

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE

Issues
Candidates for County
Commissioner were asked to
respond to each question in 75
words.



The candidates
Candidates for County Commissioner
were asked to summarize their
biographies in 75 words.

SOLID WASTE PLAN

What is your opinion of the current Oakland County Solid Waste Plan, and what changes, if any, would you like to see?

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In what areas do you see new opportunities for collaboration between Oakland County and the City of Detroit?

GOALS

What are the three most important goals you would like to achieve if you are elected to the position of Oakland County Commissioner?

9TH DISTRICT

JOHN P. GARFIELD Republican, 64

Education: U.S. Army, Computerized Voice Switching Network Specialist; U.S. Army, Electronics Engineering Directorate - Draftsman; University of Maryland Exchange U.S. Army, Electronic Repairman, 1974.
Occupation: Retired Military; Incumbent Oakland County Commissioner.
Background: U.S. Army, Voice Switching Network Communications, Electrical Engineer/Estimator, Harlan Electronic Company; Construction Carpenter & Property Management of Engineering Company.

The present plan is currently being updated and amended. The proposed amendments will ensure more County local control. I am concerned that the 20-year landfill capacity requirement of the MDNR and a recent U.S. Supreme court ruling are causing Oakland County to become a center for interstate and international solid waste. These amendments are designed to give Oakland County the right to set the criteria for siting new landfills, not the MDNR.

Eight Mile Road corridor project is an example of an innovative plan joining business, local governments and Counties in attracting new businesses and rejuvenating established businesses in a specific area. Another example is Oakland County could have become a prime reporting statistical area, but chose to remain in the prior statistical area, which included Wayne County and the City of Detroit. This allows SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council Of Governments) to receive larger federal appropriations.

My three goals for Oakland County are: a successful completion of the Act 641 - Solid Waste plan update with the exclusion of waste-to-energy incineration; a comprehensive community corrections plan that works and; a successful transition from state-based to community-based Mental Health Care.

10TH DISTRICT

RAY MANCINI Democrat, 68

Education: William Wright Technical High, Major Electrical, 1947.
Occupation: Retired from construction field, Licensed residential builder.
Background: U.S. Army, March 1951 to December 1952, 14 months in Korea. Married in 1955, wife Theresa, 2 children, 2 grandchildren. Hobbies: Golf, gardening, cooking and also active role as grandfather and community officer.

Currently there is no solid waste disposal plan in place, so the proper disposal of solid waste should be a top priority. Furthermore we should step up compliance throughout the county in terms of recycling. It is very clear our constituents do not want an incinerator in the county.

I think expansion of public transportation in the region is the first area in which we can collaborate with Detroit. Regional effort to bring new semiskilled jobs to the area is of paramount importance. Also shared patrol of border roads is a project long over due.

County Commissioners should use their good offices to influence county road Commissioner and local units of government to expand and improve our roads to meet the needs created by the explosive growth in the area. Review spending and stop expenditure of funds which do not benefit residents of the county. Last but almost more important - all children of the county should be immunized against disease.

DENNIS N. POWERS Republican, 51

Education: University of Detroit, A.B., History, English, 1964; University of Detroit, M.A., Counseling/Personnel, 1969; Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1974.
Occupation: Attorney Private Practice; County Commissioner District 10.
Background: Teacher/School Administrator; Production Foreman, Chrysler; Teletype Shorthand/Typing for General Motors; Private law practice in Highland since 1978.

A heavy emphasis on Volume Reduction which means an increase in recycling, composting and reusing. Contracts with landfills and WTE facilities in other counties. Let the free market return to solid waste disposal. Eliminate incinerators/WTE plants from our plan. Have "Host Community" approval before siting a landfill.

My primary focus will always be on the resident of Oakland County. I would continue to support improving infrastructure of the 8 Mile Road corridor as well as mass public transportation.

Changing the current 641 Act mandating 20 years of landfill capacity in Oakland County to 10 years, while updating the "PLAN" as stated above. Work on the County's transition to "FULL MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH" to insure quality services to a broader segment of our residents. Eliminate "red tape" so that County Services are available readily to all our residents.

11TH DISTRICT

STEVE STEINHARDT Democrat

Education: Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor, 1983; University of Detroit Mercy Law Program, January, 1982; Studies International Law and Business, Michigan State University; 1980; Bachelor of Science, James Madison College.
Occupation: Practicing Attorney, Lawrence Ashley & Assoc.
Background: Leggett, Miller, Freedman, Blustone & Horvath; Clerk, 1983; Meetings For Prosecutor; Campaign Staff; 1982; Merit County Prosecutor's Office Summer 1982 Intern via The Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan Free Legal Aid Clinic, Fall 1981, Winter 1982.

I support the proposed solid waste plan. Education about recycling and alternative means of disposing waste are also crucial to our environmental concerns.

Mayor Archer has helped to foster an atmosphere of goodwill between Detroit and the suburbs. When we work together in this spirit, I see new business opportunities increasing. Furthermore, sharing duties such as public safety, water, and roads will lower our costs and help to improve our quality of life.

Besides the increased spirit of cooperation with Detroit, improving our criminal justice system is a priority. Also, we must use County funds more efficiently so that services are maximized and costs are kept to a minimum.

NANCY L. DINGELDEY Republican

Education: Wayne State University, Journalism/History major.
Occupation: County Commissioner, District 11.
Background: County Commissioner, special election May 3, 1992; General Government Committee, Personnel Committee; Personnel Appeals Board; Job Evaluation Review Panel; OLMSA Governing Board, Commission Liaison; Human Capital Waterford Council, Commission Liaison; SEMCOG, County delegate (retiree); Michigan Association of Counties, General Government Committee; Michigan Association of Republican County Officials Secretary; Wayne City Council, 14 years, Mayor Pro Tem 6 years.

Through concerted effort, the Board of Commissioners has been able to cut through what appeared to be an insurmountable barrier thrown up by the MDNR. Attempts were being made to impose a different set of landfill standards, rules and policies on Oakland County than were imposed anywhere else in the state thus leaving the county with little or no landfill siting control. What appears now is an Act 641 plan suitable for the entire county.

The recent election of Dennis Archer provides an unprecedented opportunity to work with our Detroit neighbors to help them reestablish the vitality of the city. The words "work with" are key - Oakland County's dollars should not be expected to cure the city's ills. Proactive communication and the sharing of ideas can help lead Detroit to recovery.

Continue to be fiscally conservative and responsible to the taxpayers through close review of personnel needs and program issues. Total institution of the Community Mental Health full management program including optimum service delivery and quality assurance sections sensitive to the needs of the stakeholders and their families. Press for legislation restricting the content of out-of-state and foreign importation of solid waste to Michigan landfills.

12TH DISTRICT

NO CANDIDATE FILED Democrat