

The League of Women Voters (LWV) contacted candidates for biographical information and answers to questions on issues. Those known to have filed a declaration of intent to be write-in candidates at the time of printing this Voter Guide were included. Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated after the limit was reached. Responses were printed as submitted; spelling, punctuation and grammar were not changed. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.

The order of parties in the Voter Guide is the same as their order on the ballot, which is determined by Michigan Election Law. Non-partisan candidates are in alphabetical order.

The LWV of the Kalamazoo Area provided information about local candidates. The LWV of Michigan provided information about state candidates, and the LWV of the U.S. about national candidates.

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Kalamazoo City Commission & Mayor

Questions

1. Why are you running for Kalamazoo City Commissioner/Mayor? What strengths or talents qualify you for that office?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. What have City leaders done well in their response to the pandemic? Are there tactics that you would adopt for the future?
4. What are the likely effects of climate change on the City? What new measures, if any, should the Commission support to avoid them?

Kalamazoo City Commission

Four-year term for the three who get the most votes

Two-year term for the fourth highest vote-getter to fill a vacancy

Vote for up to four

Description: City Commissioners are elected representatives of the citizens of Kalamazoo. The Commission provides leadership and policy direction for the community and all municipal government activities with a focus on the long-term financial stability of the city and identification of community priorities. The Commission consists of seven members, including the Mayor. Commission members are elected to four-year terms staggered every two years.

Steven Chandler

Age 37. 1310 Palmer Ave. VP of Sales and Marketing. Attended Cedarville University. Having grown up in the military as my father served, I moved all over the US and Europe. I have a world-wide perspective that enables me to see challenges and solutions in a unique way. As a local small business owner, I see and experience the many issues businesses and non-profit organizations face in Kalamazoo, and I strive to continually educate myself to help solve our unique local issues. Campaign Phone: (269) 599-3775. Email: chandlerforcommissioner@gmail.com. Website: <http://chandlerforcommissioner.wordpress.com>. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Steven-Chandler-for-Commissioner-105260258545534>.

1. To make a difference. It seems like these days, politicians are too concerned with re-election that they fail to do their job to the fullest extent while they are in their current office. If elected, I will do everything in my power to serve the people of Kalamazoo, a city I love, the best I can while I am in office. If at the end of the term people want me to continue to serve and re-elect me, excellent. If not, then don't vote for me. The main strength I have is the courage to do what is right regardless of the opposition or the popular opinion.
2. Two biggest issues are affordable housing and job creation. I would work with not only local officials, but also state and federal officials if possible to help decrease housing and construction costs. I would also like to minimize or eliminate road blocks that business owners face when it comes to expanding their businesses to help create as many jobs as possible, and thereby facilitate the overall economic growth of this city as well.
3. They have done well in following state and federal guidelines when it comes to the pandemic. The tactics I would adopt for the future would be to actually look at the science, and not just be told "It's science", and then make an informed and educated decision about what works best for our particular community. Issues that New York City is facing, cannot be used to determine policy in Kalamazoo. Just like every individual person is different, so too are communities. What is right for Kalamazoo may not be right for another city. We need to work towards empowering our community to prosper, and not just doing what other cities are doing.
4. The most likely effects of climate change on Kalamazoo would be flooding. New measures that should be taken would be to design a solid infrastructure plan so that it not only takes care of the current issues, but also will be able to handle continued growth so that we don't have to run into the issues that cities like Detroit are facing as Kalamazoo grows in the coming decades. We need to have a plan for when Kalamazoo's population is 4-5 times what it is now. If we take population growth into account now as new construction happens we will be able to protect our citizens better in the future.

Don Cooney

Age 84. 1221 Vassar St. Associate Professor; School of Social Work; Western Michigan University. Ph.D. Bryn Mawr. M.A. Fordham University. M.Div. Mary Immaculate Seminary. I have served 22 years on Kalamazoo City Commission; More than 50 years experience working in communities as an organizer, advocate, developer. My education, training, experience has prepared me to work for justice and community development. I teach courses and every day do research on Social Policy, Social Change, Community Organizing; Strong, wide relations; 44 years of activism in Kalamazoo. Campaign Phone: (269) 349-3027. Email: donald.cooney@wmich.edu. Facebook Page: cooneyforkalamazoo.

1. After 2 years away I run again for 3 reasons: 1. There is a crisis in the City: Almost 40% of working families barely meet basic needs and couldn't handle a \$300 emergency; too many of our young people, especially Black children, live in situations without the supports necessary for success. 2. After a year of more people on the streets than in any time in our history there is a new consciousness that the present situation is unsustainable. 3. There are new resources available to support the needed changes. I believe Kalamazoo can be a national model, a City of justice for all its people. City Government has a part to play in that.
2. Economic and Racial inequality. People are working but not earning enough to support their families. A history of discrimination and injustice has left too any Black and Brown families without access to resources needed for a fully human life. The City must put these issues at the very top of its agenda. It must use its economic and human resources to create necessary supports. It must advocate for support from the Federal Government in housing, education, skill development, family support. It must be the catalyst to mobilize Kalamazoo's great resources for a collective response that builds on best practices, is measurable, accountable.
3. The City has worked well with the County Health Department to educate people about CDC guidelines and best practices. They have worked hard to make vaccinations available. They have worked with community groups, notably Mothers of Hope and Churches to create vaccination Centers in the neighborhoods. They have urged people to get vaccinated and wear masks when needed. They have held meetings on line and made them accessible. They should continue these practices and work closely with the neighborhood Associations to make sure information and resources reach everyone.
4. Flooding, oppressive heat, dangerous storms, property damage. Carbon Dioxide is the driver and the City must do everything it can to eliminate its expulsion into the atmosphere. This includes weatherizing buildings, electrifying vehicles, recycling. The City should end investments in coal and oil companies, take every opportunity to educate citizens on best practices,

join with the National League of Cities in advocating for action at the National level. City should explore possibility of supporting installation of solar panels on people's homes and creating solar panel complexes especially on undevelopable contaminated land.

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1. Im running for Kalamazoo city commission, because I dont hear the voices if working poor, unemployed, and homeless lifted up. My strengths and lived experiences are: an eviction, being working poor, and formerly owing back child support, until july 2nd of this year.
2. Two major issues are: homelessness, and inequality. I will address these issues, by constantly raising the questions, and actually talking and listening to people experiencing homeless and inequality.
3. City leaders have emphasized getting vaccinated and wearing masks. What needs to be done in the future is to emphasize the science and shoot down the conspiracy theories.
4. Likely effects of climate change are both: heatstroke, freezing, and high home heating costs. There should be cooling centers, and assistance for low income people to pay their heating bill.

Stephanie Hoffman

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1. Simply, I love our city. I am a proud graduate of Western Michigan University and resident of the Vine neighborhood. I have been fortunate to have made lasting connections and memories in places like Bronson Park, where I have organized multiple rallies to uplift our city. Kalamazoo is a place where we can combat some of the challenges and hardships we see in the world. I believe that if we work together, we can be happy and enjoy where we work, play and live. I'm running to be a listening ear and change agent for our citizens. As a community organizer I know first hand the struggles that we face and I'm ready to take them on!
2. (a) Climate Change: 1. Working towards one hundred percent clean energy: this should be seen in our buildings and transportation—we should work towards being carbon neutral by 2030. 2. Taking on environmental racism: Your quality of life, air and water should not be determined by the color of your skin. 3. Support the Green New Deal locally. (b) COVID-19: We are experiencing tax defaults and foreclosures as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. People cannot work, cannot pay their taxes, and we need a leaders who will work with people to give them time to settle their accounts. I would use any surplus city funds to help citizens in need.
3. Our current commission has done well in regards to keeping our citizens safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, as the variants of COVID-19 rose, our city buildings required face coverings in accordance with CDC recommendations. The simple tactic of following science is a skill I will adopt for the future. We must keep our citizens safe and listen to those who are professionals in the health field.
4. We are already seeing the effects of climate change on our city. We currently have national coverage of a family experiencing increased breathing difficulties and asthma due to a nearby factory. We must address these issues head on. Due to the state already studying rates of asthma and air quality, I will follow their findings and take measures to make sure we don't have more families facing hardships and death due to inadequate environment protection measures. As your next city commisioner I will champion incentives for citizens and bussinesses that help protect our air, water and soil.

James Mitchell

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1. My primary motivation is concern for the disproportionately high property taxes compared to neighboring governmental units. In recent years, I have seen 3 neighbors forced to leave because they couldn't afford the tax increases. This condition especially impacts Seniors and others on fixed incomes. In addressing my concerns I would never advocate for a city income tax. That would be a severe blow in attracting new residents and businesses. Based on my occupational history, I have gained perspective from both the public and private sector. I have the ability to listen to people's needs and wants and interpret them into viable solutions.
2. (a) Sustaining current level of services. The infrastructure is aging and I believe reserves are

Kalamazoo City Commission, continued

inadequate to cover repairs. The city is also landlocked which limits the growth of tax generating properties. I do not share the current enthusiasm that the \$400 million dollar donation will solve this problem. The anticipated \$24 million dollar revenue only covers about 11% of operating expenses. I believe that inflation could devastate planned budget projections and all discretionary projects may have to be eliminated. (b) Controlling crime and drug abuse is the key to an effective solution.

3. I suppose the most qualified people to answer this question are the city employees themselves and I will listen to their observations. I do, however, have problems with the inconsistent signage at City Hall on hours of service. On top of the City Clerk's door it is indicated they are open until 5 pm yet City Hall closes at 3. For future responses to Covid issues, I would defer to the Kalamazoo County Health Department.

4. Contrary to popular opinion, the question of climate change is not a settled issue. The danger for the City is investing in unproven technologies that may not work. Solar panels are not a recent invention but actually go back to the 1980's when fluid circulating panel systems were promoted as a way to replace gas furnaces. A local example of that failure is at the MDot regional office at 1501 Kilgore Rd. The panels were removed and replaced with corrugated sheet metal. Also KPS electric school buses range is so limited that drivers are afraid to use them for field trips. They also include diesel fuel tanks in order to heat buses in winter.

Mayor of Kalamazoo

Two-year term — Vote for one

Description: The Mayor is a member of the Commission with the same duties as other members and serves as the representative of the City.

David Anderson

Age 70. 513 Stuart Avenue. Director of Housing and Facilities, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo Mayor. Kalamazoo Central Graduate. Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy, WMU. 16 years on Kalamazoo City Commission, including two as Vice Mayor and two as Mayor. Founding member of Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission. 25 years on LIFT Foundation Board. Former President of West Douglas Neighborhood Association. Former Chair of Kalamazoo Central High School PTSO. Former Chair of Hillside Middle School PTSO. 12 years as Liaison to City Environmental Concerns Committee. Campaign Phone: (269) 344-2169. Email: dfa.kazoo@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.anderson4kzoo.com>. Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/KalamazooMayor. Twitter Handle: @Anderson4Kzoo.

1. I care deeply about the community I live in and have a profound belief and commitment to governance that serves all, not just a few. I bring experience, knowledge, and the capacity to move Kalamazoo to be an even greater place to live, and to attract others who want to live here as well. My broad range of community relationships and extensive experience in city government help me work for a community in which people live out their own hopes and dreams.
2. Gun violence has been an increasing issue in many communities, including ours. Hand in hand with that goes the question of how to create safe neighborhoods. To address both, I will continue the city's efforts to reduce income disparity and increase access to economic opportunity. Public safety, training and education, entrepreneurship, and affordable housing also all play a part in reducing violence and moving the city toward better economic and social equality.
3. As the pandemic began to spread, we moved fast to provide approximately two million dollars in grants and loans to struggling community businesses. We pivoted to holding virtual meet-

ings to protect public health, allowing more people to engage, while still honoring the Open Meetings Act. We worked, and continue to work, closely with the County Health Department to make sure our policies and practices keep members of the City of Kalamazoo team and residents safe. We continue to explore and utilize additional access opportunities for public meetings via a virtual portal.

4. It is likely we will experience more extreme weather events in the years ahead, including heat and cold, and rain and drought. As such, the city's lower elevations may be subject to flooding from the Kalamazoo River. We will support initiatives designed to reduce flooding, weatherproof homes to build in resiliency against dangerous weather extremes and will continue to ramp up non-motorized transportation infrastructure and tree planting. We're replacing old cast iron water mains with ductile iron, which is less prone to cracking and leakage, and improving our storm water collection system.

Benjamin Stanley

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1. We need to address mental health and transparency. I have used, seen and observed others (try to) use the services available... they are broken. What makes me qualified? Really... I care that the childhood suicide rate has gone up something like 600%! I am qualified because im willing to speak truth to power, im qualified because im willing to imagine a better future, and I am not worried about a fatter wallet, live a happy life in a safe and trama reduced community. Right now the city only responds if your able to force them (angry mobs, expensive lawsuits, you know, make it harder not to comply kind of stuff) this is not productive.
2. Mental health and transparency. When somebody is in distress, when they are past their breaking point, when they feel like there is no point in carrying on... Right now today, Our solution is called the police, their response is arrest or at least charge in many situations. If the person is not mentally well, i have a hard time understanding how breaking them down more will solve the problem. Call me crazy. Try to find an agenda for the next FFE meeting on the city webpage, it does not exist. This is the board that is deciding how to allocate the \$500,000,000. What a novel idea, allow the public to at least follow along, its a joke
3. For a while they made it so all meetings where available online at anytime from live, until forever. This increased public participation dramatically, this was a positive this. However, some boards are refusing to meet in person, while others are refusing to meet digitally, some are not recording themselves anymore or posting online. They had a great idea, but for some reason not sticking with it. DCM Chamberlain said the cost to do this for every board all the time is nominal, so why aren't we doing it. Let's see a hybrid option for those that want one, in the 21st century, this should be a cinch, ill record them on my phone, there, done.
4. Everybody thinks the river is toxic, they make jokes about third eyes and tails like its a Simpsons episode. This is sad to me, our river is beautiful, experts say it's perfectly fine to wade and swim in, just don't drink it or eat things that drink it for now, maybe one day we can clean it so we can do that too. Id love to see more parks that highlight the river and work the river into the landscape, right now there are 30+ feet of trees or brush between trails/parks/building/concrete walls; and the river. Im not saying cut them all down, but what if we adored the river, and splashed out feet in it, rathe than feared it. Long term thoughts.

Parchment City Commission

Questions

1. Why are you running for Parchment City Commissioner? What strengths or talents qualify you for that office?

2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.

3. What have City leaders done well in their response to the pandemic? Are there tactics that you would adopt for the future?

4. Parchment's new Master Plan calls for creative use of the former paper mill property. With the new Master Plan in mind, describe your ideas for the development of the mill site.

Four-year term — Vote for up to four

Description: The Parchment City Commission consists of seven members elected at-large by the citizens of Parchment to serve staggered four-year terms. As the elected leaders of the community, the City Commission sets the strategic direction of the City, makes all city policy decisions, approves purchases (above \$2,500), adopts an annual budget, hires a City Manager, approves contracts, reviews regular reports of the City's financial condition and appoints volunteer board and commission members.

Robert Britigan III

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1. I am running for re-election because I love the City of Parchment and want to continue moving our initiatives forward. My professional career and public service experience uniquely qualifies me for the position. I have served on the Parchment City Commission since 2005 including many years as Vice Mayor and the past 4 years as Mayor. I am active in the real estate management industry and Pesident of Midlink Business Park. I am solution oriented and my professional training has proven invaluable in leading our City through the PFAS water crisis, rescission of the mill property, and Covid-19 pandemic.
2. The two major issues facing the City of Parchment during the next two years are: 1) Economic development and 2) Infrastructure improvements. Economic development is needed to expand the City's tax base and generate more revenue. This will be accomplished by continuing redevelopment of the mill property. Abandoned and blighted buildings are currently being repurposed and efforts will continue to attract new businesses to Parchment. Improvements are needed to extend the useful life of our storm and sanitary sewer systems. Many local streets need repaving. Planning for these infrastructure projects is in progress.
3. Public health and safety is always a priority. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Parchment has followed the recommendations of experts at the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department regarding office hours, masking, vaccinations and public

gatherings. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each citizen to take precautionary measures that prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

4. We have an opportunity to increase the City's tax base by promoting sustainable development. The Master Plan, along with the recently adopted PUD zoning for the mill site, gives potential developers the flexibility to design and build projects of diverse uses. We should encourage businesses that take advantage of available infrastructure and are conscientious about quality of life conditions.

Michael Conner

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Tammy Cooper

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1. I am running for city commissioner because I want to be involved in decision making that will affect the future of Parchment. I am a homeowner and I have a young child who is about to enter the Parchment school system. I want to ensure that we develop long term financial solutions for our city that not only protect our autonomy, but also grow our property values and support our schools. I love Parchment's unique attributes and strong sense of community, but we have work to do. My dedication, shown by my involvement with the water issues, along with my knowledge of political science and finance make me a great candidate for city commissioner.

Parchment City Commision, continued

2. The most pressing issue that Parchment must deal with is the need to increase revenue. One way to do so would be to invest in a trail that would make the mill property a state focus. We need to apply for funding for remediation, and look at the site as an opportunity for a long term investment. We also need to bring in new, unique businesses and improve our park to make Parchment an appealing destination to visit. Another pressing issue is the need to make sure that residents are fully satisfied with our police contract and the police presence here in town. We must work with Kalamazoo to ensure that the contract meets our community needs.
3. City leaders have made commission meetings accessible via Zoom, and they have supported city employees in making sure that our city office is a safe location for workers and residents by implementing safety measures. The city maintains a website and has been consistently responsive to residents over the phone, which has been a great help. The city commission must continue to work with the city office to make sure that residents are able to have their practical needs met quickly, while also finding ways to encourage participation in city government. Virtual meetings would be a great long term tool to increase community involvement.
4. The mill property needs to be properly dealt with. We cannot ignore the contamination there, and we must start to see the potential in development of the site. The property could become an asset rather than a liability. We must work with the city planning commission that has developed plans for conversion of the property to a nature trail. Only by working together can we demand state accountability and push for maximum funding for cleanup and development. If we were to hook up a trail to the Kalamazoo trail, we would have endless opportunities to encourage traffic through Parchment and make the city appealing to new businesses.

Deric Jordan

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1. I am running for office because Parchment is becoming more diverse and needs a more diverse and inclusive Commissioner. What makes me qualified is that I am an educated resident of this community who only has the best interest of it's residents at heart. My votes will be what the people want, not what some party or organization wants.
2. I think two major issues facing Parchment is the idleness of some of the youth and the influx of meth amphetamines in the community. As leaders we must keep our youth involved in positive activities and identity those selling and creating meth labs.
3. I feel the city leaders have done a good job at following the medical science and precautions put forth while also not trying to infringe on people's personal freedoms. This isn't a control issue, it's a health and safety issue.
4. I would like to see affordable housing for the elderly and or a youth development center.

Thomas Jordan

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Michael Sanford

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1. I am running because I want to serve my community. I want to make sure that Parchment is a safe and vibrant city as we move forward. I think that we need to provide funding for a police department that is accountable to the residents of this city. We also need to expand access to the Kalamazoo River—the River and the Glenn Allen Island Nature Preserve are an asset for the city and ought to be a major focus of the Commission going forward. I am adept at coalition building and finding consensus. I am experienced in law enforcement and parks and recreation. The 2021 City Master Plan talks about expanding park land and I can help us to do that.
2. The lack of accountable police services and demolition of the old mill site. Currently the KTPD serves a population of about 23,500. Parchment represents less than 8% of this population. We pay \$369,000 this year for police services and do not seem to get that level of service. I have examined similar sized city budgets and believe that we could have a police department again for 43 cents a day for a family of 4. The old mill has been a scar on our city for 2 decades, developers will never take on demolition and what it may entail. We are going to need to demolish the site, there are grants and funds available, I will work to find them.
3. I think the City leaders have done a good job on pandemic response, they closed City hall and conducted City business via Zoom, these are good things. As you know the novel coronavirus is currently mutating and remains a challenge, that we must beware of. With the increased frequency of epidemics of the flu and coronaviruses, it would be good for the City to develop an emergency response plan for the City. My experience and training in public safety and emergency management can be an asset to the City. We need ensure that we have an accessible emergency plan, FEMA has guidelines, training and resources for this that can benefit the City.
4. First and foremost — we all know the old mill must go! Until the mill is demolished, we cannot move forward, the 20 year long period of indecision, trial and error needs to end. Decisive leadership is going to have to make concrete steps toward demolition of this ugly relic of our industrial past. The Master Plan calls for environmentally sustainable development of the site, I would like to see us explore a solar energy array on some of the 67 acres. A portion of the site could be an indoor flea market that would allow people who do arts and crafts to sell their wares. Develop pocket parks and a sculpture honoring paper workers on the site.

Portage City Council & Mayor

Questions

1. Why are you running for Portage City Council/Mayor? What strengths or talents qualify you for that office?
2. What are the two major issues confronting the City in the next two years? Briefly explain your choices and how you propose to address them.
3. What have City leaders done well in their response to the pandemic? Are there tactics that you would adopt for the future?
4. What are the likely effects of climate change on the City? What new measures, if any, should the Council support to avoid them?

Portage City Council

Four-year term — Vote for up to three

Description: The City Council is responsible for adopting and amending city laws and ordinances, determining city policies and standards, and authorizing the annual city budget. The Council also determines city tax millage rates and utility rates, approves contracts and agreements for the city, and directs the City Manager. The City Council consists of seven members, including the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council members are elected to four-year terms staggered every two years. Three Council members are elected every two years.

Lisa Brayton

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1. I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve the great city of Portage. I am very passionate about helping people and am determined to continue to make Portage a fantastic place to live and prosper. Having run a business, a charity, and having a positive influence in the lives of children, I feel I have the passion and experience to have a pulse on our community and it's needs. Being in health care for 35 years will be most beneficial with handling of covid 19, and any other diseases, as infectious disease is my specialty. Education is key.
2. The investment in infrastructure and the investment in people.
3. City leaders have done the best they could with the information available to them. They were stellar in promoting Pfizer and promoting a sense of pride as they were rolling out the vaccine.
4. Changing the climate is likely to increase the frequency of floods in Michigan. As severe rainstorms become more frequent and more intense, flooding will increase the risk of sewage overflows and water contamination. Protecting our water and our utility infrastructure should be a priority for this commission

Victor Ledbetter

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1. I am running for Portage City Council to serve my community with the best interests of all of our residents and visitors at heart. My qualifying strengths and talents stem from my lived and career experiences. I am currently the Director of the KVCC Law Enforcement Training Center, and retired as a Captain (in 2017) from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety after 25 years of service. My experiences as an administrator, public servant, husband, father, and 28-year Portage resident have abundantly prepared me to serve on the Portage City Council.
2. Issue #1 - Developing affordable housing: This is a nationwide issue and our community is not exempt. Kalamazoo County voters passed the 'Homes for All' millage last November. We have a responsibility to work collaboratively with our county government colleagues and advocacy organizations to work toward viable solutions in our city as well. Issue #2 - Continuous economic development: We want to continue to be an attractive community where businesses want to take root, and grow and thrive for the long haul. Successful businesses add to our tax base, provide jobs, and bring people to our community to shop and/or acquire services.
3. City leaders have done well with pivoting with the pandemic/situation at hand, and keeping people safe. From virtual Council meetings, to appointment-only in-person meetings with city departments, to continuing on with the business of our city, to keeping our community informed, City of Portage employees and the Council did the best that we could under the circumstances. For the future, we should keep in mind not "going back to the way it was" if that means barriers that were removed would be re-instituted. City of Portage residents and employees should be able to access services and information in the easiest ways possible.
4. With increasing temperatures and increased heavy precipitation, to mention a couple of the current effects of climate change that is affecting the world, we need to do all that we can to change this issue. We are the "Tree City" so we should be in the forefront of doing things to improve the green house effect. The City has purchased electric vehicles and will install electric charging stations. It's a slow process, but we are moving in the right direction. We should support and encourage collective community efforts — energy efficiency and other programs suggested by those who are studying this issue to reverse or slow climate change.

Portage City Council and Mayor, continued

Terry Urban

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Partial (two-year) term — Vote for one

Tara Gish

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1. I'm the right candidate to move Portage forward with fresh and innovative leadership. In over ten years of professional experience, I have held leadership positions at both nonprofit and for-profit organizations. I know what it takes to lead teams and see large projects through to completion. I'm experienced in examining complex information, communicating ideas, and making decisions supported by careful analysis. I have been active in the Portage community as a member of the Park Board for the past three years and am currently the vice chair. I routinely work with city staff and am a familiar face around City Hall.
2. Government Accessibility: We need to be intentional about broadening opportunities for civic engagement. I believe that cities are strongest when citizens are civically engaged. We need to leverage new technologies to promote resident engagement. I will develop, implement, and communicate opportunities for collaboration and engagement. Responsible Economic Development: My vision for supporting and growing the City's economy operates on multiple fronts. I will support diversifying our economic base to promote a healthy mix of small businesses and large employers. I will actively promote placemaking to catalyze job creation and income growth.
3. City leadership has done a great job ensuring that essential services have continued to run with limited interruptions or delays. They have also ensured the community has safe enrichment events where possible. They have adopted a hybrid virtual/in-person format for City Council meetings to keep access to these meetings open. To combat the affects of the pandemic, I will explore the strategic use of existing federal block grants to address pandemic related health problems, information access, and job losses among our most vulnerable populations. Social equity must be incorporated in pandemic recovery efforts, especially at the local level.
4. Flooding of lakes and potential ground water contamination from flooding: The City should invest in and maintain green storm water infrastructure. Increase of pests that create health concerns for residents: Ticks and mosquitoes continue to boom due to climate warming and later winters. The City should work with the Environmental Board to establish short term and long term mitigation strategies. Invasive species: More frequent and extreme weather stresses native species and create opportunities for movement of invasive species. The City should engage residents and park visitors to monitor and report occurrences of invasive species.

Lori Knapp

Age 60. 3131 Woodhams Ave. Portage City Councilmember; retired attorney; community board member. 1986: LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. 1983: B.A. University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. 1 term on City Council. Attorney (real property law). Community leadership: City's Board of Review; nonprofit boards including Portage Community Center (PCC), Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Kalamazoo Singers. Council committees: PCC liaison; Sewer and Water Rate; Kalamazoo County Public Arts Commission; Communications; Lake Center; Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board. Campaign Phone: (269) 324-0178. Email: loriknapp4@gmail.com. Website: <http://loriknappforportage.com>. Facebook Page: [loriknappforportage](https://www.facebook.com/loriknappforportage).

1. During my first term in office I have learned how to be an effective elected leader for Portage. I have brought a new voice and a fresh perspective to Council matters, gained critical insight into City business, and teamed with the rest of Council to develop a proactive, collaborative and thoughtful approach to discussion and decision-making. It has been a forward-thinking, results-oriented, successful four years for Council. I plan to continue this momentum, building on my experience as a Councilmember and on my skills as a problem-solver, facilitator, negotiator, and communicator. I look forward to continuing to serve the City.
2. The first issue is our changing retail landscape. We must creatively adapt City planning and work with retailers and commercial property owners, particularly in the Westnedge corridor (including Crossroads Mall), to ensure viability and vitality in this sector. Zoning considerations, collaboration with community partners, and economic development strategies will be key. The second issue is choosing our next City Manager. This person must dynamically lead a growing and changing city, anticipate and appropriately respond to community issues, and capably manage a committed team. Council will need to be thorough, thoughtful and open-minded.
3. The City managed many things well. We revised and regularly reviewed our budget to reflect changing fiscal circumstances. We strengthened relationships with our partners county wide as governmental responses evolved. When City buildings reopened, safety measures were implemented to protect both the public and staff, including strict cleaning protocols and continued remote access to public meetings. Keeping our parks open was a key decision to help provide for the continued well-being of our community. Hybrid meetings and enhanced cleaning are suited for ongoing policy, and all of these tactics are well-suited to adopt for future crises.
4. More volatile storms with extreme rainfall are likely. This trend is already apparent, impacting our water table and increasing flood risks. The City should continue to support climate change reduction strategies generally. Specifically it should support enhanced collaboration with EGLE and DNR to develop measures that ensure protection of our natural environment, reduce flood risk and mitigate the negative impact of impermeable surfaces. Building codes and development standards should reflect such drainage measures. Planning for sewer and water improvements, and emergency responses, should incorporate potential for extreme weather events.

Mayor of Portage

Two-year term — Vote for one

Description: The Mayor is the presiding officer and member of the Council with all the powers and duties of that office, including the right and duty to vote on questions before the Council. The Mayor also advises the Council and makes recommendations concerning the legislative and policy-making affairs of the City. The Mayor is elected every two years.

Patricia Randall

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1. I have had the privilege of serving the residents of Portage for the past four years as their Mayor. I bring a passion for improving our city and a common sense approach to implementing change to the role as Mayor. I have built strong relationships on the council, within city hall, within the community and with other leaders in our state and region. By working together and building consensus, we all experience an enhanced quality of life.
2. The City Council of Portage is in the process of filling the position of City Manager. We are seeking a dynamic leader with experience in municipal leadership, a vision to take our city forward and the willingness to make Portage home. Our retail corridor on Westnedge and the Crossroads Mall are feeling the shift in consumer trends from bricks and mortar to online purchasing. COVID accelerated this decline. We need to be creative and receptive to new uses and modify current zoning to allow for change. The City must work together with developers, state leadership and the citizens of Portage to redefine and maximize this entire area.
3. The City of Portage kept all of our parks open for public use throughout the entire pandemic. People needed the open space to help deal with the isolation we were all experiencing. Our council and staff learned to work remotely and still retain the high level of services our citizens deserve and expect. The awareness of public health and safety will continue with additional cleaning, plexiglass dividers and the option of a high bred approach of in person and virtual attendance for public meetings.
4. Like most of Michigan, we have been dealing with one hundred year highs of water levels in our lakes, ponds, creek and bog. In conjunction with EAGLE, we are looking at ways to mitigate these fluctuation levels to avoid excessive water on our roads, public and personal properties. Extreme weather has many consequences that often require action by our Public Works and Public Safety Departments. Continual training will continue to offer the best responses possible.

www.VOTE411.org Election Information You Need

The content of this Guide is available online at www.lwvka.org and www.VOTE411.org.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, VOTE411.org contains information about many races across the country, with content published as it was submitted by candidates. VOTE411 allows voters to compare candidate responses to questions, as well as offering information on voter registration, ID requirements, and election processes such as absentee voting.

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Check www.vote411.org for responses submitted after this Guide was published.



The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.

—Barbara Jordan

Ballot Proposals

County Of Kalamazoo Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) Millage Renewal

May the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) continue to levy a tax for public transportation purposes of up to 0.3124 mills (31.24¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value)? This millage:

- a) Would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage expiring with the 2021 levy;
- b) Would be levied for five years, 2022 through 2026;
- c) Is estimated to raise \$3,003,000 in its first year; and
- d) Applies to the taxable value of all taxable property within Kalamazoo County.

The KCTA provides on demand public transportation van services to all Kalamazoo County through the Metro Connect Program.

Yes No

See www.Vote411.org for proposals relevant to the City of Galesburg, Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, and Pavilion Township.

Election Security Measures in Michigan

Adapted from the Michigan Bureau of Elections:

“Election Security in Michigan”

“The Appointment, Rights and Duties of Election Challengers and Poll Watchers”

“Election Inspectors Procedure Manual”

Security Best Practices

“Michigan has adopted many national best practices to strengthen our system and ensure our elections are accurate and secure.” This is a list of highlights that the State of Michigan has employed to ensure that your vote counts.

Upgraded voting technology

- Voting machines scan paper ballots through electronic tabulators.
- The tabulators count the votes. The counts can be printed.
- Paper ballots and printed vote counts are kept so they can be recounted and reviewed.
- Voting machines cannot be connected to the internet while ballots are tabulated.
- After the counting is finished and a paper record is created, some jurisdictions may connect the voting machines to the internet to send unofficial results to the county clerk.
- Paper ballots and printed vote counts are delivered to the county clerk in sealed containers that would show evidence of tampering.
- There is no evidence that there has been unauthorized access to voting machines in Michigan or that votes have been changed.

Improved Qualified Voter File system (QVF)

- The Bureau of Elections and clerks use the QVF to maintain the state’s list of registered voters.
- The system has strong security measures to prevent unauthorized access.
- The system is continuously monitored and protected to be sure that it remains accurate.
- Automatic voter registration for all citizens who apply for driver’s licenses or IDs and an online voter registration system help keep voter rolls up to date with reliable information provided by voters.

Participates in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

- ERIC is a system that enables states to access key federal databases so they can check the accuracy of their voter files and resolve any inaccuracies.
- The system allows states to check their records against voting records in other states, as well as death records from the Social Security Administration. It enables states to identify voters who are deceased, are registered in other states, or moved. States can also find names of eligible voters who are not registered, so they can reach out to them and offer an opportunity to register.

Expanded post-election audits

- Using a mathematical formula, auditors in each locality randomly select ballots to confirm that the ballot tabulators correctly counted election results.
- This audit method can detect any irregularities.

Hired full-time election security specialist

- The election security specialist is dedicated to coordinating Michigan’s overall election security plan.
- The specialist also works with state and federal partners to assess, train and communicate with our local election officials on election security best practices.

Improved cooperation among local, state and federal governments

- Michigan works with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other organizations to identify and remedy any vulnerabilities or risks related to potential hacking.
- The Bureau of Elections also partners with DHS, Michigan Cyber Command and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget on county-by-county election assessments. They make recommendations to counties and offer workshops on how to improve election security.

Other accuracy and integrity practices

- Michigan’s election system is primarily administered by more than 1,500 local clerks. That helps safeguard against county- and state-wide problems, because errors or breakdowns are often limited to local jurisdictions.
- A detailed and thorough canvassing and certification process is followed at the county level for each individual precinct. Election results are not official until they have been certified.
- Public testing of voting machines is conducted prior to each election.
- Election precincts are open to the public for observation. Observers are subject to conduct standards established by the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections. For example, they cannot disrupt the voting process, approach or talk to voters, watch voters mark their ballots, touch election equipment, threaten or intimidate voters or election officials, use a camera or recording device, or campaign.
- Performance-based audits are conducted to verify completion of election tasks.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

Cities of Kalamazoo, Parchment & Portage

Polls Open Tuesday, November 2, 2021 —7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo City

#1 & 3 Faith Temple Church of God	402 S. Westnedge Ave.
#2 & 4 Bernhard Student Center	Western Michigan University
#5 Arcadia Elementary School	932 Boswell Lane
#6 Kalamazoo RESA West Campus	4606 Croyden Ave.
#7 & 9 Douglass Community Association	1000 W. Paterson St.
#8 & 27 Mt. Zion Baptist Church	120 Roberson St.
#10 Spring Valley Elementary School	3530 Mt. Olivet Rd.
#11 Eastside Community Center	1301 East Main St.
#12 Oakwood Bible Church	4100 Oakland Dr.
#13 & 14 St. Joseph's Catholic School – Bennett Building	930 Lake St.
#15 Washington Writer's Academy	1919 Portage St.
#16 & 18 Milwood Community Church	3306 Lovers Lane
#17 Milwood United Methodist Church	3919 Portage St.
#19 & 25 Southern Heights Christian Reformed Church	4141 E. Hillandale Dr.
#20 Centerpoint City Church	326 W. Cork St.
#21 & 24 Girl Scouts Building	601 W. Maple St.
#22 Winchell Elementary School	2316 Winchell Ave.
#23 Parkwood-Upjohn Elementary School	2321 S. Park St.
#26 Parkview Hills Clubhouse	3707 Greenleaf Circle

Parchment City

#1 Parchment City Hall	650 S. Riverview Dr.
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Portage City

#1 & 15 Portage Public Schools "Dog House" Multipurpose Gym	1000 Idaho Ave.
#2 Goldentree Apartments Community Room	4795 E. Milham Rd.
#3 Portage Senior Center	320 Library Lane
#4 & 6 Lord of Life Lutheran Church	9420 Portage Road
#5, 10 & 12 Portage Schools "Stable" Multipurpose Gym	8305 S. Westnedge Ave.
#7 K-RESA Service Center	1819 E. Milham Rd.
#8 & 14 Chapel Hill United Methodist Church	7028 Oakland Drive
#9 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	1747 W. Milham Ave.
#11 & 19 Kalamazoo First Assembly of God	5550 Oakland Drive
#13 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church	1150 W. Centre Ave.
#16 & 18 The Bridge Church	7200 Angling Road
#17 Pathfinder Church	8740 S. Westnedge Ave
#20 Westminster Presbyterian Church	1515 Helen Ave.

Source: Kalamazoo County Clerk

www.kalcounty.clerk/elections_voting/precinct_maps

These polling locations were current as of the publication of this Guide, but may be subject to change due to Covid-19 considerations. Polling locations are available at www.Michigan.gov/Vote. Choose "Who is my clerk?" to find the specifics for your area.

Campaigning at the Polls

Michigan election law stipulates that individuals who wish to post, display or distribute material that directly or indirectly references an election, candidate or ballot question must conduct their activities at least 100 feet away from a polling place or building entrance in which a polling place is located. The "100 feet rule" applies to the following activities:

- Approaching voters to influence their vote.
- Distributing campaign literature or write-in stickers.
- Displaying signs, posters, or bumper stickers related to election issues.
- Displaying information regarding ballot proposals (this includes the "pro" and "cons" of ballot proposals).
- Attempting to collect petition signatures.
- Soliciting donations, selling tickets or engaging in similar activities.

These activities and materials are also prohibited in hallways used by voters to enter or exit a polling place.

A voter may park a car or other vehicle bearing campaign signs or bumper stickers within 100 feet of the polling place only during the time he or she is voting. Otherwise, vehicles with such signs must be parked at least 100 feet from any entrance to the building in which the polling place is located.

According to Michigan law, election officials may ask voters entering the polls to remove campaign buttons, or to cover clothing bearing any reference to a political party or interest group, campaign slogan or candidate's name. Although voters may bring campaign literature or election information like the LWV Voter Guide with them into the polling place for their own use, election officials may ask them to conceal the materials so that they do not influence other voters. Such materials should not be left behind in the voting station. Election officials periodically check voting stations to make sure they are free of campaign literature.

Based on Election Officials' Manual, Michigan Bureau of Elections, pp. 26-27, updated October 2020.