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**CANDIDATE FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER**

**DISTRICT #5**

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Howell, MI. - On February 18, 2020, Michael L. Randall officially announced his candidacy for Livingston County Commissioner for District #5:

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Today, I filed as a Republican candidate for the Office of Livingston County Commissioner for District #5. The seat was recently vacated by long-serving Commissioner Donald Parker.

Based upon my extensive experience in the public sector as well as my prior service as an elected County Commissioner, in particular, I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for this position and would serve the residents of the City of Howell and the Townships of Howell and Cohoctah well.

I have served in the public sector—in various capacities—for nearly 30 years. Specifically, I have had the pleasure of serving my community as a paramedic, firefighter, corrections deputy, police officer, and prior elected County Commissioner. I have been employed with the Howell Area Fire Department for the last 20 years and hold the rank of Assistant Fire Chief and am also the owner of a local private investigation firm. I grew up in the Metro Detroit area before moving to Livingston County over 20 years ago, and I currently reside in Howell Township with my wife, Kristen, and our three-year-old daughter, Madelyn.

As I near the end of my public safety career, I hope to start a new chapter in my life by once again serving the community as a County Commissioner. As a long-time resident, I fully understand the challenges facing this fast-growing County. When asked why I would like to be a County Commissioner again, I simply say: “this County is my home and I want to do everything that I can to make sure that it remains a safe and thriving place to live and raise a family.”

As a former County Commissioner, I served on the health and human services, public safety, judiciary, and debt management sub-committees. I also served on the Thompson Lake Board and as the Vice-Chairman of the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency Board of Directors. My prior service on the County Board gave

me both invaluable, first-hand experience in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a County Commissioner as well as a rare, in-depth knowledge of all the various areas of Livingston County Government.

One of my top priorities as a County Commissioner would include evaluating our current infrastructure and ensuring that it is adequate for future development. Over the last decade, Livingston County has scaled back on some of the services that it has provided. This was largely due to the economic recession. As the economy continues to improve, we are once again seeing an increase in the County's residential and commercial development. One of the critical tasks of the Board of Commissioners is to ensure that the County's infrastructure (which includes such things as the County's court system, jail, drain system, buildings, and public-health and other services) is sufficient to keep up with current and future growth, all while operating within the County's budget.

In addition, as Livingston County grows, there will be more traffic congestion and wear-and-tear on the County's roads. Although roads are the responsibility of the Livingston County Road Commission and not the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, as a member of the Board of Commissioners, I would work with the County Road Commission, the State of Michigan, and other local units of government to advocate for and facilitate road construction, maintenance, and repair as well as cooperative planning among all units of local government.

Another top priority while in office would be exploring the possible consolidation of various governmental services at both the county and local levels to provide better quality services at a lower cost. In the past, Livingston County has benefited from the consolidation or centralization of certain governmental services, such as with respect to EMS and 9-1-1 dispatch services. For some time now, Livingston County has provided EMS and 9-1-1 dispatch services at a county-wide level based upon a county-wide millage for such services. This has eliminated the need for each local unit of government within the County to provide its own EMS or 9-1-1 dispatch services (whether through public or private contract), and has enabled them to pool their resources, resulting in better quality EMS and 9-1-1 dispatch services at a lower cost.

To sum it up, Commissioners must plan for the future while taking into consideration our current infrastructure along with the public health, safety, and welfare of their constituents. They must also be strong advocates of cooperative agreements between local municipalities that will reduce costs to taxpayers while providing the most effective delivery of services. Further, Commissioners must ensure the provision of all statutorily mandated services while working within the approved budget.

I look forward to your support in the Primary Election on August 4, 2020, and to serving as your representative on the County Board. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at Mike Randall for County Commissioner on Facebook or by email at [electmike2020@gmail.com](mailto:electmike2020@gmail.com)

Respectfully,

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