



League of Women Voters Troy Area

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Voter Guide-Troy City Election Vote: November 8, 2011

Election Day Ballot

Vote for one (1) for Mayor for a four year term

Robin Beltramini
Janice L. Daniels

Vote for three (3) for Council for a four year term

Bruce Bloomingdale
Jim Campbell
Allen D'Aoust
Amin Hashmi
David Henderson
Edward Kempen
Doug Tietz
Neil Yashinsky

Candidate Forum-Mayor and Council

October 25, 2011
Troy Community Center
Rooms 304-305
7-8 PM

Voter Information

- ✓ Polls open from 7AM – 8PM
- ✓ Troy City Clerk's Office will be open for absent voter balloting. Call for hours.
- ✓ 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

Cable Cast Times

Check local cable TV, channel 18 for times and dates of replay.
Check Video on Demand for rebroadcast via computer on www.cmntv.org

Biography-Mayor (50 word limit)	If the city has extra money in the future, what would you do with it? (75 word limit on all questions)	How will you restore the dignity and trust of the council which has been quoted as a "laughingstock"?	Will you publicly support the outcome of a decision of Council if you were in the minority?
Robin Beltramini -Married, 2 married daughters, one granddaughter -BA University of Illinois -16-year resident -Leadership/Service: City Council since 2001 Troy Youth Assistance, Vice Chair Troy SmartZone Board, Chair Michigan Municipal League, Board of Trustees, Past President National League of Cities, Panel Chair	Convene citizen forums for inputs on: - restoring up to 34 police officers slated for lay-off - maintaining a 40 hour work week - increased funding for road repair and maintenance - adding back building and/or fire inspectors - Other suggestions? Citizens, leadership and staff all giving authentic, thoughtful input Collaborative decision process City Council set policy for implementation	Mayor sets the tone Council members value the opinion of other council members <u>and</u> each citizen - Don't have to always agree - Be honest with each other - Act with respect - Be willing to spend the time necessary to feel heard Through full deliberation, sharing and truthfulness reach a decision that is shared and sustainable Decision making through authentic, transparent collaboration will engender trust	Yes. I have experienced this in the past. I have had to advocate with citizens or associations for a position I felt was not in Troy's best interest as I saw it, but it was the position City Council had taken on the matter.
Janice L. Daniels Graduated Cum Laude Oakland University's School of Business. Worked in accounting, sales, marketing, new business venture start-up; 17 years in mortgage financing. Appointed to Women's Commission, Women's Advisory Board; former member of Troy Chamber of Commerce. Lifetime of real world job experience in business management using excellent customer service skills.	Support zero baseline budgeting so city maintains as close to actual in the budgeted numbers as possible using accurate, timely, fiscally, responsible numbers so that we avoid having the City take in more of the taxpayers hard earned dollars than is needed to properly fund limited government. After making certain that our government will not default on existing obligations I would lower the following year's millage rate and give the money back to the people.	Never hide information from taxpaying families regarding important budget decisions. Never use the library, police, or fire services as political pawns to balance the budget. Immediately acknowledge and address peoples' concerns at council meetings. Offer expanded public comment time. Encourage interactive communication between the council and the people who have elected us to work for them. Actively seek out involvement from the true leaders of this community – The business professionals, the taxpayers and their families.	I will have specific criteria to follow in making important council decisions: Will the action being taken limit government interference and support the health of the business community or the well being of taxpaying residents and their families who support the community? If a decision does not meet my criteria I will remain true to my principles and stand against the majority while clearly and respectfully explaining to the people my reasons for doing so.

Biography – Council (50 word limit)	If the city has extra money in the future, what would you do with it? (75 word limit on all questions)	How will you restore the dignity and trust of the council which has been quoted as a “laughingstock”?	Will you publicly support the outcome of a decision of Council if you were in the minority?
<p>Bruce Bloomingdale -Structural Steel Field Superintendent (retired)</p> <p>-Responsible for multi-million dollar projects (all completed on time, under budget, and without loss of life).</p> <p>-Coach soccer and active in community projects (like Save Troy Library).</p> <p>-I’m passionate about Troy and possess the leadership and listening skills necessary to make a positive difference.</p>	<p>-Ensure that our emergency fund balance remains at a level that safeguards our AAA bond rating.</p> <p>-Put a police officer back in each of our high schools.</p> <p>-Re-establish the 24-hour snow removal protocol.</p> <p>-Establish library funding that returns it to world-class status</p> <p>-Put the necessary staff in place to assist City Council to aggressively pursue business enterprise development. This is a critical step in returning Troy to financial health.</p>	<p>Troy City Council has struggled because they have not been able to reconcile their differences and to find solutions that represent the best interests of all of Troy’s citizens. I have spent many months listening to the residents of Troy and I know that common ground is attainable. To get us through these difficulties, I will foster open and honest dialogue, guide us toward attainable goals, and encourage every voice to be heard.</p>	<p>Absolutely-that’s what teamwork and democracy are all about. Being on a team means you must trust one another enough to be able to yield occasionally to the wisdom of the team. Exceptions to this framework would come about, however, if I thought the decision violated any laws, ethical standards, or endangered the best interests of our city and its inhabitants.</p>
<p>James Campbell I am managing Director Future Tool & Machine Inc. Past business ownership BA from Northwood University (Summa Cum Laude) Troy Citizen Academy Graduate Community involvement: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, TBB, Troy High Band Member Brownfield Redevelopment Committee Strong background: management, strategy development, negotiations and team building.</p>	<p>I think road maintenance budget would be high on my list. This effort has been majorly underfunded for a few years. The target would be to bring our roads up to at least “<u>good</u>” condition. Clearly, the timeline for snow removal in the city would also need to be addressed.</p> <p>I would also examine potential future development of the Troy Trails system to tie into Oakland County Pathways and the Macomb Orchard Trail.</p>	<p>Provide an experienced professional and common sense voice to the council. Strive to eliminate the negative, non-value added, conversations and topics. Take time to listen to all sides of an issue for the citizens of Troy, who are truly the ultimate decision makers.</p> <p>I commit to be proactive, transparent, respectful and honest at all times. <u>“I can do no more and will not settle for less”</u></p>	<p>I understand the council will not agree on every issue. As a normal course of business I will clearly present my position and reasoning on issues. Should the majority of the council made a decision on an issue that is contrary to my position, I will not publicly undermine the council’s decision, so long as I believe the decision will not be a serious detriment to the welfare of the city and its citizens.</p>
<p>Allen D’Aoust -United States Army – Retired Sergaent -Licensed paramedic -Served in combat Afghanistan 2008-2009 -Married over 13 years to a lifelong Troy resident -Over 20 years experience as a leader in hospitals, emergency medical services, and the United States Army -personal values of honesty, integrity and loyalty</p>	<p>Based upon the current budget crisis and recent library fiasco, I believe the city needs to save every penny. Non-essential services need to be cut and a strict budget needs to be enforced. The city must stop spending money on outside consulting firms and solve the problem themselves. Services directly benefitting citizens such as snow removal and the police department need to be restored immediately</p>	<p>Personal integrity is the key to public integrity and the current city council lacks candidates with those qualifications. As a married church going man with four children and as a soldier I lead by example. This city needs that to restore its integrity. Lets get Troy back to the city of tomorrow today. Loyalty, honesty and integrity – that’s what’s missing in the candidates today. I will restore that and restore this city.</p>	<p>The council should project unity and as long as my personal integrity is not compromised, I believe we should stand as one. Dissention among the ranks is too common and the people of the city of Troy deserve better. As council, we should stand together to project strength and unity so that we can return Troy to the shining example of a city it once was.</p>
<p>Amin Hashmi -Happily married to Nudrat Jehan for 17 years -Proud father of three kids -Served Troy for over ten years -Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University -Previously served as a research engineer in Boeing and Maritime Engineer on international vessels. -Employed at General Motors as Vehicle Safety Performance Engineer</p>	<p>-Hopefully, extra money come from lower expenses and revenues and not from millage increase.</p> <p>-Add police staff, restore fire protection services, improve roads and provide rapid snow removal.</p> <p>-Enhance services to senior citizens.</p> <p>-Invest in green initiatives to attract energy companies.</p> <p>-Provide relief to the incubator companies.</p> <p>-Increase library hours and restore some of the recreation and sports programs.</p> <p>-I will use the voter’s survey response to prioritize improvement.</p>	<p>People lost trust due to partisan politics and unfavorable policies. Although elections are nonpartisan, parties influence can be seen. It’s high time to elect independent and fresh leadership who are accountable only to Troy residents. To restore trust, there must be frank and open dialog with the citizens. To regain dignity, transparency on budgetary matters is crucial. To understand the public’s voice, council members should attend homeowner’s association annual meetings.</p>	<p>As a councilman, I will ensure the decisions made by the council are community friendly. If the council is divided, I will pursue the nonpartisan path and act as a mediator since I am an independent candidate. On critical issues like the library, I will prefer hearing the public’s opinion through public poll services via phone or internet. I will support the decision of the council as long as it fulfills citizen’s aspirations.</p>