



## Ottawa County Commissioner Candidate Questionnaire

District # 4 (Please insert your district number)

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*\*Please note this is a fillable word document for your convenience.*

1. Why are you running for office?

I enjoy giving back and serving the citizens of Ottawa County. I believe the County has been and continues to be very well run, and I would like to see that continue.

2. Have you ever run for political office before? If yes, please explain.

I was a City Councilman for the City of Zeeland for ten years, and will have served the County as a Commissioner for another ten years at the end of this year.

3. What qualifications/experience do you feel you possess that will enable you to fulfill the responsibilities of the elected office you are seeking?

I am a hard worker. I communicate well with the municipalities in my district. I am very approachable.

4. If elected, what would be your top priorities and why?

Keeping the county fiscally sound. Making sure all citizens feel safe by providing adequate police & fire protection as well as safe roads. Monitoring the county's water quality and quantity.

5. Ottawa is blessed with diverse economic sectors: agriculture, tourism, industrial and commercial. For each of these, what do you think are the issues they will encounter in the next 2 years? If elected, how will you support each of these sectors?

All four of these sectors are going to face a worker shortage. Our county's motto is WHERE YOU BELONG, so we need to pursue policies which support that.

6. Safety for all citizens is a protection we expect. If elected, how will you ensure that the Ottawa County Sherriff's Department, Ottawa County Health Department and Ottawa County Court system equally and fairly provides safety to all residents?

We need to provide supportive resources for all three of these entities.

7. Ottawa County is financially more secure than many other Michigan counties. This is due to previous boards and administrations wisely spending and saving revenues. If elected, what will be your spending priorities for county dollars?

Safety. People want to move to and live in a safe area. My job is to help maintain our county as a safe and welcoming place. When people relocate to our county, that in turn results in added tax revenue, which in turn can help support other services the county needs to provide.

8. Ottawa County is one of the fastest growing counties in Michigan, attracting people from many cultures, ethnicities, and lifestyles to support the growth of businesses throughout the county, if elected, how will you support diversity, inclusion and equity at the county level.

By continuing to support our DEI Department.

If you have any endorsements, current or past community or business affiliations that you would like to share, please note below.

Ron Brink – Zeeland Township Trustee

Jim Broersma – Zeeland Councilman

Vince Bush – Holland Township Treasurer

Tom Den Herder – Zeeland Public Schools Board President

Lee Fisher – Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney

Sally Gruppen – Zeeland Mayor Pro Tem

Glenn Kass – Zeeland Councilman

Steve Kempker – Ottawa County Sheriff

Kevin Klynstra – Zeeland Mayor

Phung Lam – Zeeland Councilman

Terry Nienhuis – Holland Township Supervisor

Russ TeSlaa – Holland Township Trustee

Mary Beth Timmer – Zeeland Councilwoman

Rick Van Dorp – Zeeland Councilman