

# Community College Question Explained

## Candidates for Trustee Give Views

Voters will be asked at the school election on June 10 to approve the Community College question, to increase the tax rate limitation on the trustees for two-year terms.

As a public service, the League of Women Voters of Birmingham solicited the opinions of the candidates on this page the official working of the ballot question, an explanation of it and statements in response to an LWV questionnaire from the candidates for the first board of trustees.

### EXPLANATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Intermediate School District of the County of Oakland is asking the voter for permission to establish a Community College District.

The territory to be included in the proposed college district would include all the districts which presently comprise the Intermediate School District of Oakland County, Michigan, the portion of the Clarenceville School District and that part of the Rochester Community School District within the County of Macomb.

A majority of those voting on this question is required for its approval. If the adoption is contingent on the approval also of the Tax Rate Limitation Increase Question.

### EXPLANATION OF TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE QUESTION

According to the Constitution of the State of Michigan, the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against property for county, township and school purposes may not exceed 15 mills without the consent of the voter. The mill (81 per cent of \$1,000 as equalized valuation as equalized) is asked for in this question, but is exempt from the 15 mill limitation, and it would be used to establish and maintain a Community College District.

Contingent upon the approval of the two questions above is the election of six trustees who would serve as the first Board of Trustees of the Community College District.

The League of Women Voters asked each of the 27 candidates for trustees to answer in 100 words this question:

"Why do you wish to serve as a trustee for the Community College District?"

Publications of these statements and the opinions of the candidates is solely in the interest of the voters and in no manner is to be construed as endorsement, there by, by the League of Women Voters.

### CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE (six to be elected for two year terms)

**HAROLD J. ABRAMS, Pontiac;** 37; consultant-supervisor, special education, Board of Education, Oakland County Schools, Pontiac; B.S., Eastern Michigan University; M.A., University of Michigan.

Civic activities: chairman, State Special Education Consultants Group (Committee); Oakland County County Counselors Association; past president, Federated Chapters, Council for Exceptional Children.

Background in education has led me to place great value on a capable administrator. The task of selecting the trustees is the most important duty of this two-year board.

"If this college is to offer more than a mere repetition of other community colleges, the trustees must select a man with the highest professional caliber and the ability to bring leadership and sound management, and who has the mental energy to seek new answers to old questions.

"If elected, I will try my utmost to see that such a man is chosen."

**THOMAS H. ATKINSON, Pontiac;** 52; assistant professor, Oakland University; B.S. in business education, Eastern Michigan University; M.A. in guidance and counseling, University of Michigan.

Civic activities: Michigan Business Teachers Association; Registrars and Administrators Association; Faculty Affairs Committee, Oakland University.

"I wish to serve as a trustee for the Oakland County Community College District because I feel that the creation of a locally controlled community college will fill one of the greatest needs facing our nation today.

"We need training institutions that will be responsive to the changing conditions in our own area.

"I not only need to provide a greater opportunity for individuals to gain the necessary training for entering an increasingly technical society, but also we have a responsibility to provide employers with young people who have the foundations upon which to build their careers."

"If Oakland County is to grow, we must provide close-to-home educational opportunities for our young people.

**C. RAY BALLARD, Huntington Woods;** 62; teacher, Journalism, Troy Board of Education; M.A., Colorado University; graduate study at Yale, Colorado University and S.U.C.

Civic activities: Lincoln Club; Speakers Bureau, Advertising Federation; Michigan Education Association.

"This is one of the finest projects to come along in some time and I would like to be a part of it. It is an unusual opportunity for public service and because of my extensive experience in business and education, I feel that I am very well qualified.

"I know personally many boys and girls just out of high school who are unable to attend a college away from home. Many find it difficult to get jobs. The community college is the best possible answer to this acute problem."

**RUSSELL BRIGHT, Royal Oak;** 33; professor of chemistry and director of Office for Research Administration, acting dean, College of Liberal Arts, Wayne State University; B.A., Manchester College; M.A. and Ph.D., Ohio State University.

Civic activities: Detroit Council of Churches, 1948; 51-52; State Science Advisory Board, chairman 78-80; Metropolitan Council of Education, Literature for Youth, chairman 41-43.

"As a parent and taxpayer, I believe I have distinctive contributions to make to this new American institution because of my knowledge of the needs for and the functions of Community Colleges, and the need for an educational opportunity of high quality to Oakland County families which might not otherwise be available because of the population explosion at the college level and to offer it at the lowest possible cost.

"As a teacher, scientist and administrator, I want our Community College not only to provide a place for transfer to a four-year college, but also to prepare for employment; those not expecting to transfer."

**JOHN WILLIAM BROSIL, Brook Park;** 30; school teacher, Madison District, Board of Education; B.S., M.A., in Education.

Civic activities: chairman, Reading Committee, Citizens School Advisory Committee; chairman, Hazel Park Charter Study Commission; Executive Committee, MEA Region 7 Council.

"Our Community Colleges will only be as good as the teachers and administrators who hire. We must select trustees who can secure the best educators available. We must not build high quality institutions for people who will live in the 21st century.

"Our colleges must be located near existing and future centers of population. Facilities and curricula must be planned carefully and realistically.

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zen Chamber of Commerce; Detroit Chapter American Institute of Banking; Michigan Federation, Citizens for Educational Freedom.

"A college board of trustees should include someone with accounting and finance background. I believe my quarter century association with National Bank of Detroit has given me the training and qualifications needed to assist this community organization."

**WENDELL BROWN, Farmington;** 61; lawyer, self-employed; B.A., University of Hawaii; L.L.B., University of Michigan.

Civic activities: Detroit Bar Association and State Bar Association; Board of Education, Farmington School District, president 52-56; chairman, Legal Subcommittee, Community College Study Committee; temporary board of trustees, Farmington School District, 1953-54.

"Several thousand young men and women and some older persons are desiring a greater use of facilities for higher education within commuting distance.

"Well-planned Community College facilities will salvage and sharpen now wasted brain power, increase skills, provide greater assurance of family support, and assist in the social and economic progress of the community."

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approved it at the polls and approved the necessary tax assessment.

"It seems that many persons who desire to serve as trustees are already on school payrolls. I have no connection with the school system and desire to serve."

**CEDRIC V. PRICKE, 19158 Westover, Southfield;** 35; teacher, Wayne State University (Economics) and University of Mich., Dearborn; B.S.E., M.B.A., University of Michigan; Ph.D., University of Michigan.

Civic activities: Washington Civic Association; American Statistical Association; Friends of Southfield Public Library.

"My prime concern is that our college provide the best education to the most people. As a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, Dearborn, I believe that the community college has been directed to this objective.

"Since the Dearborn campus is a service college, most of the students entering are graduates of community colleges. My experience with these students leads me to conclude that the community colleges in existence are doing a relatively good job in training students.

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planning and direction of the Community College, I wish to serve as a trustee.

"My present position as publisher of the Rochester and Troy newspapers has brought me in close contact with many governmental and school problems and solutions.

"I believe this insight into what can be done, economically and efficiently in the administrative and educational fields will benefit the Community College program."

**ARNOLD R. JONES, Pontiac;** 36; public relations (audio-visual specialist), Michigan Hospital Service; high school graduate; educational certificates in advertising, human relations.

Civic activities: Board, Friends of Grand Trunk; past president, Jr. Advertising Club of Detroit and Detroit Academy of Advertising Art.

"I wish to serve as a trustee of Community College to:

"1. Insure wise usage of tax dollars.

"2. Avoid unnecessary duplication of existing facilities and programs.

"3. Assure new educational opportunities for adults.

"4. Develop programs emphasizing vocational and technical training which reflect local needs.

"5. Hire only competent and qualified administrators.

"6. Keep private profits from site purchase and construction fair and reasonable.

"7. Protect the rights and interests of the majority of the public who are not college graduates.

"8. Eliminate possibilities of fringe and unnecessary expenditures.

"9. Keep the timetable 'on time' and avoid delays and periods of 'no action.'

"10. Enlist the support and help of all segments of our society."

**RAYMOND K. KALUZYNSKI, Drayton Place;** 32; visiting teacher, vocational rehabilitation counselor, Oakland County Board of Education; B.A., University of Michigan; M.A., Michigan State University.

"It is my belief that each person has the right to a high standard of living and that education should seek to provide the individual with an opportunity to produce as close as possible to his maximum capacity."

"As trustee, I would endeavor to see that the Community College operates as closely as possible to this philosophy."

**THOMAS GILES KAVANAGH, 32866 Fairview, Detroit;** Birmingham; 45; attorney, self-employed; B.A., University of Notre Dame; L.L.B., University of Detroit.

"I believe that the Community College program offers the most feasible means of solving the overcrowding problem of the over-crowding our institutions of higher learning.

"If properly administered this program, in my opinion, can make college training available to great numbers of our youth on a more economical and realistic basis and in addition can permit the more efficient use of the facilities of our state universities.

"I wish to serve as a trustee for the Oakland County Community College because I believe I can make a genuine contribution to the formulation and administration of a program."

**EUGENE W. KUTHY, Royal Oak;** 32; coordinator, Business Administration College, University of Michigan—Dearborn campus; B.A., University of Michigan; two years, law, University of Michigan, completing L.L.B. at Detroit College of Law.

"In my present position as coordinator of the Business Administration College at the Dearborn campus, I work regularly in the areas of admission, counseling and program administration of community college students.

"This experience has furnished me with a rather extensive perspective regarding community college curriculum, instruction, facilities and operating problems which I would like to relate to the trustees of the Community College."

"I am interested in community college because I believe that it is a necessary part of our educational system and that it is a means of providing a more sound academic and technical education.

"Experience as a school trustee and school law specialist convince me we must reflect the needs and desires of the community in program, location and facility for a successful college."

"I won't tolerate, nor do the chance to see first-hand that it offers the widest possible choice of educational opportunities at a moderate cost which I feel the 'Community College' should provide."

**GEORGE R. MOSHER, JR., 5151 Mohrman, Birmingham;** 42; attorney, General Motors; B.S., University of Oregon; L.L.B., Columbia Law School.

Civic activities: Committees, American and Michigan Bar Association; Boy Scout; Citizens' Curriculum Study Committee.

"I very much favor the establishment of the Oakland County Community College District. It is to the best interest of all, that those who desire education should have the opportunity to obtain it; particularly those who are unable to finance the usual college education or gain admission to present facilities.

"The community college will provide an opportunity for many of those who do not now have it. My education and experience as a lawyer and teacher should enable me to serve effectively as a trustee in the matters involved in developing the physical facilities, location and policies of the Oakland County Community College District."

**BURTON S. SHIPMAN, Oak Park;** 34; lawyer and municipal judge; B.A., M.B.A. in accounting and finance, University of Michigan; L.L.B., Wayne State University.

Civic activities: Former trustee, Oak Park Board of Education; Oakland County Bar Association; PTA Area Council; Southern Oakland Round Table, National Conference of Catholic, Jews and Protestants.

"Community colleges are a way for providing educational higher education. If they are more than glorified high schools and provide sound academic and technical training.

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**ROBERT WILLIAM MORSE, Pontiac;** 40; junior high school teacher, Pontiac Board of Education; B.A., Michigan State University; M.A., Wayne State University.

Civic activities: Board of Directors and president, Colonial Hills Improvement Association, trustee in church and chairman of Long Range Planning Committee.

"To better compete in our society, America's educational standards have been rising, increasing emphasis on college education.

"Interest in a Community College has been nine for some time, therefore, it seemed the most obvious thing for me to want to help in its initial planning and development.

"In this way, I will have a chance to see first-hand that it offers the widest possible choice of educational opportunities at a moderate cost which I feel the 'Community College' should provide."

**KEITH L. LEAK, Clarkston;** 62; chief night superintendent, Pressed Metal Plant, Pontiac Motor Co.; Michigan State University.

Civic activities: Member, Clarkston School District Board of Education, former treasurer and president, member, Oakland County School Board Association; trustee and finance board in church.

## Here's Wording of Proposition

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUESTION

Shall Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being Sections 309.871 to 309.882 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, be adopted and be effective in a Community College District of Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston and Lapeer?

(Yes) (No)

### TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE PROPOSITION

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against property in the Community College District of Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston and Lapeer, for all purposes except taxes for the payment of interest and principal on obligations incurred prior to Dec. 8, 1952, be increased as provided by Section 21, Article X of the State Constitution?

(Yes) (No)

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF ELECTION

The purpose of the community college proposition and the Tax Rate Limitation Increase Proposition and the Election of Trustees are to authorize the establishment and operation of a Community College to provide instruction, college and noncollege courses of study embracing not more than two years of collegiate work, and the acquisition, construction, ownership, development and maintenance of facilities of a Community College, and to provide funds therefor, and to elect a first Board of Trustees of the Community College District, all as provided by Act No. 188 of Public Acts of 1955, as amended.

**DAVID W. HACKETT, Rochester;** 39; telephone technician, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., P.O. Box 1, University of Michigan.

Civic activities: PTA; Rochester Area Good Literature Council; Avondale Board of Education.

"To me education is a never-ending challenge. As a father of seven and a Board of Education member, I am acutely aware of the need for Community College and the advantages they can offer to all students.

"I want taxes spent efficiently to provide as much education as possible.

"I firmly believe that I can represent a point of view on the Board of Trustees which will benefit students, educators and citizens.

"I regard this as an opportunity to serve the people in our county who might otherwise be unable to further their education."

**HARRY T. HAHN, Pontiac;** 45; director of instruction, Oakland School, Intermediate School District of Oakland County; B.S. in education; M.S. and Ed.D., Temple University.

Civic activities: Past president, Michigan Reading Association; former book review editor, Reading Teacher magazine; former editor, Michigan Reading Association Newsletter.

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**CHARLES L. CURTIS, 25525 Edgemont Road, Southfield;** 55; educator, Southfield, Mich., V. S. Post Office Dept.; high school graduate.

Civic activities: Southfield Mayor's Office; past president, Board of Education member, I am acutely aware of the need for Community College and the advantages they can offer to all students.

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