

# Application for Appointment

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Please Provide Information for your Home/Legal Residence

Q. First Name

R. Timothy

Q. Last Name

R. Gossman

Q. City

R. Clarkston

Q. Oakland County Resident:

R. Yes

Q. Length of Residency

R. 18

Party Affiliation

Q. What is your party affiliation?

R. Independent (Fiscally Conservative)

Education

Q. High School Name or GED

R. Port Huron Northern

Q. City/State

R. Port Huron, MI

Q. College/Technical

R. Central Michigan University

Q. City/State

R. Mount Pleasant MI

Q. Degree(s) received

R. BS - Accounting and Marketing

Employment

Q. Employer

R. Direct Properties

Q. Position Title

R. Broker/Owner

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 2004-Current

Q. Duties

R. Broker/Owner - Oversight of all transactions and agents within the brokerage, commercial and residential sales, real estate development, investment consultant

Q. Employer

R. Affinity Real Estate Group

Q. Address

R. Clarkston, MI

Q. Position Title

R. Owner

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 2010-Current

Q. Duties

R. Investment/Holding/Management - Properties within Oakland County

Q. Employer

R. DeRosa Plastic Surgery

Q. Position Title

R. Financial Partner

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 2015-Current

Q. Duties

R. Controller and operations

References

Q. Contact #1

R. Bill Thon / Thon Global Sales

Q. Contact #2

R. David Nicholson / 72nd District Court Judge, Retired

Q. Contact #3

R. Damon Rocho / Clarkston School District

Please answer the following five questions in 500 words or less:

Q. What is your vision for the future of Oakland County?

R. As Oakland County is known to be one of Michigan's crowned counties to live and work, a vision for the future needs to be efficient, economical, and ethical so that all of the 62 cities, townships, and villages are represented with the highest integrity. As the L. Brooks Patterson era will never be forgotten and a new executive is stepping into a well-organized office with a balanced budget that needs to be maintained, there is still room for improvement within Oakland County.

With a fiscally conservative approach, I would like to focus on the implementation of programs that would help revitalize marginalized populations of Oakland County where business development and home ownership has been sluggish.

With respect to all Citizens, the many different religions and cultures that makeup this County, we need to Oakland County to be a place where economic opportunity is promoted, our environment is respected, and

public safety is a top priority. As the county executive I feel it is critical to have a current pulse on the issues within the community and work in partnership with the citizens to achieve the best in health, environmental health, education, safety, economic well-being, and quality of life.

Q. What are your professional qualifications?

R. As a entrepreneur of more than 15 years, I have been responsible for the development and operations of many successful companies. With a strong focus in finance and accounting, I believe in the "operation by numbers". The position of county executive is not any different that running other companies which have multiple departments to oversee. I feel that my extensive experience in maintaining professional relationships, development of new programs, maintaining profitable companies, and overall vision will lend itself to a prosperous future for Oakland County

Q. Do you have background working with complex budgeting? If so, briefly explain.

R. I have been involved in complex budgeting for years, developing annual projections for all of my companies. I have funded and managed investment projects in which investors demand accurate budgets. As Oakland County is currently running on a balanced budget I feel it is a top priority of the county

Q. Describe your involvement with national, state, and local civic organizations, especially working with other leaders.

R. An increased involvement in civic organizations is something I will be focused on as most of my time in the past has been related to community development. With that being said I have initiated a development empowerment program to be presented to State Representatives for a home ownership initiative. This program works with section 8 rental vouchers to secure the purchase of homes within certain parameters, while functioning as a recapture program for government funds. This would take a while to explain which I would be thrilled to do in person.

Q. What do you think is the largest problem facing Oakland County today?

R. The largest problem facing Oakland County today is preparation for the future. Foreseeing problems and having response and protocol in place to react appropriately is imperative for prosperity in the future. Making certain that the current balanced budget will maintain without compromise for quality of life for our citizens. With change in leadership there is a fear that new leadership will pull the plug on the success of this award winning county. It is critical that the new executive for Oakland County approach this position with respect for the citizens and integrity while cooperating with other leaders to find fair solutions to complex problems.

Q. Applicant's Signature

R. Timothy Gossman

Q. Date:

R. 08/12/2019

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