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Ballot Issues

Flint City Council — All nine seats for the Flint City Council are up for grabs this year.

CANDIDATES FOR FLINT CITY COUNCIL

FIRST WARD
Anita Brown
Eric Mays (Incumbent)

SECOND WARD
Maurice Davis
Jackie Poplar (Incumbent)

THIRD WARD
Santino Guerra

Kerry Nelson (Incumbent)

FOURTH WARD
Michael Doan
Kate Fields (Incumbent)

FIFTH WARD
Wantwaz Davis (Incumbent)
Jeri Winfrey-Carter

SIXTH WARD
Chia Morgan
Herbert Winfrey (Incumbent)

SEVENTH WARD
Monica Galloway (Incumbent)
Heather Morrolla Kale

EIGHTH WARD
Karen Weaver

NINTH WARD
Eva Worthing

Recall Election

A recall measure was approved in putting a mayor’s race on the November 7, 2017 ballot. There are 17 candidates running including Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. For more information on the recall process visit page 15 in the Flint Beat Voter’s Guide.

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Vote for not more than person to complete a partial term ending Nov. 11, 2019

David Davenport
Chris Del Morone
Woody Etherly
Anderson L. Fernanders
Ray Hall

Ronald D. Higgerson
Brent Allan Jaworski
Ellery Johnson
Scott Kincaid
Sean MacIntyre

Anthony Palladeno Jr.
Don Pfeiffer
Jeffrey L. Shelley
Al Wamsley
Angela Ward

Karen Weaver
Arthur Woodson

Flint Community Schools Ballot Proposal

Shall the number of members on the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Flint be reduced from nine (9) to seven (7), resulting in the elimination of two (2) positions which have terms that expire on December 31, 2018.
1st Ward

Eric Mays
Age: 58
Education: Graduated high school class of 1976, graduated Michigan State University with a Bachelor's in Political Science and Pre-Law in the class of 1981
Occupation: Currently serves as first ward Flint City Councilman. We work for General Motors, UAW 1112.

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?
Because I understand the duties, the responsibilities, and my job as it relates to serving and representing the citizens of the city of Flint and particularly the first ward. In other words, it takes knowledge of the budget, it takes knowledge of the rules and regulations, and it takes relationships. And then you have to do the basic stuff like answer your phone and return calls. When you have experience dealing with folks' business in the UAW, you just going from representing then the UAW to now [Flint's first ward]. I'm a good fit as a public servant and a voice and a fighter for what the people in my district need.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?
The top five issues I will focus on will be jobs, water issues, blight (which includes abandoned houses, and high grass, and dumping), police and public safety, and making sure that I serve each individual for their different needs. Some council people don't answer their phones and don't return calls, and that's an issue.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?
I hold the state and the Governor more accountable and the Republican legislature. We operate with a general fund of about $53 million. The state operates with a general fund budget of about $55 billion, and nearly a $1 billion surplus. And in order to navigate the water crisis, you cannot and should not charge the highest rates in the country for water, people cannot fully use and the state should not be sitting there with all of that money on something that they created and people are not holding them more accountable to drop them dollars in an amount that can fix pipes and repair things. This could be done in a year. So I think I want some council folks who will fight and hold the state more accountable than the ones that I've been working with so far. I would hold the state accountable until we get the amount of dollars specifically that are needed to get this behind us in a twelve-month period of time. It has gone on far too long.

I think the state should be putting towards the city another $300 million, but then in terms of the lives that have been lost in terms of legacies, disease and pneumonia and things like that the state might need to set aside another $2 to $3 billion to settle some of these class action lawsuits and claims from individual residents.

In a leadership capacity, we should not only be worried about settling for infrastructure and pipes being fixed at lower water rates, you can have people die and we should also be interested in helping navigate some of these lawsuits and claims for some of the residents in our city and we should be holding the Governor and the legislature accountable.

What would your water source recommendation be?
My water source recommendation is a little complicated. For one, right now we're getting water from Detroit, and the Great Lakes Water Authority is going to have to remain the source under all circumstances for at least the next two to three years because we don't have a plant that's able to treat water coming from the KWA, we have not had a city council to make a decision on an alternative plan. Right now, my position as we speak today is that the State of Michigan should be liable for the bond debt on the KWA because of a suspicious bond sale under the emergency manager.

My position is that the completed KWA pipeline is an asset that I don't think people should squander at this point and giveaway, and give up water rights, we have water rights from Sanilac County to Lapeer County but also all the way to Birch Run because of what I'm going to call the watershed, and people right now are trying to put the last nail in the coffin to take water rights away from the residents of the City of Flint over the next thirty or more years.

I have to break down where we should get water from in the short term, medium term, and long-term. In the short term for the next three years, at least I see our water source being Detroit, and in the medium and long-term it's possible we might just do better for the residents of Flint if we can hold onto our assets and make the state financially responsible for something that they've created.

And I need to be around to fight for that for my kids and grandkids. I'm probably one of the best voices with the best understanding of the complexity of these water issues and that's my view.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?
The blight in Flint, in my opinion, comes because at one point we had 80,000 GM/UAW workers in Flint, and now we're down to 8,000. People have moved out, you've got boarded up and abandoned houses, you've got people dumping where they shouldn't be dumping. Once you create a rash of crime, criminal activity and I would like to focus in on those things and I do believe we can bring jobs to the city that could occupy their idle time and they will begin to provide for themselves and their families which will help them to spend their time not drinking and drugging. And with that, they are going to see a revival of this city and I'm going to be part of it.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?
First, of all we've got to make sure we sustain clean and drinkable water. We have to make sure our upgrades are done and monitored at the water plant.

We must make sure we have capable people to run the water plant. We need to also make sure the top people at the water plant are involved with the city and keep council abreast of what's going on with a maybe yearly report of what's going.

Whether they are doing good or doing bad so we can pass this off to our constituents because right now we are not getting the information that we need. I want to make sure that I stay on top of that and to make sure we get our contract for a long-term water source.

What would your water source recommendation be?
My water source recommendation will be the KWA because I do not trust GLWA and I'm hoping we can work together as council and administration to move this forward where eventually our constituents will see a savings along the line. We can't continue to raise water rates on the backs of the seniors and our young people.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?
I have been a Flint resident all my life and I have lived in the 3rd Ward for approximately 40 years. I can remember when Flint was a vibrant, safe and prosperous place to live and raise children.

However, today Flint is faced with serious problems and critical issues that have impeded upon our stability and quality of life. I believe that my demonstrated passion, personal and political experience and my proven willingness to be a part of finding the solutions makes me a good fit to continue to serve as the 3rd Ward City Councilman.

In addition, my people skills and ability to motivate and bring people together and to reach across party and racial lines to work on common problems.
grounds to resolve problems are critical to effective leadership as a City Council Person.

I have served as a past and current 3rd Ward City Councilman and Council President and the experience and knowledge that I have relative to City and Municipal government and its inter operations have prepared me to serve and lead as a Councilman.

I strongly believe in Flint and I know without a doubt that Flint has the bounce back ability. And because of my hope in Flint’s recovery makes me a good fit to continue to serve as a City Councilman.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

My top five focus is:
1. Public Safety
2. Fiscal sustainability, economic and community development, neighborhood revitalization and sustainability.
3. Reduction in water rates, service fees and property taxes.
4. Quality and safe water.
5. Job development.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

I feel that it’s imperative to put a system in place that will enforce accountability, transparency and make sure that all designated money is used as intended. Also, I feel that the community who is most affected by the Water Crisis should have a voice in the Water Crisis solutions.

What would your water source recommendation be?

My Water source recommendation is KWA. I don’t believe that Flint should enter into a 30-year contract with anyone. To do so would work against the best interest of the people.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

I don’t feel that there is any justification for the City of Flint and its neighborhoods to be subjected to blight. Therefore I will do what I am doing now and that is advocating for more funds to combat blight. And I strongly feel that there should be costly citation fines given to those who are causing the blight.

4th Ward

Santino J. Guerra
Education: Kearsley High School Alumnus
Currently Pre-law double majoring in Criminal Justice and Sociology at the University of Michigan - Flint
Occupation: Full-Time Student, Prior to campaign worked at the University of Michigan - Flint Department of Public Safety

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?

I bring a fresh face to the city council, with new ideas.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

• Safe and affordable water
• Getting rid of blight and abandoned homes
• Increasing Public Safety and improve community relations.
• Bring jobs to the community.
• Stressing the importance of education.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

To navigate through the water crisis we have to work together. The Council, the Mayor and the people need to be on the same page. If elected I will have no problem working with anyone who has the best interest of the people at heart.

What would your water source recommendation be?

My first priority is making sure that the water is safe to drink. My second is to make sure that it is affordable for all residents. When I have all the information and details then I will decide, we only have partial information at the time.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

Blight is a huge issue especially in the 3rd ward. To help tackle the issue we need to work with the community and the land bank to identify areas of blight and get them cleaned up.

Kate Fields
Occupation: Flint City Councilwoman

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?

I have an extensive background (both academic and experiential) in Public Administration. BA and MPA in Public Administration from UM-Flint (Master’s is Rackham in Ann Arbor). I created and was Executive Director of a Flint Based Community Development Corporation for 15 years. Accessed Federal, State and local funds to remove blight, built and rehabbed houses to Energy Star standards, become a HUD housing counseling agency to help prevent mortgage foreclosures, general provision of help with accessing low-income housing and mobilization and organization of community residents.

I have been an instructor in the Master’s of Public Administration program at UM-Flint for the past 12 years. I teach both non-profit management and government classes.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

The most important issue at the 3rd Ward is making the right decision regarding our Water Source Choices. This issue will affect generations to come and we must get it right. I would also like to find ways to eventually lower our water bills to something reasonable.

Other issues include constituent services (including public safety), removal of blight, transparency and accountability in Flint City Government. Of course, economic development and the availability of jobs for residents is extremely important.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

I am currently one of the three Council members on the Water sub-committee.

My goal has been to have an independent analysis conducted of our water issues and choices. Detroit has not served us well in the past and it’s part of the reason why water bills are so sky-high (price-gouging).

I have done extensive research and FOIA’d the EPA, MDEQ, State Treasury, Governor Snyder’s office, City of Flint, GLWA, Genesee County Drain Commission and KWA to get all documents which I’ve then sent out in email blasts to the public.

Information is power and I believe in the 60’s slogan “Power to the People”.

What would your water source recommendation be?

Still in process of getting that independent analysis but I will support the option that best serve the people financially and in all other areas including public health and maintaining our independence.

The State has not made good decisions for Flint in the past and I refuse to be pressured into a hasty and ill-informed decision. I also believe there is real economic potential in retaining our portion of the KWA raw water (vital to certain manufacturers).

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

We have an official plan to We have an official plan to combat blight. And I am doing now and that is advocating for more funds to combat blight. And I strongly feel that there should be costly citation fines given to those who are causing the blight.

5th Ward

Wantwaz Davis
Education: College and communication
Occupation: Own my own janitorial company and I am a City Councilman.

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?

I feel that I am a good fit because I understand the issues and the struggles that underprivileged people go through from all different ethnic backgrounds. I understand struggle, and I understand when you are placed in a situation where you become voiceless. But most importantly, I have a sound understanding of how local government can address many of the crippling issues that most of the voiceless and the hopeless people are struggling and going through and I know how to address those issues.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

Quality affordable water, the health and the well-being of my constituents and the residents of the City of Flint, jobs, crime, and education.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

By trying to build a strong economic and development plan at the same time as we are trying to fix the issues that we have been ailed with. Building a strong economic and development plan with the intention of getting young men and women off the streets and getting them involved in the workforce, because there’s an old saying that President Obama said some years ago: ‘that whenever there’s a city or a township going through a struggle, or a difficult time, or a crisis there must be an economic and development plan created at the same time or else we fail the people.’
Ed.S. in Adult Education; Doctoral Candidate in Adult Education Occupation: Associate Director of the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Adult Literacy Center.

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?
I am a good fit for City Council because I am exceptionally well qualified to handle the job. I have the right personality to bring a greater degree of civility to that body, I am resourceful and knowledgeable, I have a passion for the people and passion for the Flint community, and I have a collaborative spirit to ensure that the Council and the Administration work together to move the city forward.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?
The top five issues I would like to focus on include:
1. Resolving the water crisis and working to restore the trust of my constituents in the water delivery system once again.
2. Economic development and the creation of jobs. The 5th Ward has more industrial-ready land within its boundaries than any other ward in the city, ready to be occupied by manufacturing companies. I would utilize the fact that the Lear Corporation is located in the old Buick City complex as leverage to attract other major companies to the area.
3. Blight removal and the elimination of illegal dumping. The 5th Ward has become a major dumping ground. I will work with the administration to establish safeguards against illegal dumping in my ward, and to establish neighborhood clean-ups throughout the ward.
4. Community development. I will work diligently to complete Smith Village and to bring it to a state that is more attractive to potential homeowners, such as providing low-interest or no interest home improvement loans to the owners of older structures in the area, working to beautify the area generally, and working with the administration to entice potential homeowners to the area. At the same time, I would work to encourage more development in other areas such as University Park.
5. Work to develop more recreational and social outlets for senior citizens and youth in the 5th Ward. The 5th Ward is a desert when it comes to opportunities for our senior citizens and youth. I would work in conjunction with the community school directors at Doyle-Ryder and DTM to provide more engaging activities/programs and resources to the 5th Ward youth and senior citizens.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?
I would help the city navigate through the water crisis by first, making myself totally knowledgeable about all the intricacies of the water crisis from the beginning up to this point. My undergraduate degree in chemistry gives me a greater perspective on the causes and effects of the water crisis than the average layperson. As the quality of our water continues to improve, the biggest hurdle we will have to cross as a city is to convince our residents to believe that the water is safe. I feel I can use my chemistry background to help in that regard.

What would your water source recommendation be?
My water source recommendation would be to remain with the Great Lakes Water Authority. If we are truly sincere about restoring trust in the water system, we do not need to take the citizens of Flint through another change. As fragile and precarious as the city’s finances are, the fact that GLWA will take on the cost of $7 million annual bond debt is a bonus for the city, notwithstanding the fact that the water we receive from GLWA is pre-treated, eliminating the need to spend millions upon millions of dollars to bring our antiquated water plant up to speed.

To go with KWA will require a complete restoration of the water plant in addition to attracting the expertise to operate the plant. The latter is an ongoing problem for the city because of the water problem itself and the city’s inability to adequately compensate qualified personnel works against hiring that much-needed expertise.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?
One of the big issues in the 5th Ward and other wards throughout the city of Flint is blight. In my opinion, blight is directly related to criminal activity. With the increased number of vacant lots, abandoned buildings, and dilapidated houses; vandalism, loitering, and other criminal acts such as illegal dumping is on the rise. First, I would make sure we are enforcing all illegal dumping, vandalism, and litter laws on the books. Secondly, I would engage our block clubs, neighborhood associations, and crime watch organizations in the 5th Ward to become even more vigilant to illegal dumping and other criminal activity. Third, if resources permit, I would advocate to place video cameras in areas that are most susceptible to illegal dumping and other criminal acts.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?
I would continue to do the work that I have been doing as an activist; making our allies in other parts of the country aware of our ongoing need. Ensuring water delivery information is available to senior and home-bound residents as well as spreading awareness of the abundance of available resources. I would work with all stakeholders to ensure that all critical pieces of the puzzle were available to help us move toward a sustainable and long-term water source.

What would your water source recommendation be?
I do not have all of the information regarding the two water sources that our current elected officials are privy to, so I cannot make a completely informed decision at this time. I would educate myself on the strengths and weaknesses of each option before voting as this is a critical decision that impacts more than me and my family.

Herbert J. Winfrey
Education: BA in Sociology, University of Michigan and a MA in Counseling, Liberty University
Occupation: Program Manager, Hope Network, Incorporated
Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?
I believe in living a life of service. I make it a priority to serve people well. I use the ancient Buddhist technique, mindful listening, as people talk to help me understand the speaker. I research issues seeking information to help me make good decisions. Finally, I believe in a government that is honest, transparent, just and provides efficiency for its residents.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?
I am going to make a whole community connectedness and stable employment opportunities.

7th Ward
Heather Moro kale
Education: MA Public Relations and Organizational Communication from Wayne State University
Occupation: General Manager, Flint Ferris Wheel and former Director of Member Services, Flint & Genesee County Chamber of Commerce
Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?
I have a few concerns with both water sources (Karegnondi Water Authority) KWA and Great Lakes Water Authority/GLWA) before us now. This councilman is seeking deals that lowers water rates and enables the city to create revenue.

What would your water source recommendation be?
I would like to see a recommendation that all critical pieces of the puzzle were available to work with. I would like to see a recommendation that all critical pieces of the puzzle were available to work with.
a good fit for Flint City Council?

My passion and commitment to Flint is unwavering. Passion along with the desire to learn, listen and help whenever possible are characteristics that would benefit City Council. I want to be a part of a solution to move our city forward.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

The Water Crisis, recovery and properly educating/informing residents of the progress should be at the top of everyone’s focus areas.

1. We have limited resources and it’s important that we work with the City Administration, State and Federal Elected Officials to identify opportunities to build the resources back up.

Our residents need to feel safe and that is difficult when the money allocated for public safety is constrained by a limited tax base. We need to be creative and collaborative to come up with solutions.

2. Blight is overtaking Flint. We have a population of about 100,000 with an infrastructure that was built to support over double that. How can we possibly keep up?

We need to identify leaders in the City, Wards and Precincts that can help inform our Blight Elimination Office and perhaps take it a step further and pick up a rake or help mow a lawn. The new website is a start in the right direction. A great tool that needs to be utilized to its fullest capability.

3. City Council should be a part of changing the narrative of how Flint is perceived. This can’t be done if it is in constant chaos.

We need to hold people accountable, create positive working relationships other council members and meeting attendees. I am not disillusioned that this will happen overnight but with the right intentions and structure it will happen.

The charter that passed in August gives us an opportunity to put some resources behind that structure.

5. We need to look at other rust belt communities that have redefined themselves and speak with their leaders. We need to be innovative and come up with ways to communicate and support the work that needs to be done (like the Flint property portal website).

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

Listening and understanding all perspectives, educating myself and my constituents with information provided. Doing my due diligence in finding information that is not provided.

Making informed decisions and casting votes that will best benefit the citizens of Flint.

What would your water source recommendation be?

I have been diligent in looking at articles and reports pertaining to our water. I am not certain that all options have been explored and exhausted. That being said, all residents have the right to safe, clean, affordable water as quickly as possible.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

I talk to many residents that aren’t even aware that we have a Blight Elimination Office and they are very busy. Can you imagine if even 10% more of the city population called to submit complaints? They are doing the best job they can with the resources they have but they are in the weeds (no pun intended).

We need to utilize their staff, the Flint Property Portal, block clubs, neighborhood associations and individual residents to help identify ordinance violations, educate about the importance of blight elimination and help people see that our community deserves respect.

We can tackle blight and other public safety issues with innovative minds, better communication and technology.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

1. The number one is building trust with residents through sound decision-making.

2. Helping develop a sustainable financial and infrastructure solution to the current water crisis.

3. I am committed to working to develop a strategy that will help bring relief and assistance to seniors and low-income residents that struggle to pay their water bills on fixed incomes, while being financially responsible.

4. I will seek out our State and Federal Senators and Representatives to bring funding to support Flint and our residents (whether it’s blight, financial relief for water billings, alongside economic and job development initiatives).

5. I will continue building partnerships with residents and community activist in the community that are committed to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

I have spent the last two years helping this community navigate through the current water crisis. I have supported the administration’s Fast Start program, by approving resolutions and appointments to move the process forward.

I have assisted the seniors by having water delivered to the Brennan Center and Street Court Commons. I have assisted with the delivered water to residents that were homebound.

My assistance has extended to areas outside of the 7th Ward with the approval of supporting city council members. I have actively advocated for the healthy grocery store initiative for the north side of Flint.

What would your water source recommendation be?

I possess the public administration skills to supervise the administrative officers, formulate policies and the necessary characters to exercise city powers.

I have the necessary interpersonal skills and experience that permits me to devote my official time to the problems of basic policy. As a public administrator and grass root leader I am very capable in providing the duties of liaisons between the city and general public.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?

1. Moving the City of Flint community from the water crisis to participants in community resilience.

Although financial resources are not readily available I am committed to exhausting every option before making a long-term decision that will financially impact the lives of many future generations.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

We are faced with a blight problem that requires about $54 million dollars based on expert opinions and writings on this matter. I will continue to work with the Land Bank and our grants department to secure funding to tackle this health and safety concern.

8th Ward

Joyce Ellis-McNeal

Education: Masters of Public Administration, BS – Business Administration/Organization Management, Associate – Computer Technology

Occupation: Self-Employed

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?

I posses the public administration skills to supervise the administrative officers, formulate policies and the necessary characters to exercise city powers.

I have the necessary interpersonal skills and experience that permits me to devote my official time to the problems of basic policy. As a public administrator and grass root leader I am very capable in providing the duties of liaisons between the city and general public.
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✓ MAKE SURE FLINT HAS SAFE AND AFFORDABLE WATER
✓ MAKE OUR STREETS SAFER
✓ MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER

Let me tell you about my Grandpa, Scott Kincaid

I’m very proud that my grandpa is running to be Mayor of Flint. Our city has a lot of problems and my grandpa, Scott Kincaid, is the person Flint needs right now.

I don’t know everything about what goes into running a city, but I do know the lessons and values my grandfather has taught me.

He taught me that we can make things better by working together.

He taught me to always stand up for what’s right.

And he taught me that we are all made in God’s image no matter our background or the color of our skin.

My grandfather is a good man, with a good heart, who cares deeply about Flint. I hope you will vote for him on November 7th.

– Kobe

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SCOTT KINCAID FOR MAYOR BY ABSENTEE BALLOT OR ON NOVEMBER 7!
Eva Worthing
Education: Master’s Degree in Education
Occupation: Administrative Assistant (Former Teacher - taught for 13 years)

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Flint City Council?
I feel that I am a good fit for City Council because I am a natural born leader. Leaders listen to others opinions and reflect on what they’ve heard; they do not bully or boss others around. Secondly, my main focus has always been to help others. This is why I went into teaching and why I am now running for council. I have the determination and passion to ensure that my community is always taken care of. And lastly, I have integrity and would proudly represent my constituents by always doing what is right.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as a City Council member?
The number one issue for the city of Flint is still safe drinking water, unfortunately. The other issues that I would focus on are blight, the safety of our citizens, bringing new businesses to the city and developing a council that will work together and in an organized, professional manner.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?
I would advocate for the continuation of expanded Medicaid services, food benefits, and any other services that have helped our citizens recover from the water crisis. I also would like to see even more programs developed, specifically urban farming that provides high nutrient foods that help combat the effects of lead.

I would ensure that pipes are and will continue to be replaced until all lead tainted pipes are gone.

What would your water source recommendation be?
I believe that Flint should continue using GLWA as the city’s water source. Unfortunately, the city does not have the resources nor the expertise in place to safely ensure clean drinking water. Until the Flint plant is capable of producing clean water and properly staffed, GLWA is our best option.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?
Blight has been a problem in urban areas for generations and must be constantly dealt with. Because blight brings down home values and brings more crime, we should either tear down or rehabilitate foreclosed homes. I believe blight is best dealt with when citizens are active and engaged. There is a monthly crime watch meeting that I would love to see more community participation in.
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- Champions Veteran’s Rights
- Lead figure in the recall efforts to remove Karen Weaver
- Successful Team Builder focused on multi-generational and multi-ethnic Collaborations
- Fearless in the fight to make Flint whole again
- Committed to youth & their future
- Round table approach to community & economic development
- Transparent in approach to honorable governance in Flint
- Researcher actively seeking knowledge that is valid, factual, applicable to Flint’s health, safety and development
- Implementing an open door policy, as Mayor of Flint for all Flint residents
- Reviews all options pursuing the best narrative for Flint’s voice
- Will not accept same old party line
- Seeking science solutions for our best water source

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- Or at your county, city or township clerk’s office
- Or at any Secretary of State branch office
- If you have a Michigan’s driver’s license, it must have the same address as your voter registration

You can check to see if you are registered to vote at www.michigan.gov/vote.

THE VOTING PROCESS:

- You must vote in the precinct in which you are registered unless you are voting absentee. If you aren’t sure where your voting place is, you can call your clerk, or check online at www.michigan.gov/vote or www.vote411.org.

- If your name is not on the list of registered voters you are entitled to receive a provisional ballot, if you are willing to swear that you believe you registered to vote. The person votes the provisional ballot, which is then placed in an envelope, and then has six days to show he or she is a properly registered voter.

- All voters are required to show a photo identification. If you do not have with you a photo ID, you must sign an “Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture Identification” form in order to get a ballot.

THE AFFIDAVIT CAN BE USED BY:

- Voters who do not have acceptable photo ID, or
- Voters who have photo ID but who didn’t bring it to the polls
- Once you sign the affidavit, you may cast your ballot. It will be counted with all other ballots on Election Day.

ACCEPTABLE PHOTOS IDS:

- Driver’s license or personal identification card issued by the state of Michigan or by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification card with photo from high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo.

If you do not have a photo ID, you may get a state picture ID from your local Secretary of State branch. Picture IDs cost $10.00, but are free for some individuals.
Who is Eligible for an Absent Voter Ballot

A REGISTERED VOTER MAY OBTAIN AN ABSENT BALLOT IF THEY ARE:

A registered voter may obtain an absent voter ballot if they are:
• Age 60 years old or older
• Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
• Expecting to be out of town on election day
• In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
• Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
• Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

REQUESTING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see https://www.Michigan.gov/vote) Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absent voter ballot by mailing the application, large print application, a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk’s office. Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

The Flint City Clerk’s office is located at 1101 Saginaw Street, Flint MI 48502. The Genesee County Clerk’s office is located at 900 Saginaw Street, Flint MI 48502.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a registered voter to receive an absent voter ballot. Requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately. Absent voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk’s office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk’s office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency absent voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot. Please contact your local clerk for more information about emergency absent voter ballots.

(Information provided by the Flint City Clerk Office and the Michigan Secretary of State)
CITY OF FLINT
November 7, 2017
APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

WARNING: A PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION IS Guilty OF A MISDEMEANOR.

As a United States citizen and a duly qualified and registered elector in the County of Genesee, Jurisdiction of FLINT CITY, State of Michigan, I hereby make application for official ballot, to be voted by me for the above indicated election.

Check Reason(s) why you are requesting Ballot: (if a reason is NOT checked for an election, an absentee ballot WILL NOT be issued for that election)

[ ] I am 60 years of age or older.
[ ] I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open.
[ ] I am physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another.
[ ] I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
[ ] I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
[ ] I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Name (PRINT) ____________________________________________________________________________________
Birth Year (optional) ____________ Address __________________________________________ Zip Code ____________
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NOTE: MISDEMEANOR ELECTION LAW PROHIBITS A VOTER FROM SENDING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION TO AN ADDRESS OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY OR TO A HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION.

I certify that I am a United States citizen and I declare the foregoing statement(s) to be true.

X ____________________________ Date ____________
(SIGNATURE [SEND TO VOTERS])

RETURN SIGNED APPLICATION TO: City of Flint - Election Division
1101 S. Saginaw St. Ste 201C
Flint Mi. 48502
Phone: (810) 766-7414

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will NOT receive an absentee ballot.

Step 2. Deliver the application by 1 of the following methods:
Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the receipt of the envelope and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.

(a) Deliver the application personally to the office of the clerk, to the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk.

(b) Deliver the application to either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the household, mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.

(c) In the event an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate below.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED REGISTERED ELECTOR RETURNING ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION

I certify that my name is __________________________, my address is __________________________, and that I am delivering the absentee ballot of __________________________, at his or her request, that I did not solicit or request to return the application that I have not made any markings on the application that I have not altered the application in any way that I have not influenced the applicant and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

__________________________ Date ____________ __________________________ Signature

WARNING

A person making a false statement in this absentee voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor.

It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the above instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or assist to return your absentee voter application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absentee voter ballot applications at a location other than the office of the clerk must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk’s authorization to return your application.

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Connection and Communication; and Innovation and Best Practices

Let's build a better city together!

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November 7th
Re-Elect 7th Ward City Councilwoman

MONICA GALLOWAY

As your Councilperson, I have spent the last four years consistently fighting for the interest of the residents I serve with professionalism and integrity. The last three years have been focused on helping this community navigate through the current water crisis, by approving resolutions and appointments set forth by the Administration to move the Fast Start Program forward. I have partnered with the Brennan Center and Court Street Commons to have water delivered to our seniors, while actively pursued governmental training through the Michigan Municipal League, a non-profit foundation dedicated to supporting local government leadership and development. I have prepared myself to lead through the incorporation of the governmental tools which I have acquired through the Michigan Municipal League, Mott Community College, the Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and a positive utilization of partnerships I have built with other City, County, State, Federal political leaders and community activist. Flint is facing challenging times and tough decisions have to be made. I have shown the political will to make those decisions in the face of adversity and microscopic scrutiny. My experience gained through the water crisis has uniquely prepared me to continue serving as the 7th Ward Councilperson.
The Mayoral Recall: Why Your Ballot will be Different

By Paul Rozycki

In the past, recall elections were two-stage affairs. Voters would vote yes or no on whether or not to recall an official and then, if the official was recalled, an election would be scheduled to fill the seat, perhaps some months later.

Changes in Michigan’s recall law in 2012 now make recalls a one-step process. On November’s ballot there won’t be a yes or no vote on recalling Mayor Weaver. There will simply be a list of candidates, including Mayor Karen Weaver, and whoever gets the most votes will serve out the remainder of her term.

At the moment, there are 18 candidates to be listed on the ballot. (See special election section in this issue). If Weaver wins she would, of course, continue to serve her full term, until 2019.

If anyone other than Mayor Weaver were elected, they would take office as soon as the votes were certified, most likely within a week or so.

Currently 19 states allow recall of state officials and at least 29 states allow the voters to remove local officials, at least in some limited circumstances.

Michigan allows recall of all state and local officials except judges, and we have had some form of recall since 1908. We’ve had a long tradition of using the recall very frequently, particularly against local officials.

At times it seemed that one could rarely go through three weeks of local headlines without reading of some attempt to recall a local official. Recall law, making it more difficult to remove local officials. The new law reduced the time to collect signatures from 90 to 60 days, required the reasons for the recall to be “factual,” and prohibited recalls in the first or last six months of an officeholder’s term, or first or last year, if the term is longer than 2 years. Officials can only face one recall election during their term.

A ‘winner take all’ election?

As complex and confusing as all this can be, the new law adds several unusual elements to this November’s recall election in Flint. Since there is only one election, whoever gets the most votes will be elected (or retained) as mayor of Flint for the rest of Weaver’s term.

With 18 candidates competing, the math could produce some surprising results, since the winner doesn’t need a majority of the vote, just the most votes…. and that could be as little as six percent of the total.

On one hand it might appear that just about anyone has a shot at winning. However, since Mayor Weaver is probably the best known name of the list, and since her opposition will be split up among 17 candidates, her chances to come in first would seem pretty good.

However it may not be that simple. Of Mayor Weaver’s many opponents, probably her major competition is Scott Kincaid, who has been on the city council for 32 years and ran for mayor once before—against Woodrow Stanley.

But, given recent political history, predictions might be risky and it’s also conceivable that any of the other candidates could break through and surprise everyone. With 18 candidates anything is possible. As has been true for most of Flint’s mayoral elections over the last 30 years, the voting is likely to break down along racial lines.

Other issues

As if this weren’t complicated enough, the new city charter takes effect at the beginning of next year, and will change several basic aspects of how the city is governed.

However, the Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) is still in place and might limit, delay or modify some elements of the new charter. How that plays out remains to be seen.

In addition, Flint voters will also be electing members of the city council in all nine wards, and will be voting on a proposal to reduce the Flint School Board to seven members, from the current nine.

It’s a significant time for Flint citizens to get informed and show up at the voting booth.

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“Nearly 700 petitions for recall were filed in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties between 2005 and 2010, though most didn’t get to the ballot stage.”
Pfeiffer the Best Choice for Flint Mayor

The process has been confusing, and the list of candidates is long, but in the last month one thing has become clear. Don Pfeiffer is the logical candidate to become Flint’s next mayor.

Why?

For starters, he is the only candidate with a clear message, measurable goals—and the credentials to give voters hope that he can meet those goals.

The Flint building contractor promises that he will fix Flint’s water problems in 2 years, or he will not run for re-election. That might sound like an idle boast, or the campaign rhetoric of a naïve outsider except for one thing.

Pfeiffer knows what he’s talking about. His construction company has a 100% track record of bringing projects in on time, and on budget.

Nor is Pfeiffer a stranger to disaster. In 2006, he went to Louisiana to help with reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina. Flint’s disaster, Pfeiffer notes, is much easier to manage, and the money ($447 million) has already been appropriated. All Flint needs is a project manager who knows how to get it done.

If that’s the case, why hasn’t Mayor Karen Weaver and the City Council controlled by Kincaid and the City Council talk about is finding contractors for being late. How will that help Flint residents who need clean affordable water now? Pfeiffer’s solution of giving all the work to union contractors with licensed and experienced plumbers seems the only obvious course.

But the water problem is not the only reason why Flint could use a good construction manager right now.

For years, the removal of abandoned houses has been a priority in Flint. Money for blight has been appropriated by the Federal and State governments—and it has been wasted.

HUD grants have had to be returned because of sloppy paperwork or failure to get things done. Contractors have taken money, but not performed the required work. In short, Flint spends too much of its own and other people’s money on blight, and is getting too little in return. Pfeiffer knows what demolition should cost, how long it should take, and what problems need to be overcome. He will undoubtedly hire people who can and will get the job done—and will not accept excuses that politicians with no construction experience might find plausible.

Flint is also rich in land, and at the moment, it is low priced land. Pfeiffer’s experience will also help in finding the best use for that land for economic development.

While Flint has problems that do not have to do with construction, at the moment it seems to us those are our biggest problems, and Pfeiffer’s candidacy comes at the perfect time for Flint.

MAYORAL COVERAGE

David Davenport
Education: Cyber Security Degree, Linux Unix degree, Information Technology degree.
Occupation: Business Owner

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

I have faith, and transparently served 6 years on the Flint School board of education; with the knowledge and experience that I have with the school board, with an elected office, and budget deficits. As mayor I can hit the ground running after I get in office. I do not need a training period. Also, I will put human life as first priority, like I did on the Flint school board.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

1. Getting the water back consumable, and gaining the peoples trust back in city government by also being transparent.
2. Getting back control of Flint City Government from the State.
4. Economic development.
5. Education of our citizens (especially young people).

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

Sue the State of Michigan, to keep maintaining all free bottled water stations to stay open until all pipes have been replaced, and the citizens say that the water is consumable, since the State was the initiator of the water crisis. (by placing an Emergency Manager, over our personal decisions).

I would fight for free water for senior citizens and the disabled. I would also investigate the other charges on the water bill, like service charges etc., I would Look for ways to lower the water bills.

What would your water source recommendation be?

Until I see the raw numbers from the different water sources, I will not be able to make a decision that will benefit the citizens of Flint. Flint’s disaster, is no opinion on blight in Flint and how would you tackle it? Land Bank is majority of the culprit, I would have meetings with the Landbank to see how we could come together and get the blight completely eliminated in all areas.

Anderson L Fernanders
Education: God, Law (Divine, Constitutional, Common, Equity, and Admiralty/Maritime Law), Ashland Theological Seminary, MA, Counseling, and Rochester College, BS, Behavioral Science in Counseling, Magna Cum Laude.
Occupation: Private Attorney for God and Counseling.

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

Mayor Anderson Fernanders will be in a position to use his gifts and talents to take care that the laws be enforced equally without respect of who she or he is in terms of their social or economic status, to maintain a form of governance which is by the people and for the people, for the outpatient and by the outpatient, and to guard against repeating the mistakes where industries gain enormous profits without the City growing in modernization and new industrial growth sectors, as well as, against those which led to the man made water crisis.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

Mayor Anderson Fernanders is working on and shall continue to work of the following issues:

1. work on getting City of Flint out of being obligated to pay approximately $85,000,000 in bonds issued to fund the KWA pipeline, and having to pay a share of KWA’s annual administrative expenses and operating costs, as well as, all the assets sold while under Emergency management.
2. work on the development of downtown Flint and giving support to existing homeowners in making their homes energy efficient, to replace fixtures, faucets, water heaters, and in-home plumbing/water lines, and to maintain structural/functional integrity.
3. Work on getting in free health coverage for all residents.
4. Work on lowering water teenaging costs, property tax liability, and home/auto insurance; and
5. Work on strengthening a meaningful and mutually rewarding partnership with each generation of our men-woman, as well as, with our children of the City of Flint, Block Clubs/Neighborhood Associations, Flint City Council, Flint Board of Education, Flint District Public Library, colleges, and near and far stakeholders of our great City of Flint.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

Mayor Anderson Fernanders is currently navigating through the man made water crisis and shall continue to do so by the following:

A) Work to get fully funded our raw water stations and pump stations, and make sure that our water treatment plant, distribution system valves, water mains receive the necessary infrastructure upgrades, analysis, and testing to ensure a safe transition of Flint’s water.
B) Work to make sure that our water treatment plant is staffed with a sufficient number of qualified and trained personnel to operate our water treatment plant while maintaining an adequate cross connection inspection and control program.
C) Work to fix or replace some 1260 hydrants.
D) Work to ensure a safe transition of Flint River as a viable secondary source, and bring the treatment plant to the level where it can ensure the safe distribution of raw water and,
E) Work to keep our water crisis funding transparent, make sure roads are repaved, and make sure high quality service is being provided to residents and businesses, schools and hospitals.

What would your water source recommendation be?

Only and only in the moment when The City of Flint comes from under being obligated to pay approximately $85,000,000 in bonds issued to fund the KWA pipeline, and having to pay a share of KWA’s annual administrative expenses and operating costs, as well as, get back all the assets sold while under Emergency management, Mayor Anderson Fernanders or any Mayor of Flint recommend or The City of Flint negotiate an agreement to any water source contract.

Mayor Anderson Fernanders’ research concludes that if it is done under costs of approximately $85,000,000 in bonds and KWA’s annual administrative expenses and operating costs, 1. water rates will go through the roof.
2. Flint loses its State Revenue Sharing, which is approximately 36.1% of Flint’s total budget.
3. Low income residents become fully dependent on water assistance programs which will not last always. And
4. Flint sharply becomes bankrupt.

Therefore, Mayor Anderson Fernanders’ would recommend KWA or GLWA based on who at that time can deliver the best service and price after

1. My court battle to get
a ruling that the contracts made under the emergency manager system where common law fraud, unjust enrichment, and made with The City of Flint being under involuntary servitude in case no 2:17-cv-12107 DML–SDD with MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY v CITY OF FLINT. And,

2. After KWA or GLWA show The City of Flint it can supply finished water containing 100% corrosion control chemicals.

What is your opinion regarding blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

Mayor Anderson

Fernanders sees that during our industrial revolution the City of Flint did not grow in modernization and new industrial growth sectors. Thus, the cost of living in Flint without high factory wages resulted in blight. Given these facts, as Mayor of Flint I can start an incentives program to further promote care for our vacant lots to add to beauty in our neighborhood and seek funding to build new homes, and rehab unoccupied houses to meet our housing needs and repurpose blighted commercial buildings for new entrepreneurs.

Ronald D. Higgonerson

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

A. I am college educated and I live in the City of Flint.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

A. Economic, social justice, equality, quality of life, infrastructure.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

A. Withdraw from both KWA and GLWA and then whichever entity wants to work with the City of Flint and give us the best deal, only then will we sign a contract!

What would your water source recommendation be?


What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?


What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

A. It is not good. Enforce current ordinances and work with volunteers to actually clean up our neighborhoods.

Scott Kincaid

Education: Graduated from Flint Southwestern. Tool and Die apprentice-ship from Mott Community College

Occupation: General Motors/ UAW Region 1-D Staff

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

During my time on city council I’ve prided myself on looking for the pocketbooks of Flint residents and working together with council member and city staff to ensure we’re providing quality services to residents.

When the Emergency Manager illegally raised water rates by 35% I personally paid for a lawsuit to fight for refunds of up to $1000 from the Emergency Manager’s 35% illegal water rate hike and speeding up the replacement of lead water lines throughout the city.

On crime we have to do better than our current 59 minute response time to 911 emergency calls. I will make sure we have as many officers on the streets as possible patrolling neighborhoods and boost the crime fighting efforts as possible. That means ending the current practice of having officers driving around the Mayor as well as the harassment of voters who signed recall petitions. I believe that the best government is one that is accountable to the people. That’s why I am committed to following through with the recall changes to our city charter and funding the position of Ombudsman so that residents can have resources dedicated to solving their problems with city government. I’ll also have regular office hours in every ward of the city so I can hear directly from residents about their concerns. Within 90 days of being elected I’ll appoint an economic and jobs development director. This person will be tasked on helping our current businesses, large and small, grow and hire Flint residents and well as attracting new businesses to the city.

Finally, I’ll work to increase and improve our blight efforts across the city. I’ll prioritize resources to make sure we are demolishing abandoned residential and commercial buildings as quickly as possible.

I’ll also make sure the city is working the land bank, neighborhood groups and the private sector in the most efficient way possible to get properties cleaned up and back online for redevelopment.

How would you help the City navigate through the water crisis?

Throughout this crisis I have supported an independent analysis of our water source options. I believe that rather than just trust the recommendations of Governor Snyder, an independent analysis will provide the best answer for Flint residents in terms of a long term, safe, reliable and affordable water source.

What would your water source be?

Yes, I support an independent analysis will provide the best answer for Flint residents in terms of a long term, safe, reliable and affordable water source.

Sean MacIntyre

Education: B.A. – Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Soccer

Dad, Citizen Activist, Not Corrupt

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

I am driven by my honesty and integrity. I am not corrupt, and I am not controlled by ego. I intend to
to represent the best interests of all city residents in respect to race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, genetic information, military service, or disability, and I take that charge very seriously.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

As your mayor, I will focus on corruption, water, crime, blight, education. Furthermore, with Flint recently being named “the poorest city in America” the issue of our city’s economic disparity needs to be front and center in solving these issues.

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

The water crisis is a result of bad austerity policies created by Rick Snyder’s administration and boils down to issues of privatization and democratic municipal autonomy.

The financial “crisis” of Flint was artificially and intentionally created by changing the way revenue sharing of the State was distributed. This triggered the State imposed Financial Emergency Manager. The fact that this was touted by Governor Snyder as an attempt to make Flint more fiscally responsible is laughable.

His revolving stable of Emergency Managers has actually made Flint more vulnerable and financially insecure, not to mention stripping Flint of its democratic process and many of its valuable assets.

Thus I would address the water crisis first and foremost by:

- Demanding full municipal autonomy from the State, and demanding that the money of Michigan’s revenue sharing to the city of Flint be made more equitable.
- Continuing to hold Governor Snyder responsible for his reckless policies and decisions and demanding that he make Flint whole again, by any and all means at our disposal.
- Creating a long term plan for repairing all of the damage caused by the water crisis, including securing Medicare for any and all who had contact with city water.

What would your water source recommendation be?

The KWA versus GLWA debate poses the wrong question. If Flint is locked into a 30-year-contract with GLWA, we are no closer to an affordable independence.

We have to move away from privatization and regain our democratic, municipal autonomy.

We need a model that meets a specific set of guidelines, regardless of the source. This needs to be a long term solution that addresses safety, reliability, and affordability.

As for the water treatment plant, it needs updating, along with Flint’s entire pipe and sewer system. Unfortunately, the Emergency Manager and previous administration attempted to balance the city’s budget by raising water rates. This is a responsible way to run a city, and its legality and legitimacy have been questioned.

To reiterate, this is an issue of privatization. None of our City’s assets should be privatized and sold to the lowest bidder; nor our water rights, nor our public school system, nor our previous award-winning farmer’s market, and not even our decorative Santa Claus.

Every Flint resident has seen and experienced the life threatening consequences of failed austerity policies, and we need to refuse to balance the City’s budget on the backs of our citizen’s water needs.

Finally, at the end of the day, the water source and treatment will not matter if it is being delivered through unsafe pipes. City and household pipes have been damaged irreparably, and must be fixed immediately.

What is your opinion on blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

I support the act of demolition to address issues of blight, but not the current method controlled by the Land Bank as it is structured today. We need to get the corruption and self-interest (through suspected bid rigging and investors) eradicated from the Land Bank.

I like the idea of a two tier “Works Program” plan. First, a paid youth initiative for basic clean-up, and second, a demolition crew for resource recovery. This could solve several different problems and create self-sustaining jobs for residents.

What would your water source recommendation be?

GLWA is being boasted as “our” water source, not true, we have paid Detroit over the last 30 years, these rates will never decrease.

A three year, no more than five years, contract with GLWA. Then deal with the KWA, as an equal partner 50/50 no more no less. We must, establish our “own” water plant, period, not a pumping station. All financially paid for by the State.

What is your opinion on blight in Flint?

And how would you tackle it? My opinion on blight is more than 25 years old. I/ We designed the Klean and Green program; this whole blight situation has become a huge cash cow. It will never be fixed until you involve every citizen/ every neighborhood, everyone.

We need an incentive; stop the trashing before it happens. How can you get 35 million in blight funds and allocate it to specific problems. Hand the reigns over to the people like I/We originated. Not the church, not the 501’s, everybody gets a piece of this pie.

Don’t isolate the problem by putting perfume on a pig, this is a city-wide door to door problem. make it a 35 million in blight funds and allocate it to specific problems. Hand the reigns over to the people like I/We originated. Not the church, not the 501’s, everybody gets a piece of this pie.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

Bring the Resident’s back into the decision making of Flint. Job Creation; there’s enough jobs just in fixing our City, 12 years alone in infrastructure. And I mean all infrastructure not just pipes but housing. Green Energy, recycling and reinvest, stop giving assets away.

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Don Pfeiffer

Occupation: Building Contractor

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

I’m a builder, and I would rather focus on building Flint than tearing things down. But I realize that we need to clean unsalvageable buildings, and I know what it should cost and how long it should take. I will manage those contracts to the best benefit to the city. We also must enforce city codes and clear garbage and abandoned cars and the like.

Jeffrey L. Shelley

Education: Business Management, Indiana Tech

Occupation: Candidate for Mayor, City of Flint

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?

I am business oriented. I have had municipal experience working for Bentley, and Byron School Districts. I care about the people of Flint and my hometown. I am honest and will be transparent and accountable.

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?

- Public Safety/crime
- The Water Crisis
- Blight
- Economic Renewal and bringing jobs to Flint
- Budget – Keeping Flint solvent

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?

Try to speed up the service line installations by adding more teams of contractors; replace main lines; make sure the water plant is staffed with qualified employees and all repairs are made in a timely fashion.

What would your water source recommendation be?

KWA – because we have already committed to 33% of pipeline. That line is new. It would put us in a position to be a seller of water, and not just a buyer of water. With additional sales of water, that will allow us to lower the residents’ water bills.

What is your opinion about blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?

I would work with both the Habitat for Humanity and the Land Bank to either rehab or tear down many of these properties. I’d advertise Flint on a
Arthur Woodson  
**Education:** High School  
**Occupation:** Disabled Veteran  

Why do you feel you are a good fit for Mayor of the City of Flint?  
I have been fighting for the people and I will continue to fight for the people with integrity and transparency. I would lower water rates the first day I am in office.  

What are the top five issues you want to focus on as Mayor?  
Water, health coverage for all the people of Flint, public safety, removing the North and East side of Flint from the green zone, and blight.  

How would you help the city navigate through the water crisis?  
I would bring back all the government agencies and get someone and myself that at the table. I would want a plan from A-Z. I would be totally engage like I have been from the beginning of the water crisis.  

What would your water source recommendation be?  
I would have to look at all of the paperwork. There are some things in the 30 year deal I don’t agree with.  

What is your opinion on blight in Flint and how would you tackle it?  
It goes back to having more control over the Landbank.

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Flint Beat reached out to each candidate running for both Flint City Council and mayor seats. Candidate responses are printed in the voter’s guide. We did not get submissions from mayoral hopefuls Chris Del Morone, Woody Etherly, Brent Allan Jaworski, Ellery Johnson, Al Wamsley, Angela Ward and Mayor Karen Weaver in time for print. More info about the mayor’s race is on FlintBeat.com.