

WAYNE COUNTY:

WHERE PARTY LABEL COUNTS



Does a Democratic drain flow differently from a Republican drain? Is a Republican treasurer different in any philosophical respect from a Democrat?

Probably not, but that's the way county elections must be run -- on a partisan basis. Here's a rundown on who's running for what and why in Wayne County this year, as gleaned from questionnaires submitted by the League of Women Voters.

SHERIFF

Incumbent William Lucas, 44, of Detroit, was an FBI agent and New York police officer before being recruited here as undersheriff. He's seeking his second term. He has a JD degree from Fordham University law school.

Lucas favors "adoption of county home rule and election of a county official (and) consolidation of all law enforcement functions under the jurisdiction of the sheriff."

Republican Kenneth C. Gallagher, 59, of Detroit, is an engineer, manufacturer and a former member of the old Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

Gallagher pledges to "assure that traffic violators will not be jailed with hardened criminals, clean the county jail by eliminating dope pushing, sexual assaults and other abuse of prisoners and end nepotism and

favoritism in promotions."

Joseph P. Schrick, Dearborn, is the American Independent Party candidate and failed to reply to the LWV.

TREASURER

Democrat Louis H. Funk, 69, of Detroit, has worked in the treasurer's office for 32 years and was elected to the top post in 1964. He is a high school graduate.

Kathryn A. McAlpine, 26, the Conservative candidate, has an AB from the University of Michigan and is working on an MA. She says, "We need to curb the runaway expenses in our county government. Introducing multi-party government, electing a person who will not rubberstamp fiscal irresponsibility, is a step in the right direction."

AIP candidate is Thomas A. Kirby of Detroit. Neither Kirby nor Funk replied to the LWV.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Charles N. Youngblood, 60, of Detroit, is a former councilman and state senator. He upset the incumbent in the Democratic primary. He made no reply to the LWV.

Republican A. L. Meredith, 70, Detroit, is a lawyer with experience in conservation and environmental law. He favors non-partisan county government.

AIP candidate Dominic Triola, 45, of Garden City, owns Triola Trenching

Co. and has been a self-employed contractor 20 years. "We are rapidly getting away from the republic our forefathers founded," he says.

COUNTY CLERK

Joseph B. Sullivan, 50, of Detroit, was a practicing attorney 15 years before being appointed clerk to fill a vacancy. He favors "county home rule and the election of a county executive ... The increased need for county-wide services requires the centralization of administrative authority ..."

Republican Helen Gotowka, 50, of Dearborn Heights, is a Wayne State University graduate, Ford Motor Co. secretary and member of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science. She said: "As originator of mental health sweepstakes plan, believe monies must be utilized by state for rehabilitation and treatment of ill ... Fight crime before busing. All offices elective."

AIP candidate Rose Ann Papp, of Lincoln Park, did not reply.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor William H. Cahalan, 47, of Detroit, had been in private practice for 10 years before becoming prosecutor. He pledges "a long look and study of county home rule with possible adoption ... This would take the county out of the 'step child' position it now has with the state."

Republican John F. Burns, 36, of

Detroit, is an attorney, volunteer counsel to State Bar grievance panel and co-editor of Michigan Basic Practice Workbook Vol. 5. "It is extremely important to demonstrate to the public that the prosecutor, along with the police, is as much in the public service as any part-time poverty lawyer or other volunteer..."

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Bernard J. Youngblood, 73, of Detroit, has held the post 30 years and says: "Changes for the sake of change alone should not be made."

Republican Coleman F. Flakamp II, 32, of Belleville, says he "would work to combine the county clerk and register of deeds into one department."

AIP candidate is Julia C. Shepherd of Detroit.

COUNTY AUDITOR

Incumbent Leonard D. Proctor, 53, a Detroit Democrat, attended Tougaloo College (AB) and Wayne State University (MEd). He serves on the board of the county retirement system, the plat board, drain board and SEMCOG executive board.

Republican Thomas J. Grzywacz, 41, of Detroit, attended Walsh College and the University of Detroit and is a self-employed certified public accountant.

Joseph R. Mercier, of Dearborn, is the AIP candidate.

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