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General Assembly

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Election Candidate Bios



ROCK ABBOD, COUNCILMEMBER, VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Voting Delegate, Current Executive Committee Member Alternate. Current Transportation Coordinating Council Member and Past member of the RC2

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Community Experience Village of Beverly Hills, Michigan – Council Member Term: Serving my third 4 Year Term as an elected official • Serve as a current elected Council Member, helping guide policy, budgeting, and community development for the Village. • Actively engaged in strategic planning around infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life issues. • Lead discussions on key local matters including public works services and senior programming. Past Chair –Current Member of the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council • Represent the interests of older adults throughout Oakland County. • Advise the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Health and Human Services on policies and programs affecting senior residents. • Advocate for services, resources, and facilities that promote aging with dignity, including efforts to develop a dedicated senior community center. Oakland County Food Policy Council Coalition • The OC Food policy council envisions a fair, sustainable, and culturally friendly food system that encourages healthy eating for all. The Council's mission is to lead and advance food policy and system changes that will increase equitable and healthy access for all Michigan Municipal League (MML) – Level 4 Ambassador Certified Elected Official • Completed extensive training in local governance, ethics, budgeting, and municipal leadership through MML's Elected Officials Academy. Community Advocate – NEXT Seniors Community Center Campaign • Spearheaded efforts to preserve the vision for a dedicated senior community center in Birmingham, advocating for consistency and accountability in government planning.



BRYAN BARNETT, MAYOR, CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: I have been actively involved with SEMCOG for over 15 years serving as a BLOC Chair, a member of the Regional Review Committee, chairing the Green Infrastructure Committee as well as several other regional committees as asked. I have been a frequent speaker and panelist whenever asked and have hosted SEMCOG meetings at Innovation Hills and other locations within the city.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: I have been elected in the City of Rochester Hills since 1999. I served on the City Council for 6 years before running for Mayor in 2006. I have won 5 consecutive elections for Mayor, the last three as a write-in candidate. I have served in leadership positions in SEMGOG, MML, and have been blessed to win both organizations highest awards for leadership. I was elected by the mayors of America to serve as President of the United States Conference of Mayors and had the title of America's Mayor in 2019-2020. I am also currently the Vice President of the Global Parliament of Mayors. I am an active Rotarian and serve on several other boards for charitable organizations I am passionate about.



CHRIS BARNETT, SUPERVISOR, ORION TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Township Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Past Chair / Executive Committee / Task Force Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township supervisor in my fourth term



DONALD BOYNTON, TRUSTEE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: General Assembly, Delegate, Executive Committee, Alternate Delegate, Regional Review Committee, Delegate, Transportation Coordinating Council, Delegate, Freight Task Force, Co-Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township Trustee-serving in second term, Michigan Townships Association-Director, District #25, Planning Commission-13 years, Board of Zoning Appeals-4 years



DILLON BREEN, BOARD SECRETARY, SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

NOMINATED FOR:

Education Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Education Bloc Chair, General Assembly Delegate, Executive Committee Alternate, Past Executive Committee Member, Past Regional Review Committee Member

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Serving in my second 6-year term on the Board of Trustees. Secretary of the Livonia Brownfield Authority, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Livonia.



ROBERT CLARK, MAYOR, CITY OF MONROE

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Executive Committee delegate, past SEMCOG Chairperson, Chairperson of Finance/Budget Committee including administrative oversight of Executive Director evaluation process, current City delegate on the RRC, and local representative at 2025 SEMCOG Lansing Legislative reception.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: 16th year (8 terms) as Mayor, proir 2 yr term City Council, River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation Board, Immediate Past President of MML.



DALE DESLOOVER, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, MONROE COUNTY ISD

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee
Education Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: In the past I have been on TCC. I currently am an alternate on the Executive Committee and on the RRC.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: I was first elected to the Monroe County ISD in 2005. I have served as the Board President for over 10 years. I have served on numerous boards and committees in the community and at church. I am currently on two recreation committees for the County of Monroe.



PAMELA JACKSON, BOARD SECRETARY, OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOMINATED FOR:
Transportation Coordinating Council



JONATHAN KINLOCH, COMMISSIONER, WAYNE COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council
County Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Over the years in my various public roles, I've attended meetings and conferences hosted by SEMCOG. As Chair of the Detroit/ Wayne County Port Authority, I've participated on behalf of and represented the Port Authority at the Transportation Coordinating Council.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Member, Wayne County Planning and Development Commission • 1988 to 1991 Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals • 1998 to 2007 Elected Board Member, Detroit Board of Education 2006 to 2008 Commissioner, Detroit Library Commission • 2008 – 2013 Board Member, Detroit Board of Education • 2013 to 2014 (appointed to fill unexpired term) Member, Wayne County Board of Canvassers • 2015 to 2021 Wayne County Commissioner, Appointed 2021, re-elected twice 2022 and 2024c where I serve as Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. Also, my involvement includes serving on the boards of the following bodies: Wayne County Economic Development Corporation, Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment, District Detroit Neighborhood Advisory Council, Chandler Park Conservancy, Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. Also, I serve as President of the newly formed Wayne County Housing Commission, Board Vice Chair for Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) and Chairman, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.



MICHAEL LESICH, MAYOR, CITY OF FRASER

NOMINATED FOR:

Transportation Coordinating Council
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Vice Chair TCC, Executive Committee, Fraser delegate, City Bloc delegate for Macomb County

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Councilmember 2015–2021, Mayor 2023–?



JAN LOBUR, COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF HOWELL

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Regional Review Committee Member and Executive Committee

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: City of Howell Council Member, two years as Mayor Pro Tem – 2017 to current; and Planning Commission 2017 to current.



ANTHONY REEDER, SUPERVISOR, LENOX TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:
Transportation Coordinating Council



MICHAEL SEDLAK, CLERK, GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee
Township Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: SEMCOG Officer 2007–2014, SEMCOG Chair 2012–2013, 2020–2025 Finance & Budget Committee, 2025 SEMCOG Officer Nominating Committee, 2002–2025 Livingston County SEMCOG Representative, Regional Resilience Improvement Plan Selection Committee, Healthy Climate Task Force, Chair Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Project Selection Committee.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township Clerk, 2000–present, 7th term, Huron Valley Federal Aid Committee.



THOMAS SEMAAN, MAYOR, CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Executive, Bloc Chair, and RRC

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Mayor 2nd term 4th year



LINNIE TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER, OAKLAND COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Member of Finance Committee

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Southfield City Council



PHILIP WEIPERT, COMMISSIONER, OAKLAND COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
County Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Delegate, Executive Committee, budget & finance committee, regional review committee, nominating committee and Past Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: County Commissioner since 2011. Serving 8th term, served on numerous committees at County, including finance, Economic Development and Transportation. Chair ZBA south Lyon, Also active in numerous civic organizations. Secretary and Past president Kiwanis. Past grand knight and secretary of K of C. Also, Parish Finance Council St. Joseph Catholic Church.



LEV WOOD, COUNCILMEMBER, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Ex. Committee, former Chair of TCC, currently member of Regional Review Committee, I'm a planning enthusiast!

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: 14 years as City Council member; former Mayor Pro-Tem; currently Chair of our Budget and Audit Committee.