

## June 9, 2014 Meet the Candidates Town Hall meeting

Dear WCL President Janice Nearon,

Thank you for the opportunity to have St. Clair Shores residents be able to find out more about all of the candidates through the Town Hall Meeting June 9th.

Hopefully you were able to invite all 3rd party candidates who filed just in case there is not a Town Hall meeting scheduled for the General Election like last year.

Again, thank you and my questionnaire is below:

FULL NAME: Erin A. Stahl

AGE: 44

YEARS IN MACOMB: 15+

OCCUPATION: Self-employed

INCUMBANT: No

PREVIOUS OFFICE: 2003-2007 City of St. Clair Shores Councilwoman  
2007 City of St. Clair Shores Mayor Pro Tem

EDUCATION: MSU, Bachelors degree in C&T Entrepreneurship  
Walsh College, 2006 Masters degree in Finance  
Landmark Education.com, senior graduate  
Former SCS General Employee Pension Board Trustee

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Active SCS political watchdog (including letters to the editor, council meeting speeches, attending many SCS city council, budget sessions, TIFA, and pension meetings, talking to and e-mailing staff and council about various problems: water meters, sidewalks, budgets, spending, contractors, brutal dog shooting, jackpot pensions, unfair actions of staff, illegal courthouse bond, Blossom Heath Beach, etc.)

Coordinator and leader of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (in SCS as well as in Detroit)

SCS Ethics Board member

Former Vacation Bible School and Awana volunteer

Former Sunrise Assisted Living volunteer

SCS Women's Civic League member (various prior involvement included: Secretary, Brunch with Santa Chairperson, donated web and webmaster duties, Scholarship, Women's Expo, and Meet the Candidate sub-committee member, and was involved in supporting the group where ever I could.)

SCS Waterfront Environmental Committee resource member (including 10-year founder & leader of the I-94 Freeway Ramp Clean-Up with approx. 50 volunteers annually, coordinator of the tools & supplies for the Nautical Coast Clean-Up, and other supportive functions and projects for the group.)

**TOP 3 PRIORITIES FOR MACOMB COUNTY in 195 words:** We need to choose leaders who will take more time investigating cost-cutting ideas rather than time "enhancing revenue" (aka increasing taxes).

Did you know:

--70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck?

--a majority rack up huge credit card debt just to make ends meet?

--HALF our income goes to support government?

--financial problems are leading causes of divorce and male suicide?

Due to these startling facts, I have chosen a very different, focused, strong, and caring approach to running for Macomb County Executive this time around.

My top priorities are:

1) Respecting the rights, dignity, and worth of all people

2) Start living within our means, and

3) Focusing on our community as a whole; defending ourselves from assaults by contractors and special interests trying to make a quick buck.

I will accomplish this by:

1) Continuing to do what I have done for SCS and broaden my efforts to Macomb County citizens

2) Use my unique way of analyzing government budgets; getting to the problem's root cause (rather than hoping they'll be solved by throwing more money at them) and

3) Courageously speak the truth despite strong opposition.

Our families are worth it!