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Chairman's Comments



Fellow Republicans –

October is here and time is truly flying by. I'm sure you've taken notice that the Circus is in full swing in Washington, DC. How we live and how our everyday lives are impacted by elections relate to our local municipal elections. Please make sure you are engaged in your local elections and make sure your family, friends and neighbors are as well.

Our Republican candidates for local office have exceptional goals and aspirations for all our communities. They are all committed to effective, efficient, quality and fiscally responsible government.

The ideals of self-governance, limited regulation, smaller government, living free of government overreach, and limited taxation are cornerstones of our Party and all our wonderful candidates. We need to continue the effort to keep our Cities and Towns a place to raise our families in safety, comfort and free from government interference. A place where opportunities exist for economic expansion, wage growth and job opportunities for everyone.

REMINDERS:

October 7— Registration closes for new voters. Until then, register on-line. Just tap here to register with the Secretary of State, Connie Lawson:



October 8 — Early Voting opens at sites in Valpo, Portage Chesterton and Hebron. Tap here for further information:



Vote Absentee — find out how to vote from the comfort of your home — no crowds, no lines, no hassles. Tap here to download the absentee vote by mail request form, mail it in, get your ballot and vote for your favorite Republican:



No straight ticket voting — For the City Council at Large Candidates, you must vote for each individually! Voting straight ticket will NOT mark your ballot for the At Large Candidates, you must mark those individually.

November 5th — ELECTION DAY!

Thank you for being a part of our party and God Bless All of You.

Michael Simpson
Chairman, Porter County Republicans

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Republican Matt Murphy Candidate for Mayor — City of Valparaiso



*"As Mayor I will continue to work to bring in high-paying jobs to Valparaiso."
- Matt Murphy while touring Task Force Tips*

Matt Murphy is a lifelong Valparaiso resident and longtime community leader, so focused on his community that he announced his desire to be mayor in 2017. He grew up on Franklin Street in the Central Neighborhood, delivering *The Vidette Messenger* as his first job.

He is a graduate of Indiana University and went on to earn an MBA from Valparaiso University. "I became interested in serving my community early on. I've always been proud to be a Valpo resident and wanted to do what I could to make the city the best it could be," says Murphy.

Murphy joined the City of Valparaiso's leadership team in 2007, serving as Economic Development Director alongside Mayor Jon Costas. "I was proud to be a part of the revitalization of the downtown, the creation of Central Park Plaza, and bringing both jobs and businesses like Pratt Industries to our community," says Murphy. He has also served as a member of the Porter County Council, as Vice President of the Valparaiso Economic Development Corporation, and on the Valpo Schools Foundation.

Murphy and his wife, Polly, live on the city's north side, raising four children, ranging from pre-school to high-school. The family attends Immanuel Lutheran Church. Polly is a nurse .

While he has more than a decade of leadership experience alongside the Costas administration, Murphy continues to look outside the box for ways to advance Valparaiso. Last year when he saw a home on Indiana Street burned out and vacant, he sought an opportunity to improve a neighborhood. After talking with the mayor of Whiting, which has seen much success in neighborhood revitalization, Murphy led an effort which resulted in the Redevelopment Commission's purchase of the home to be redeveloped by long-time Valparaiso builder. The home, currently under construction, has already been purchased by a newly-retired couple. "By taking the initiative to redevelop one property, we hope to spur development throughout the College Hill neighborhood and broaden that success

"I represent a combination of the city's current, well-earned success, along with a forward-thinking family man interested in serving the entire city. I want to provide a great place for my kids to grow up and succeed and I want my folks to enjoy the community they've helped to build from the old Central neighborhood days. I want the best for Valpo," says Murphy. "I've served Valparaiso for years. I've run a local, small business. I'm raising a family in my hometown. That's who I am." Murphy attributes much of the city's success to partnerships and collaborations like the kinds he fosters. "I want to work with residents, businesses, nonprofit organizations, churches, and others. That's the Valpo way," says Murphy.



Our Republican Candidate City Clerk/Treasurer General Election — November 5, 2019

City of Valparaiso

Holly Taylor for Clerk/Treasurer



"Holly is proud to be a part of the vibrant and visionary team of the city. She has worked hard to learn every aspect of the Clerk-Treasurer's office. It will be a smooth transition for this vital job. Being entrusted with the taxpayer's money is an important public trust, and I know Holly is deserving of that trust. As your Clerk-Treasurer, Holly will ensure that Valparaiso remains one of the most fiscally responsible cities in Indiana," says 36-year Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart.



Dedicated
Transparent
Responsible

Holly Taylor

FOR CLERK-TREASURER

Vote on or before Tuesday, November 5!

Meet Holly:

- Married to Ryan, with two children, Lainey and Jackson
- Received her bachelor's degree from Purdue University
- Serves on the Pines Village Board of Directors
- Member of Valparaiso Baptist Church
- Worked for Valparaiso Clerk-Treasurer's office for 7 years
- 16 years experience in financial sector

"I am running for office with the loving support of my friends & family. I am not running for this office because I strive to be a "career politician"; but because I love my job and I love my city. I am excited to continue serving the residents of Valparaiso for many years to come."

Follow Holly on Facebook @hollytaylorforclerktreasurer



Endorsed by Valparaiso Firefighters Local 1124

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Holly Taylor



John Cannon for Mayor of Portage General Election — November 5, 2019



John Cannon Candidate for Mayor City of Portage

"Honor, Trust and Decency have always lead me personally and will be the pillars that support my administration"--**John Cannon**

JOHN'S VISION

Public Safety Plan

- Continue Expanding K-9 Units
- School Protection Plan
- Long Term Planning for Our Growth
- State of the Art Training For Police and Fire
- Continue to Lead the Region in EMS Participation

Renew and Energize Portage

Downtown Plan

- Private/Public Partnership, City Center, A Modern Downtown, including WIFI/ Music
- LED Lighting in New Parking Areas
- Portage Mall Renovations



Prioritize Infrastructure Plan

- Work tirelessly to get Willowcreek Road Paved
- LED Lighting, south of Highway 6.
- Renew Our West Side Drainage System
- Lighting along Route 6 from Countyline Road to Airport Road



Comprehensive Sidewalk Plan

- Sidewalks Just End this Practice Must Stop, It is Unacceptable.
- Sidewalks Beginning at Our Schools, Connecting Neighborhoods
- Connecting Sidewalks with Shopping and Parks
- Fixing Sidewalks in Our Older Neighborhoods



Transportation Planning

Study has been conducted, it is time to start planning.

- Senior Transportation Considerations
- Road Expansion Needs
- Traffic Control Needs





Deborah Lee for Clerk/Treasurer of Portage

General Election — November 5, 2019



Deborah Lee

Candidate for Clerk/Treasurer City of Portage

I feel that my past experience makes me the best candidate for the position of Clerk Treasurer.

The issues I am concerned with are:

1. Open communication with all departments within the city.
2. Proper financial reporting.
3. Researching services that the city is outsourcing to determine feasibility.
4. Insuring that the city not lose any government funding because of negligence.

My name is Deborah Lee. I am currently a candidate for the office of Clerk Treasurer for the city of Portage. I am a lifelong resident of Portage. My father, Arthur Kaminski, was a successful Certified Public Accountant in Portage for many years and my mother, Mary Kaminski, proudly worked at the Anderson Company (ANCO) for 45 years. My parents taught me a strong work ethic, commitment and fierce loyalty.

I chose to follow in my fathers footsteps and pursue a higher education in accounting. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University Northwest and for the last 29 years I have worked in the field of public accounting. Working in this field includes preparing financial statements for various businesses, preparing budgets and reconciling bank accounts. It is also my job to insure that all government filings and taxes due are completed timely.

I understand the importance of deadlines as well as money management which are crucial to running a successful business. I am in contact with my clients at all times to discuss any financial decisions that may impact the success of their business.

The Clerk Treasurer has the ultimate responsibility of insuring that bills get paid, payroll gets processed timely, receivables are recorded properly and all government funding be accounted for. My accounting experience supports all of these functions.

Help Support the Campaign

Email Debbie at
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Our Republican Candidates For Municipal Office — 2019



City of Portage

Mayor



John Carmon

Clerk Treasurer



Deborah Lee

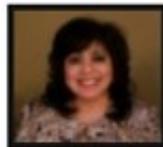
CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

At-Large



Austin Bonta

At-Large



Victoria Gresham

District 1



Dermis Wells

District 3



Antonio Gutierrez

District 4



William Fekete

City of Valparaiso

Mayor



Matt Murphy

Clerk/Treasurer



Holly Taylor

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Council At-Large



Evan Costas



George Douglas

District 1



Holly Howe

District 2



Tom Krueger

District 3



Casey Schmidt

District 4



Jack Pupillo

District 5



Peter Anderson





Porter County Republican Town Candidates General Election — November 5, 2019

Town of Burns Harbor

Councilmember At-Large (Vote for 5)



Toni Biancardi Roseann Bozak James P. McGee Walter Macchiarella

Town of Hebron

Council Member At-Large (Vote for 2)



Todd P. Adamczyk

Howard L. O'Connor

Town of Chesterton

Clerk-Treasurer



Stephanie Kuziela

Council District 1



Jim Ton

Council District 1



Justin Albright

Council District 2



Jonathan Peceny

Council District 2

Council District 5



Lloyd "Buck" Kittredge, Jr.



Emerson Delaney

Town of Kouts

Clerk-Treasurer



Laurie Tribble

Council District 1



R. Steven Howar

Council District 3



Blake Jefferson

Town of Porter

Clerk Treasurer



Carol Pomeroy

Council District 4



Jim Burge

Council District 5



Brian Finley

Town of Beverly Shores

Council At-Large



Michael Ganz



EARLY VOTING GENERAL ELECTION 2019

EARLY VOTING

LOCATIONS



**PORTER COUNTY
ADMIN. BUILDING**
155 Indiana Ave. Rm 102A
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**CHESTERTON
TOWN HALL**
790 Broadway
Chesterton, IN 46304



**HEBRON COMMUNITY
CENTER**
611 N. Main St.
Hebron, IN 46341

**NORTH COUNTY
COMPLEX**
3560 Willowcreek Rd.
Portage, IN 46368



TIMES AND DATES

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

October 7th

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL**

October 28th

**IN PERSON
EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 8TH!**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

**Saturdays October 26th
And November 2nd
8:30am-3:30pm**

**IN PERSON EARLY VOTING ENDS
November 4th at noon**



GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

November 5, 2019

General Election Calendar

Monday, October 7, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

First day that a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, October 11, 2019

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Friday, October 18, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports (including unopposed candidates where no municipal election is conducted).

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

Monday, October 28, 2019

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of a ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

Monday, November 4, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

DEADLINE, by midnight, for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified recount or contest petition.

Monday, December 2, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

End of annual reporting period for campaign finance reports.