

Wayne State University Governors 8 Year Term – Vote for Two (2) (continued)

Paul Massaron, Democrat
Paul Massaron is incumbent member of the WSU Board of Governors completing 8th year. Board Chair 2003-2004, Chair of Budget & Finance Committee 2005-2008.

This university should intensify its role in research as it has by partnering with U of M and MSU in what is called University Research Corridor where discoveries through research can be translated into products and jobs in the new economy in health, engineering and other high tech products.

As chair of Budget & Finance Committee I have pressed administrators to provide to Board clear, accurate information in order to reduce expenditures in non-academics keeping tuition increases as low as possible and sustaining quality.

We have to fight against Michigan's historic disinvestment in higher education. It is a severe impact on WSU. Prior to 2001 the state provided 61% of general fund budget and now only 41%.

Gary S. Pollard, Democrat
Gary S. Pollard is a life long Detroit, Pollard attended Detroit Public Schools. He holds a BA in Business Administration from Ferris State University.

The Michigan economy has changed, in response to a global technological revolution. For Michigan to compete, we must ensure that our residents are the best educated in the world and that they are prepared for a "lifetime of learning".

We must not put college education out of the financial reach of our residents. We must stay committed to affordable tuition for working families and their children.

We must build community partnerships between WSU and organizations like the Detroit Medical Center to build a better future. I will work to ensure this fine university will be proactive in creating and strengthen its community partnerships.

Dan Keizer, Libertarian
Dan Keizer is a 28 year old auto worker from Warren, MI. He has been involved with the Libertarian Party since 2006. His political philosophy stresses protection of personal rights and freedoms, limited role of government and fiscal responsibility.

Wayne State University's impact on Michigan's current economic climate and its future is huge. It will provide the educated, qualified and skilled workforce that businesses look for when developing.

The way to keep tuition down as low as possible is to focus the university's budget on maintaining the quality of curriculum and the learning environment.

Along with cost of education, the biggest hurdle facing the university is staying on the forefront of educational curriculums. A college must do this to continue producing the highest quality graduates.

Nicole Michalak, Libertarian
Did not respond in time for publication

Rick Butkowski, US Taxpayers
I am a lifelong citizen of Michigan. I am a Vietnam Era Veteran of the USAF, honorably discharged in 1968. I graduated from EMU with Business Management degree.

WSU is a territorial college and has a constitutional obligation to prepare its citizens for the professions to the betterment of themselves and the state.

I would encourage the President of the WSU Board to focus university assets more intently on basic academics and research, and eliminate non-academic, social engineering aspects of university programs.

Absolutely the single most important issue is the university's economic health in the context of the current and forthcoming social and economic market. It must remain viable while delivering its constitutionally required services.

Terry Haines, US Taxpayers
Graduate of Central Michigan University. BS in Sociology and Psychiatry. Background in business and security. I have been married to Debby for 35 years.

WSU needs to encourage the auto industry to manufacture vehicles that are fully flex-fueled, able to use either gasoline or ethanol or methanol or any combination of the three.

WSU should develop fully transferable long-distance learning classes through use of the Internet and taped DVD lessons with test sites in various Michigan cities.

People of the Abrahamic faiths - Jews, Christians, and Moslems - find most universities hostile to their sexual beliefs. I will support the institution of the family.

Margaret Guttschall, Green
I have spent my adult life fighting against war and for economic and social justice. I am a graduate of Wayne State's School of Library Science and worked at Wayne State's Law Library and later at the Cooley Law Library.

Economic development is based on healthy, well-educated people, not on catering to whatever the billionaires want. The universities can play a key role in economic development by teaching people to grow their own food.

Bring all U.S troops home now and use the billions of dollars saved to make universities free to everyone.

Do we want a university that caters to the billionaires -- doing research for wars, orienting education towards serving corporate needs? Or do we want a university that provides education for people?

Justice of the Supreme Court 8 Year Term – Vote for Two (2)

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 75 words and were allotted 75 words to answer each question. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words, "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.

QUESTION 1
What criteria will you use to disqualify yourself in cases where there is a real or perceived conflict of interest? (75 words)

QUESTION 2
What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice, if any? (75 words)

QUESTION 3
What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you advocate and why? (75 words)

Diane Marie Hathaway
While growing up as the daughter of a Detroit Police Officer, I learned the values of hard work and integrity. After I had my children I went back to school to get my law degree.

I have, and I will continue to disqualify myself whenever there is the appearance of impropriety. As I have for the last 15 years as a Wayne County Circuit Judge, I will be fair and impartial.

Currently, the greatest obstacle facing the court is the rights of ordinary citizens not getting a fair hearing. Our constitution guarantees a right to trial by jury.

My vision is to have a supreme court that is fair and impartial and where justices do not decide cases based on the party name who brought suit, and instead apply the law to the facts.

Robert W. Roddis
I am a lifelong resident of metropolitan Detroit. I have been an attorney since 1980 and a civil litigator for much of that time. I am a strong advocate of the Austrian School of Economics as exemplified by the Nobel Prize winner in economics Friedrich Hayek and by Congressman Ron Paul.

If I were to own stock in an entity that was a party before the court, I suspect that this would be an appropriate situation for disqualification.

The greatest obstacle to justice is the almost universal belief that government has magical healing powers when, in fact, government is the primary cause of our current social and financial collapse.

My vision for the future is that judges might understand and enforce the written Constitution. For just one example, the Constitution clearly states: "No State shall..... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts".

Cliff Taylor
I have served on the Supreme Court since 1997. Previous experience included over 5 years on the Court of Appeals, 20 years in private legal practice (Lansing), nearly 2 years as an Assistant County Prosecutor, and 4 years as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

I follow the system that has been used by all Michigan Justices since statehood, which is the same one used by the US Supreme Court. Michigan Court Rules define the situations or relationships that require disqualification.

The judicial system is a 19th century institution in a 21st century world, in which relatively quick and certain decisions—whether personal or corporate—are imperative.

We must "right-size" our judiciary due to dramatically fewer lawsuits being filed. I recommended, and the Supreme Court agreed, to eliminate by attrition, twenty-four judgeships.

VOTING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES
Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election. To help you make an informed decision consider:
WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM JUDICIAL CANDIDATES?
• Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics
• Impartiality
• Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion
WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN A JUDGE?
• Experience - demonstrated exposure to legal issues, and substantial & diverse experience with the justice system
• Integrity - high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence
• Professional Competence - intellect, knowledge of the law, writing & analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom & trial experience
• Judicial Temperament - unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair and committed to the rule of law
• Service - demonstrated commitment to justice for all

Court of Appeals Districts by County

Table with 2 columns: County, District. Includes Calhoun, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe, Wayne.

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Table with 3 columns: County, District, County. Includes Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, St. Clair, Tuscola, Wexford.

Fourth District Judge of the Court of Appeals Incumbant 6 Year Term - Vote for (1)

Alton T. Davis
Did not respond in time for publication
Patrick Murphy Meter
Did not respond in time for publication

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