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Dear Ursula,

Thank you for the opportunity to let your readers know more about the candidates who want to represent Macomb County and what we bring to the table.

How about we start with my profile below? I'd like to give you and your readers my platform in writing first and then we can talk later... is this okay?

I'd like to do it this way especially after seeing the interesting results from my interview from the Free Press Editorial staff---I cannot believe we were actually at the same meeting based on what they wrote LOL:-)

Thanks for understanding. Kind regards,

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FULL NAME: Erin Alana Stahl

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Self-Employed (Independent Contractor)
MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE: City of St. Clair Shores
FOR HOW LONG: 15+ years (Macomb County for 20+ years)

INCUMBENT?: No

POLITICAL VIEWS: Libertarian-Republican

## **EDUCATION:**

- 1) MSU Bachelors in Entrepreneurship
- 2) Walsh College Masters in Finance
- 3) Former St. Clair Shores General Employee Pension Board Trustee
- 4) Financial Peace University class leader
- 5) Certified Trainer Total Quality Process Management
- 6) Senior Graduate of www.LandmarkEducation.com

## PREVIOUSLY HELD ELECTED OFFICES:

2007 Mayor ProTem, St. Clair Shores 2003-2007 Councilwoman, St. Clair Shores

## PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE RUNNING:

While as a Councilwoman of the 19th most populated city in Michigan (2003-2007), I was earning my Masters in Finance from Walsh College. Applying what I learned, I discovered the horrific games and accounting gimmicks used to "GET" more money to "balance" the budget.

To give residents the truth, I faced threats of jail, censure, and was dragged through court only to have the charges dismissed a year later. I stood firm against the demands of special interest groups, falsely manipulative reports, and different projects that would financial hurt our community.

70% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck and HALF our income goes to support government. Because of this, we need to choose leaders who will 1) stand up for The People despite negative political pressures and 2) take more time investigating cost-cutting ideas rather than time "enhancing revenue" or taking more money from us.

I am that strong dedicated person Macomb County families need for our next County Executive.

## TOP THREE THINGS YOU WISH TO ACCOMPLISH AND HOW YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH THEM IF ELECTED:

My priorities are:

- 1) Creating an atmosphere and policies that RESPECT the rights, dignity, and worth of all people
- 2) Design Macomb County government into the example for other communities, of how to LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS while strategically dumping our debt
- 3) DEFEND ourselves FROM ASSAULTS by contractors and special interests trying to make a quick buck.

I'll accomplish this by:

- 1) Continue standing up for SCS residents and broaden my efforts to all Macomb County communities
- 2) Use my unique way of analyzing government budgets; getting to the problem's root cause, rather than haphazardly throwing more money at the problems
- 3) Provide free FOIA information to citizens to hold elected officials and employees accountable. Then use the inquiries to develop statistical reporting systems
- 4) Give citizens the truth so we can fix problems and have a higher quality of life for Macomb County families.

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