

# Examine the proposals for Nov. 2 vote decision

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In the year of the long-sued delirious ballot when the issues run the gamut from just to Saudi Arabia, Oakland County voters may well lose sight of close-to-home politics.

But on Nov. 2, when you're standing behind the curtain in a voting booth, you may wish you were better informed about the candidates and issues that could have a greater impact on your life than those more widely publicized.

The League of Women Voters in Oakland County and in Michigan, non-partisan organizations, have published a voter guide to encourage participation in and knowledge of county government. This is part one of a two-part series that may help when you pull those levers between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, less than two weeks from now.

**THE TOP SLOT** is Oakland County Executive where \$45,000-a-year job includes preparing the annual budget and submitting it to the board of commissioners for approval, appointing and supervising heads of county departments and maintaining veto powers over the board.

Seeking reelection to a four-year term is Republican Daniel Murphy, 53, who has had 15 years of experience in Oakland County government. He is opposed by State Rep. Philip Mastin (D-Hazel Park) and Birmingham Libertarian Louis Barbone, a 30-year-old account executive.

Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney L. Brooks Patterson, 37, incumbent Republican, is being challenged for the \$30,000-a-year job by Troy Democrat Timothy C. Thynan and Rochester Libertarian Cheryl Binzel.

**PATTERSON** lists as priorities "continuing and vigorous prosecution of the career criminal, full prosecution, without plea bargaining, of felons who commit crimes of violence or sex offenses, continued emphasis on elimination of plea bargaining and continuing Michigan parole procedures."

Thynan, a 29-year-old attorney, says he believes in cooperation rather than confrontation with all law enforcement agencies, decentralization of the prosecutor's office with more public accessibility and "combating crime in the streets, not in the press." The last one is a target aimed at Patterson.

Ma Bristol, 28, a legal assistant, claims the highest priority must be given to enforcing laws prohibiting violent crimes against persons and all crimes against property.

You'll be asked to vote for Oakland County Sheriff, a \$27,200-a-year position. Seeking another four-year term is Farmington Democrat Johannes Spreen, 54. Also jockeying for the post is Walled Lake Republican Leo Hazen, 51, an aide to Oakland County Executive Murphy. He's had 27 years experience in the county sheriff's department, six as undersheriff.

Southfield Libertarian Cynthia Kleiner has also thrown her hat in the ring as candidate for sheriff but material on her background isn't available when the guide was printed.

**SREEN'S PRIORITIES** include keeping the county a safe place in which to live, cooperating with and supporting local police agencies, improving policies and procedures and advancing professionalism, youth services, citizen involvement and teamwork in fighting crime.

Spreen has complained about lack of teamwork in fighting crime from Republican members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. It's been a while since he charged county GOPs with being tight with a buck.

Hazen promises an open-door policy, an efficiently-run jail, unity within the sheriff's department, a better working relationship between all law enforcement agencies and other government units and "serving people by fighting and preventing crime."

Incumbent Republican Oakland County Clerk Lynn D. Allen will be met head-on by challenger Mary Ann Garlick, a Royal Oak Democrat who outpolled Allen in the primary. Bloomfield Libertarian Louis Scharpe will also be in the running for the \$27,200-a-year job.

**ALLEN, 55,** says those cards and letters keep coming about the excellent service he and his staff are offering, but he adds, "We're always looking for ways to improve."

Ma Garlick, 53-year-old branch manager for the Michigan Secretary of State's office, claims services should be extended to other parts of the county and greater use made of computer facilities.

Scharpe, 52, president of Design House Inc. and International Health Care, Inc., says "people who live in townships live in an information void except at election time. Meaningful information about services must be published and disseminated."

Oakland County Treasurer C. Hugh Dooley, 56-year-old Southfield Republican is seeking another four-year term on a platform of experience and proven performance.

David Mark Gobow, 28-year-old Bloomfield Hills Democrat is vying for the \$27,200-a-year post. The youthful attorney promises streamlined, efficient services for the people if he's elected.

Philip A. Nelson, Rochester Libertarian, has entered the treasurer's race, but information about the candidate hasn't been made available.

**BY NOW,** you've probably been inundated with pros and cons about four ballot proposals. But just as a reminder, Proposal A would prohibit the use of non-returnable bottles and cans for soft drinks and beer.

Southfield City Council hasn't taken a stand on this issue, but in April, 1974, members adopted a resolution in support of a legislative bill on the "beverage ban." The resolution and the bill went nowhere.

Proposal B would lower the age limit for candidates for state senator and representative from 21 to 18. There's been little said about this issue. How many 18-year-old candidates do you know?

Proposal C is the biggest, a political hot-ball that's really getting action. If adopted, it would limit state taxes and spending to 8.3 percent of the combined personal income of Michigan. Southfield officials are against it, saying it would knock the stuffing out of city services.

Proposal D would replace the present flat rate state income tax with a graduated tax for 1977. After that, rates and bases of state income taxes would be determined by the legislature.

## Family ski lessons

The first session for family ski lessons will be at Farmington High School, 2300 Shawansee, on Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

The following nine lessons will be at Mt. Brighton on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. or on Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

The fee for individuals is \$22. For a family of two the lessons will cost \$22. Family of three will pay \$42 and a family of four will pay \$52.

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT STATE PROPOSALS GENERAL ELECTION

### PROPOSAL A

**PROPOSED LAW TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF NON-RETURNABLE BOTTLED AND CANS FOR SOFT DRINKS AND BEER, TO REQUIRE RE-USEABLE CASH DEPOSITS FOR SOFT DRINKS AND BEER CONTAINERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW.**

(a) Prohibit the use of non-returnable bottles and cans for the sale of soft drinks and beer for off-premise consumption.

(b) Require a cash deposit for each container and require the return of such container to the place of purchase.

(c) Prohibit the use of metal soft drink and beer containers with detachable caps and lower containers.

(d) Establish fines for violation of the law by dealers, distributors and consumers.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### PROPOSAL B

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE.**

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD:**

(a) Reduce the age requirement to be eligible for the office of state senator and representative from 21 to 18.

(b) Require that the person be a resident of the state for a specified period of time.

(c) Change the time a person must have been a resident from the date of assuming office to the date of qualifying as a candidate.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### PROPOSAL C

**PROPOSAL TO LIMIT ALL STATE TAXES AND SPENDING TO 8.3 PERCENT OF THE COMBINED PERSONAL INCOME OF MICHIGAN.**

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD:**

(a) Limit all state taxes and spending to 8.3% of combined personal income of Michigan, including federal aid.

(b) Allow for refund of excess revenue to individual taxpayers.

(c) Permit a 1% increase in the combined state and local government spending emergency approved by 3/4 vote of legislature.

(d) Prohibit state adoption or expansion of social programs without full vote of legislature.

(e) Prohibit state from reducing existing level of aid to local governments, unless in a crisis.

(f) Prohibit local governments from increasing existing taxes without voter approval.

(g) Provide for implementation by the legislature.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

### PROPOSAL D

**PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE PRESENT FLAT RATE STATE INCOME TAX WITH A GRADUATED STATE INCOME TAX FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977, THEREAFTER, RATES AND BASES OF STATE INCOME TAXES TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATURE.**

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD:**

(a) Remove constitutional ban on graduated income tax.

(b) Reduce to 5% maximum, the rate on taxable personal income of an individual or individuals filing a joint return on the first \$10,000 of taxable personal income, or joint return personal income, adjusted upwards by \$1,000 for taxpayer and each dependent.

(c) Reduce the rate of graduated income tax to 5% on taxable personal income in excess of \$10,000.

(d) Establish constitutional minimum \$1,000.00 exemption for taxpayer and each dependent.

(e) After January 1, 1977, permit the legislature to establish rates and bases of all personal income taxes.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This is a sample of what the proposals will look like on the Nov. 2 ballot.

## Snowmobile clinic for safety is set

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission has scheduled snowmobile safety clinic for persons between the ages of 12 and 17 from 7:10 p.m. Nov. 10 and 17 at the Farmington Hills court, 31555 Eleven Mile.

The fee is \$2. Persons may register the first night of class.

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25-31 U.S. Army Historical Van (in parking lot)

25-31 Children's Art Display - Halloween Masks  
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29 Weight Watchers Fashion Show  
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30 Elfros - Ear piercing Clinic  
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