

**League of Women Voters Troy Area**

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**Candidate Forum**  
Community Media Center  
October 15, 2009  
7-9PM

**Voter Guide**  
City of Troy City Council Election  
**Vote: November 3, 2009**

**Change in Voting Procedures**

The State of Michigan has changed voting procedures to include requiring picture identification to vote. Please bring to the poles your drivers license or valid photo ID.

**Note: A 50 word limit was placed on all candidates' responses.**

**Voter Information**

- ✓ Polls open from 7AM – 8PM
  - ✓ Last day to register to vote is Monday, October 5, 2009
  - ✓ Troy City Clerk's Office will be open October 31<sup>st</sup> for absentee balloting (10AM-2PM)
  - ✓ Report illegal or fraudulent activity to the local clerk or the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections
  - ✓ Troy City Clerk's Office (248) 524-3316
- Candidate Forum to be replayed on Public Access ch 52/18*

**Vote for not more than three (3) for a four year term (expiring 11/11/13):**

- Wade Fleming**
- Carmen Johnson**
- Maureen M. McGinnis**
- William Molnar**
- Dane M. Slater**
- Doug Tietz**

**Voters will also be asked to decide on six (6) Charter Amendment Proposals.**

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<p><b>Wade Fleming</b> Married to Paula 35 years One son age 28 Troy resident 27 years Accounting degree with 35 years corporate experience 15 years as President and CEO of a tier one global automotive supplier 4 years on Troy City Council Currently investor and consultant to several businesses Member Woodside Bible Church</p>	<p>Create Jobs in Troy –utilize my experience and entrepreneurial spirit to streamline business redevelopment and attract new businesses working in conjunction with city and Oakland County officials.</p> <p>Keep Troy the safest city in Michigan— maintain adequate budgets for essential Police and Fire services while improving our roads.</p>	<p>I will not compromise our Police and Fire departments. Both are keys to keeping our families safe. The safe community status is also a key to attracting more businesses and families to help grow our tax base to fund and maintain the quality of life we desire.</p>	<p>Offer our Parks and Rec. and other department expertise and services to surrounding communities for a reasonable cost and charge even higher fees to non-residents who use our library, aquatic center, nature center, etc., while using our excellent volunteers versus paid staff as appropriate.</p>	<p>I will encourage education for more curbside recycling by all residents and through our building dept. provide some incentives to encourage new and redeveloping business to construct more energy efficient buildings and promote better management of water drainage/retention. Support volunteer cleanup programs.</p>
<p><b>Carmen Johnson</b> Married to Mike Johnson 28 years Four children ranging in age from 24-16 Operations Manager for AT&amp;T MBA Degree United Way Southeast Michigan, Oakland County Committee Board Member Member of Freedom Christian Church</p>	<p>a. I hope to help our community maintain a quality of life while being cautious about expenditures. Our tax dollars are going to have to stretch farther and work harder for us.</p> <p>b. I hope to assist in re-energizing our business community and bring back the 60-40 tax balance.</p>	<p>In order to continue to be a safe community where our children can learn and play, we must maintain our Public Safety. And in order to continue to be a center for commerce we must have good roads.</p>	<p>We have many Best in Class services in Troy that our neighboring communities would be willing to pay for. I believe it would create a revenue stream for our community.</p>	<p>The older I get, the more I am concerned about protecting our resources. I am in support of volunteer programs to maintain our natural resources and to work with recycling programs.</p>

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<p><b>Maureen McGinnis</b> Like long Troy resident Graduated from Troy High School, with Magna Cum Laude distinction Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Colorado Juris Doctor from Michigan State University- Detroit College of Law Interned with the U.S. Depart of Justice in DC Attorney in Troy firm with extensive community involvement</p>	<p>-Finding a manageable way to balance the budget, with a focus on maintaining Troy’s quality of life and public safety...more effective measures put in place for planning future City budgets.</p> <p>-Focus on Troy’s future by working to attract new businesses and utilizing the Master Plan as a planning tool.</p>	<p>Public safety is an absolute necessity. I would seek out alternatives to eliminating police and fire services. Other “quality of life” services need to be preserved. The Library, Community Center, Historical Museum and Nature Center were the basis on which families chose to move to or remain in Troy.</p>	<p>-Consideration given for an election that would allow the citizens to vote on targeted millage increases for specific city services.</p> <p>-Cost-saving potential in restructuring how city departments utilize employee hours. In an effort to keep jobs, consider employee furloughs and/or possibility of adjusting city services hours to accommodate peak times.</p>	<p>-Support the development of the Broomfield Redevelopment Authority</p> <p>-Support the noticeable emphasis on “green building” and LEED certified building within the Master Plan and initiatives to protect greenspace within the city, including planting trees and maintaining the parks that we have.</p>
<p><b>Will Molnar</b> Troy residents for 25 years. CPA with 25 years experience in tax and budgetary matters. Elected Oakland County Commissioner by the people of northern Troy in November, 2004. Served a two-year term. Master of Science in Taxation degree from Walsh College; Bachelor of Science in Management degree from Oakland University.</p>	<p>My first goal would be to help the City of Troy out of its financial bind by trimming wasteful spending and maintaining our excellent quality of life including Community Center, Library, and current level of police patrol officers. My second goal will be to attract more businesses to Troy.</p>	<p>I would not eliminate any services that could cause a reduction in our quality of life. People choose to live in a city for a reason and that reason has to do with quality of life. For parents of school age children, local schools are a top priority, too.</p>	<p>The City of Troy could undergo a performance audit, which is a deeper more detailed type of audit, to identify areas of waste, mismanagement, duplication and inefficiency. This could result in substantial cost savings for taxpayers.</p>	<p>I am a proponent of keeping our open spaces in general and support local conservation and recycling efforts. I support LEED certification, green roofs and other green building initiatives to improve our environment.</p>
<p><b>Dane Slater</b> 18 year Troy resident, Dane Slater is a retired Troy Police Captain with 35 years of service protecting the community.</p> <p>With a MSU degree in BS-Criminal Justice and post-graduate classes in leadership and management, Dane shows commitment, experience, and an understanding of Troy government which uniquely qualify him for council.</p>	<p>Keen oversight of City budget ensuring that tax-payer dollars are used to provide the services residents expect. Council must focus on eliminating any waste and inefficiencies and align revenue and spending.</p>	<p>Maintaining Public Safety, preserving quality services and improving our roads are essential and must never be compromised. It’s time to look at different ways to deliver services, but not eliminate community facilities like the library, community center, museum and nature center.</p>	<p>Maintaining and attracting businesses to Troy is key to a prosperous future. Redevelopment and business initiatives will increase revenue and restore Troy to the ideal 50-50 business/residential tax base.</p>	<p>Smart Growth, Green initiatives, and water management are key components of the Master Plan and best practice. National and City “go green” programs have proven economic and community health benefits. It’s prudent to reuse existing infrastructure, slow urban sprawl, and preserve green space.</p>
<p><b>Doug Tietz</b> A homeowner, a Troy business owner, Doug is active in many services organizations and has independently organized numerous service events including a property tax appeals seminar and a 2,500 person rally in support of fiscal responsibility. Doug is married to Amy Tietz.</p>	<p>Our city needs leaders that are willing to stand on principle and protect our city’s quality of life. Doug Tietz wants to use his business sense and budgeting skills to keep the city’s budget balanced by identifying inefficiencies and redundancies.</p>	<p>Police, fire, and roads are the essentials of a vibrant community. A city that cuts corners on these critical services will eventually fall apart as residents move away.</p>	<p>Economic growth and attracting more businesses to Troy will eventually generate more revenue but more importantly attracting new business to Troy will assist with maintaining property values and creating jobs for those residents that are unemployed.</p>	<p>Where economically feasible, and it does not endanger public safety, the city should continue to purchase hybrid cars. As owner of an American made hybrid car I know firsthand that over the life of a hybrid car the owner saves hundreds of dollars in fuel costs while reducing emissions.</p>