Green Party MI 2020 Oakland County Nominating Caucus

Friday, June 5, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom or telephone call

1. Sign in, membership checked “at the door” for voting purposes
2. Introduction of Caucus Chair and Secretary
3. Report of Membership Manager about number eligible to vote
   Report of number of new members not yet eligible to vote
   If any, Motion to permit them to vote? Seconded?

NOMINATIONS
   May include others than those below; self-nominations are permitted.
   Presentations will be 10 min. per candidate
4. State Representative, 27th District (SE Oakland)
   Sherry A. Wells
   “From the floor” for this district?
   Candidate presentation(s)
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
5. State Representative--other districts
   “From the floor”
   Candidate presentations if any
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
6. County Commissioner District 18
   Nicholas Rowley
   “From the floor” for this district?
   Candidate presentation(s)
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
7. County Commissioner District 17
   Destiny Clayton
   “From the floor” for this district?
   Candidate presentation(s)
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
8. County Commissioner--other districts
   “From the floor”
   Candidate presentations if any
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
9. Waterford Township Clerk
   Jessica Venture
   “From the floor” for this office?
   Candidate presentation(s)
   Vote / consensus / acclimation
10. Other Township offices
    “From the floor”
    Candidate presentations if any
    Vote / consensus / acclimation

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLOSE OF MEETING
Green Party MI Candidate Questionnaire – 2020 Oakland County Caucus

Sherry A. Wells for State Representative 27th District

(1) Office for which you want the nomination.  
_Michigan State Representative 27th District_

(2) Full legal name, residence address, and age.

_Sherry Anne Wells, 315 W. Troy St., Ferndale MI 48220, over 21._

(3) Preferred contact method(s) and contact information.

_Email is best: sherwells@tm.net Cell: 248-219-8477  NO TEXTS_

(4) Name (city or township) and precinct number where you vote in November general elections.

_Ferndale Precinct 9_

(5) Are you a registered voter in the district where you want to run?  
YES

(6) Are you a member of GPMI? If so, when did you join and why?

_YES. About 2011, Doug Campbell approached me after he voted and asked if I was related to Laura Wells. She’s my sister and has been an active Green since at least 1992. He invited me to check out the Ten Key Values (low key, no pressure). I did; they sold themselves._

(7) Names and contact info for three references who have known you for at least three years. If any are not members of GPMI, explain briefly how they know you and why their knowledge of you will help GPMI consider your candidacy.

_All are Michigan Green Party members and have been helpful when I’ve run for the Greens. Doug Campbell  naderladuke2000detroit@gmx.com  Linda Manning Myatt  lmmyatt@wowway.com ; was and will be my MERTS manager  John Anthony La Pietra  elections@migreenparty.org_

(8) Will you pledge to run a financially clean campaign – no corporate donations, no PAC money, full compliance with laws about candidate committees and record-keeping?  
YES

(9) We seek a candidate to *run* for office, raising and spending money in an active campaign to win, rather than *stand* for office, mostly to raise particular issues and give voters a chance to support Green values. What kind of campaign are you planning?  
_I AM RUNNING!_

(10) Will “Green Party of Michigan” and “www.MIGreenParty.org” appear prominently on all campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc.?  
YES

(11) Will your campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc. be made by union labor and show the union bug – OR  by donated labor and say “labor donated”? If not, please explain.  
YES

(12) Will you include GP-MI membership links with your standard campaign literature?  
YES

(13) Have you created a candidate committee? If so, when did you file the paperwork with the the county clerk, or the state if you are seeking a state office?  
=YES. State of Michigan. 5/4/2020

(14) Please describe your current campaign organization, and how you hope to build on it.

_Linda Manning Myatt is campaign finance handler; Beau Perry for FaceBook; Jeff Sparling for website; Brandon Hu. Also, Nick Rowley and Destiny Clayton are running for County Commission in districts which are all or partly in the State Rep. District and we are working together applying for endorsements, and will have joint lit.--cheaper and share volunteers. I’ve been emailing Oakland and Macomb Greens for years and look forward to further support._
(15) Have you run for office before? If so, what office, when, where, how did you get nominated (or were you a write-in), and (briefly) how did the campaign go?

Yes. Elected to Ferndale Charter Revision Commission; chaired it for 2 yrs. Green Party nominee for State Board of Education 2014, 2016, 2018; learned so much that I’m running for State Rep. to use it. At least one of these got enough votes to keep GP-MI on the next ballot.

(16) What political activities, and which parties or other political organizations, have you been involved with in the past five years?

Only Green Party. Organizations include Sierra Club, Peace Action (Board), Gray Panthers (Board), Motor City Freedom Riders (Board), Michigan United Campaign Academy, Democratic Socialists (rather anti-Green); Moms Demand Action; Fair Wage Campaigns;

(17) Please give us your short “campaign biography.” In addition to above statements:

MSU--B.A. Education, minors Spanish and Political Science; WSU--J.D. (Law Degree). Social Services Caseworker. Private Practice Lawyer. 40 yrs., Author, Publisher of 5 editions of Michigan Law for Everyone and 5 other books; Instructor (Law); Public Speaker. Publicist.

(18) What (briefly) is your understanding of the Four Pillars or the Ten Key Values of the Green movement, and how they will apply to the campaign issues for your office/in your area?

The Four Pillars cover everything and are interconnected. (The other 6 fall under one or more of the Four.) My initial reaction: “This is the kind of world I want and am working for.” On my 4-leaf clover logo: Public Education, Public Transit; Protect Families; Prison Reform.

(19) Do you disagree with any parts of the GPMI platform? If so, how will you handle questions on those issues in your campaign?

There is one provision that I would qualify support for but it is not relevant to the position of State Representative.

(20) What issue position (if any) relevant to the office you are seeking -- but either not covered at all in the GPMI platform or covered differently -- would you most want to see GPMI adopt?

I am disappointed that the preamble, after stating that jobs will be lost, did not assure workers that the Green New Deal has been strongly predicted to result in more and better jobs. Like in prior platforms, issues relating to education are sparse and should have included at least: for-profit charter schools should be banned; schools should be adequately funded; wrap-around services provided; community control.
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Nicholas Rowley for Oakland County Commission District 18

(1) Office for which you want the nomination.
   Oakland County Commissioner- District 18

(2) Full legal name, residence address, and age.
   Nicholas Edward Rowley
   23091 Norwood, Oak Park MI 48237
   Over 21.

(3) Preferred contact method(s) and contact information.
   Phone/Text: 586-321-5220
   Facebook Messenger for Nick Rowley

(4) City or township and precinct number where you vote in November general elections.
   Oak Park (16)

(5) Are you a registered voter in the district where you want to run?
   Oh yes; I'm always a registered voter

(6) Are you a member of GPMI? If so, when did you join and why?
   Yes, 2019 because environmental issues are important to me but so too are leftist politics and the Green Party is far more left than either of the two central parties.

(7) Names and contact info for three references who have known you for at least three years. If any are not members of GPMI, please explain briefly how they know you and why their knowledge of you will help GPMI consider your candidacy.
   Ingrid LaFleur, Director, Maison LaFleur, (313) 737-1284, Green Party member; ingrid@maisonlafleur.com    I worked on her campaign for Mayor of Detroit
   Frannie Sheppard-Bates, Lead Facilitator for Shakespeare in Prison project, (248) 917-1730; frannie.sb@icloud.com
   August Gitschlag, Hamtramck City Clerk, (313) 876-7707, agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com

(8) Will you pledge to run a financially clean campaign – no corporate donations, no PAC money, full compliance with laws about candidate committees and record-keeping?
   Absolutely

(9) We seek a candidate to *run* for office, raising and spending money in an active campaign to win, rather than *stand* for office, mostly to raise particular issues and give voters a chance to support Green values. What kind of campaign are you planning?
   One that leverages all of my network and connections as well as my skills and ability to connect others and with others.

(10) Will “Green Party of Michigan” and “www.MIGreenParty.org” appear prominently on all campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc.?
    Totally will.

(11) Will your campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc. be made by union labor and show the union bug – OR made by donated labor and say “labor donated”? If not, please explain.
    Of course I will. There is strength in a Union.

(12) Will you include GP-MI membership links with your standard campaign literature?
    I absolutely will.

(13) Have you created a candidate committee? If so, when did you file the paperwork with the county clerk?
    I'm in the process of filing my Statement of Organization

(14) Please describe your current campaign organization, and how you hope to build on it.
    At the moment 4 of us Greens are running together with Sherry Wells leading the team.
(15) Have you run for office before?
   I have not. I have, however, worked on several very successful campaigns on both sides of the Atlantic.

(16) What political activities, and which parties or other political organizations, have you been involved with in the past five years?
   I have marched and demonstrated on behalf of those detained in inhuman conditions at the southern border. I have been involved in various political campaigns including those for Sanders and, currently, the best progressive candidate for County Executive, Andy Meisner. Prior to that I was very involved in the campaign to acquire a yes vote for the DIA mileage in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties (subsequently I acted as a liaison person at the museum for representatives from those Counties).

(17) Please give us your short “campaign biography” (a few sentences up to a few paragraphs).
   I’m a leftist British immigrant who has been a naturalized citizen since 2009. What passes for the left in the US is bizarre and critically wanting in these times where nations that are successfully tackling Covid19 are doing so by adopting actual socialist and people focused policies and actions. We need politicians who will bring that outlook to the issues at hand. I am one such individual.

(18) What (briefly) is your understanding of the Four Pillars or the Ten Key Values of the Green movement, and how they will apply to the campaign issues for your office/in your area?
   The Four Pillars / Ten Key Values are codifications of a political approach that is universalist and people-centered. I am entirely on board with this. We do best when the largest number of people are granted access to the political system and the widest array of voices can be heard.

(19) Do you disagree with any parts of the GPMI platform? If so, how will you handle questions on those issues in your campaign?
   NO

(20) What issue position (if any) relevant to the office you are seeking, but either not covered at all in the GPMI platform or covered differently, would you most want to see GPMI adopt?
   Obviously clean water is a central tenant of the GP but I think we need to give it a special focus and encourage a change in public and personal policies to reduce harmful water systems use and pollution.
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Destiny Clayton for County Commission District 17

(1) Office for which you want the nomination.
County Commission District 17

(2) Full legal name, residence address, and age.
Destiny Clayton, 24346 Cloverlawn St., Oak Park MI 48237; over 21.

(3) Preferred contact method(s) and contact information.
clayton.destiny88@gmail.com 256-682-8871
https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=1506538204
https://twitter.com/Destiny74109657?s=09

(4) Name (city or township) and precinct number where you vote in November general elections.
Oak Park Precinct 5

(5) Are you a registered voter in the district where you want to run?
Yes.

(6) Are you a member of GPMI? If so, when did you join and why?
Yes. 2020. I’m a Dem-exit person due to the corporatization of the Dem party and how the Ten Key Values fit me.

(7) Names and contact info for three references who have known you for at least three years. If any are not members of GPMI, please explain briefly how they know you and why their knowledge of you will help GPMI consider your candidacy.
Josh Mitchner (615) 924-4916 We have been friends for 10 years and served together.
Elizabeth Bennet (304) 415-6993 My sister who knows how much this means to me.
Calvin Tomaschko +1 810-887-8494 Friend since elementary school.

(8) Will you pledge to run a financially clean campaign – no corporate donations, no PAC money, full compliance with laws about candidate committees and record-keeping?
Yes!

(9) We seek a candidate to *run* for office, raising and spending money in an active campaign to win, rather than *stand* for office, mostly to raise particular issues and give voters a chance to support Green values. What kind of campaign are you planning?
I am running!

(10) Will “Green Party of Michigan” and “www.MIGreenParty.org” appear prominently on all campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc.?
Yes.

(11) Will your campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc. be made by union labor and show the union bug – OR made by donated labor and say “labor donated”? If not, please explain.
Yes

(12) Will you include GP-MI membership links with your standard campaign literature?
Yes

(13) Have you created a candidate committee? If so, when did you file the paperwork with the the county clerk, or the state if you are seeking a state office?
Yes. April 28, 2020. County Clerk
(14) Please describe your current campaign organization, and how you hope to build on it.
   At the moment 4 of us greens are running together with Sherry Wells leading the team

(15) Have you run for office before? If so, what office, when, where, how did you get nominated
   (or were you a write-in), and (briefly) how did the campaign go?
   No

(16) What political activities, and which parties or other political organizations, have you been
   involved with in the past five years?
   Bernie’s campaign and Climate Stick

(17) Please give us your short “campaign biography” (a few sentences up to a few paragraphs).
   I am an Army veteran who had the opportunity to travel into many different areas in our
   country, from Alaska to Alabama. There are certain problems that I saw no matter where I went.
   First, I realized that there were many others like me--poor kids who wanted to build a
   better life and our only option was to join the military. We need to give our children better options
   to succeed.
   Regime change wars need to stop. We have an entire generation of young, poor kids
   who are scarred for life from combat, not to mention all of the people who have died on both
   sides. We could be investing that money into our country.
   We have a huge mental health problem in our country and almost no access to help.
   Even if there are programs, they are hard to find.
   We spend too much money putting people in jail. We need to be investing in
   rehabilitation vs criminal prosecution.
   We need to make sure that people have reliable forms of transportation. We can
   continue to be at the front of the technology and build. high-speed rail systems.
   I hope I can count on your support.

(18) What (briefly) is your understanding of the Four Pillars or the Ten Key Values of the Green
   movement, and how they will apply to the campaign issues for your office/in your area?
   I want to do everything I can to make my county take better care of it's citizens. I would
   put in bike paths, clean water, hold corporations accountable for their workers and
   pollution. The Sierra Club questionnaire was extensive about county issues and I am
   studying those in addition to what I named.

(19) Do you disagree with any parts of the GPMI platform? If so, how will you handle questions
   on those issues in your campaign?
   No

(20) What issue position (if any) relevant to the office you are seeking -- but either not covered
   at all in the GPMI platform or covered differently -- would you most want to see GPMI adopt?
   Universal basic income and/or job guarantee.
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Jessicia Venture for Waterford Township Clerk

(1) Office for which you want GPMI’s nomination.
   Waterford township clerk

(2) Full legal name, residence address, and age.

(3) Your preferred contact method(s) and contact information.
   810-964-0542  Letmehearyoumi@gmail.com

(4) City or township)and precinct number where you vote.
   Waterford, Precinct 19

(5) Are you a registered voter in the district where you want to run?
   Yes.

(6) Are you a member of GPMI? If so, when did you join and why?
   YES. DNC betrayal of Bernie in ’16; I love the platform; a push from Erin Fox.

(7) Names and contact info for three references who have known you for at least three
years. If any are not members of GPMI, please explain briefly how they know you and
why their knowledge of you will help GPMI consider your candidacy.
   Allyscia Smith, 810-391-7096  Sister
   Juniper Hulverson, 810-938-4936  Best friend
   Jeremy Ellewood, 1-248-210-0455  2016 Flint campaign manager for Bernie Sanders

(8) Will you pledge to run a financially clean campaign – no corporate donations, no PAC
money, full compliance with laws about candidate committees and record-keeping?
   YES

(9) Some GPMI nominees *run* for office, raising and spending money in an active
campaign to win. Others *stand* for office, intending mostly to raise particular issues
and give voters a chance to support Green values. What kind of campaign are you
planning?
   I want to help that area by listening to its residents and assure election integrity.

(10) Will “Green Party of Michigan” and “www.MIGreenParty.org” appear prominently on
all campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc.?
    YES

(11) Will your campaign literature, lawn signs, buttons, etc. be made by union labor and
show the union bug OR made by donated labor and say “labor donated”? If not, explain.
    YES

(12) Will you include GPMI membership links with your standard campaign literature?
    YES

(13) Have you created a candidate committee? If so, when and where did you file the
paperwork (with the Secretary of State, the county clerk).
    I have not yet, as I hope to secure the nomination first.

(14) Describe your current campaign organization, and how you hope to build on it.
    Friends to use social media to campaign, and acts of service for the community.

(15) Have you run for office before? If so, what office, when, where, how did you get
nominated (or were you a write-in), and (briefly) how did the campaign go?
    YES. 2018 State Senate, Green Party nominee. 2540 votes earned.

(16) What political activities, and which parties or other political organizations, have you
been involved with in the past five years?
    I follow Moms Demand Action.
(17) Please give us your short “campaign biography” (a few sentences up to a few paragraphs).

My name is Jessicia Venture. I am a Berner, Feminist and Hufflepuff. I moved to Waterford early 2017 and fell in love with the area. I adopted a local park, and have worked on improving it, working with the Waterford Parks and Rec department.

I am running to be township clerk as I believe the right to vote and have your voice heard is fundamental. I have over a decade’s experience in working elections as an election inspector, maintaining no errors in my precinct. I want to bring renewable options to the local community and have a board that listens to its constituents.

I would love to represent the Green Party again as a candidate for office this year in 2020. Together we can venture forward, to a greener future for all. Let me hear you.

(18) What is your understanding of the Four Pillars or the Ten Key Values of the Green movement, and how they apply to the campaign issues for your office/in your area?

Grassroots Democracy - Election integrity, transparency, and availability to all
Social Justice - Everyone has a voice, as long as yours isn’t used to silence another
Ecological Wisdom - Renewable energy, NOW. Recycling and cleaning up.
Non-violence - Strive to find the peaceful options, wherever possible.
Decentralization - Policy should be made by the people--thos affected, and be fairer in regard to social effects (Ex. fines should be %-based, rather than fixed amount)
Community-based Economics - communities should look to themselves first to further their local economy.
Feminism & Gender Equality - Ensuring fair treatment among all sexes. (transwomen are women!)
Respect for Diversity - Every culture and group is important, valid, and deserves to be heard.
Personal & Global responsibility - Recognizing your own carbon footprint and your social responsibility to help others.
Future Focus & Sustainability - Green Energy, reusable things, and a constant desire and drive to improve. “If it ain’t broke, improve it”

(19) Do you disagree with any parts of the GPMI platform? If so, how will you handle questions on those issues in your campaign?

I DO agree with the Non-Violence 99% percent of the time. That being said, Punch Nazis. Every time. I think it will only ever come up in the event I have to punch a Nazi.

(20) What issue position (if any) relevant to the office you are seeking -- but either not covered at all in the GPMI platform or covered differently -- would you most want to see GPMI adopt?

Specifics on Gun Reform
Absentee voting for all
Vocalize support for the Bully Dog Breed ban currently waiting in the house committee.

(these may already be there, but couldn't find in a glance in the website)