

Civic Searchlight shines on primary candidates

Civic Searchlight's Oakland County affiliate, Oakland Citizens League, has released its Aug. 7 primary candidate ratings.

Candidates in districts where there are no primaries will be evaluated prior to the Nov. 6 election.

A 100-member citizens committee held 15 sessions of six standing committees to personally interview candidates for state representative, county offices and district court judges.

Copies of "The Voter's Guide" containing all the committee's recommendations will be available Friday. Biographical information on candidates will be printed in a separate publication, "Election '84 Candidates and Issues."

Three incumbent state representatives received the organization's highest rating of "preferred and well qualified." They are: Robert D. McGee (R), 25th district; Maxine Berman (D), 64th district; and Wilbur V. Broderick (R), 65th district.

In the 65th district (formerly represented by Ruth B. McNamee), the top

rating of "preferred and well qualified" was given to Judith Miller. In the 67th district (formerly represented by Joe Forbes) three candidates were rated "well qualified." They are: Barbara R. Diner, former state representative; Albert A. Kramer, and Bill Bernardo.

Rated by Oakland Citizens League were:

• 24TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: qualified — Merlin Reeds and Mary Sorowitz. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — Robert D. McGee, incumbent; well qualified, David M. Hongman; qualified, Samuel M.J. Simon.

• 64TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: preferred and well qualified — Maxine Berman (incumbent); qualified — Norman L. Swadlow. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — Markus S. Simon; qualified — Paul L. Ruteher.

• 65TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: not evaluated (unable to schedule interview) — William John Beer, Donald E. Morse. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — Judith Miller; well qualified — Judy Glecer; qualified — Michael Borschard, Dennis Flessland, John Russell Gnan.

• 68TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: well qualified — Wilfred D. Webb, incumbent; not evaluated — Theodore J. Wilk. Republicans: Gregory G. Gruse — no contest in primary.

• 67TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: well qualified — Bill Bernardo, Barbara R. Diner, Albert A. Kramer; qualified — David M. Gabow, Dale Morris, Todd K. Schiffman, John D. Vredenburg; not evaluated — Eddie Burton, Dale Morris, Michael G. Kelly. Republicans: well qualified — John Cassie; not evaluated — Matthew J. Burnstein.

• 60TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: Vicki Barnett — no primary contest. Republican: preferred and well qualified, Wilbur V. Broderick, incumbent; qualified, Alfred W. Smith, Jr.

County offices evaluated were:

• SHERIFF •

Democrats: well qualified — Henry L. Hansen; qualified — James D. Couto, Niles E. Olsen. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — John F. Nichols; well qualified — Bill Ortmann, James Stewart.

• DRAIN COMMISSIONER •

Democrats: Darlene Berent — no contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — George W. Kuhn, incumbent; not evaluated — Frank R. Ballard.

• COUNTY COMMISSIONER •

• 6TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: Thomas I. Carleton — no

contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — Ralph Nelson, incumbent; not evaluated — Joseph Meyerink.

• 12TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: James S. Mickelson, no contest in primary. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — Susan G. Kuhn, incumbent; qualified — Doug Brown, Marilyn J. Waldron.

• 15TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: Douglas Goulet — no contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — Robert W. Page, incumbent; qualified — Joanne Eckstein; not evaluated — Robert Jed, Jr.

• 15TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: Kenneth A. Wiltzenberg — no contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — David L. Moffitt, David William Potts, Virginia DeBenham Rodgers; qualified — Gary Roy Ferguson, Richard D. Mintz.

• 17TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: well qualified — Jay W. Tower; qualified — Phillip R. Marcus. Republicans: John E. Olsen, incumbent — no contest in primary.

• 18TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: preferred and well qualified — John S. Digiovanni; well qualified — Frank J. Cautley; qualified — A. Madeline Luxon, Robert J. Paczkowski, Daniel M. Roedy. Republican: Dorothy Webb — no contest.

• 19TH DISTRICT •

Democrats: well qualified — Dennis M. Aaron, incumbent; Norman Goldman. Republican: Beverly S. Benaim — no contest in primary.

• 22ND DISTRICT •
Democrats: Harry H. Moss — no contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — W.A. Humberger and incumbent G. Bert Jackson.

• 25TH DISTRICT •
Democrats: Michael J. Hughes — no contest in primary. Republicans: well qualified — G. William Coddell, incumbent; not evaluated — Stephen M. Hoffman.

• 26TH DISTRICT •
Democrats: well qualified — Marianne Aiken; qualified — Arnold Baraboff. Republicans: preferred and well qualified — Thomas A. Law, incumbent; well qualified — Suzanne Marie Doyle.

• NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICES •

• 48RD DISTRICT COURT •
Preferred and well qualified — Robert J. Turner; well qualified — Charles E. Maloney; qualified — Gerald Curtis.

• 46TH DISTRICT COURT •
Well qualified — James Clarkson and incumbent Jessica R. Cooper; qualified — J. Cristy Osborn.

• 47TH DISTRICT COURT •
Preferred and well qualified — Michael J. Hand; qualified — Ronald A. Goldstein; no rating — Mark B. Roeler.

• 48TH DISTRICT COURT •
Preferred and well qualified — Edward Aljony, Caleb M. Simon, Michael A. Sobel; well qualified — Donald A. Brown, Edward Senick; qualified — Edward Avadina, Cheryl D. Bloch, Geoffrey Davis, Robert L. Garbey, Marc Shulman; no rating — Laurence D. Cavanaugh, William Grant.

SEMTA sees growing tax support

Almost half of Michigan's voters say they would support a one-cent increase in the state sales tax earmarked for public transportation, according to a statewide public opinion poll by Dr. Walter D. DeVries, DeVries & Associates, Inc.

Although it is less than majority support, response is growing. DeVries reported to the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

When polled, voters were told the one-cent increase would be used to build and operate public transportation

in southeastern Michigan. Outstate, the money could be used to build new roads, improve existing roads or for other transportation services the voters might want.

IF AN ELECTION were held now, 44 percent of the voters would support the state sales tax increase, 44 percent say they would not support the increase, 4.4 percent say it would depend on the circumstances and 5.5 percent are not sure.

The second statewide public opinion

poll on public transportation was conducted in June for SEMTA. Telephone interviews were conducted with 800 voters in the seven-county SEMTA region and 915 voters in the rest of the state. Only voters who had voted in the 1982 gubernatorial election were interviewed.

The public opinion poll indicated growing support for SEMTA's regional public transportation consensus plan. The plan proposes additional buses for commuters during rush hour, for shopping, recreation and other person-

al trips, and between suburban communities. It also provides for expanded commuter train services between Ann Arbor and Detroit, expanded small bus service and new light rail services between Detroit and Pontiac and Detroit and Mt. Clemens.

IN OTHER KEY findings, support for a local tax increase to maintain present SEMTA transportation service also increased during the past six months, DeVries reported.

Parks commission earns national honor

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, which created a non-profit foundation last year to help preserve and develop the parks, was honored by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO).

The Park Commission received the 1984 organizational award at NACPRO's annual conference. It is given each year to a park and recreation agency or department that has provided outstanding programs or facility development during the past year.

Richard R. Wilcox, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and member of the

Parks and Recreation Commission, accepted the award on behalf of the agency.

In 1983, the Park Commission created the Oakland Parks Foundation, which was formed to accept funds and gifts of land or other contributions to provide recreational opportunities for county residents.

The Park Commission also was recognized for a wide range of other park improvements and programs in 1983. These included the Waterford Oaks Waterlido, the Nature Center at Independence Oaks to open this fall, a bicycle motocross pro-

gram, and special events during "Life, Be In It" weekend.

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