

## South Lyon Area Democrats: Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire

*Application for recommendation by the SLAD to voters in support of your campaign.*

*City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, and Green Oak Township.*

*Please email to SLAD candidate endorsement committee: [matthew.kardel@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.kardel@gmail.com)*

**Candidate Name (as it will appear on the ballot):** Dave Coulter

**Office/Position running for (including district number of applicable):** Oakland County Executive

**Date of submission:** Sept 30th

**Please share a brief biography and personal background:**

Dave Coulter currently serves as Oakland County Executive. Previously, he served as Mayor of Ferndale from January 2011 through August 2019 and represented southeast Oakland County on the Board of Commissioners from 2002-2010 where he was a member of the Finance committee and Democratic Caucus Chair. Mr. Coulter also served as Vice President of External Relations for the Children's Foundation of Michigan. His full biography may be found here: <https://www.davecoulter.com/about-dave>

**Qualifications for running (include previous appointed or elected public office positions and short resume):**

Current Oakland County Executive; Previously Mayor of Ferndale and Oakland County Commissioner.

**List requirements you have completed for the office (# signatures collected, date filed, fees paid):** Incumbent, on the November Ballot.

**Amount of money raised as of date of submission:** \$600,000

**Principal duties of the office you are running for:**

The Oakland County Executive serves as the sole executive overseeing County Government; including the proposal of the county's multi-hundred million dollar annual budget and management of department heads. The Oakland County Executive is elected in a County-wide election every four years.

**Top priorities once elected:**

- Protecting public safety and recovering from the economic the coronavirus;
- Invest and expand healthcare via the Oakland County Health Department;
- Get skills training to better prepare Oakland County residents for careers through our Oakland 80 Initiative.

### **Plans for communicating with constituents once elected:**

Our office has communicated aggressively with Oakland County residents, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the main tools we use are twice weekly Facebook Live events.

### **What are your primary sources for information/news?**

Oakland Press, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and NPR.

## **Local Issues**

*Indicate your position on the following topics, including solutions. A response is needed only if applicable to your prospective office*

**City / Township / County's Master Plan:** Oakland County is an incredible place to live and work. My administration is working every day to ensure we maintain our positive momentum and build an Oakland County that is more diverse, inclusive, prosperous, and reflects the values of our residents.

**Tax Abatement & Business Development:** My administration launched Oakland 80, an initiative with a goal of 80% of Oakland County residents earning a post secondary degree or certificate by 2030. This level of education and training will help us attract businesses to move to Oakland County.

**Local Environmental Policies:** I've used my bully pulpit to advocate in Lansing for stronger polluter pay laws, and have worked closely with Jim Nash on issues relating to clean water in Oakland County.

**Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services:** Oakland County has a critical Parks ballot initiative this year, I fully support that ballot measure as it will help us make critical investments in our parks.

### **What do you see as the role of the city / township / county in the school system?:**

Recently, my administration announced a \$30 million investment into our schools to help them with costs related to the Coronavirus, such as masks and testing. And, I will always use my bully pulpit to ensure Oakland County students have access to a high quality public education.

**Public Safety:** COVID-19 has pub health and safety front and center. My administration has led with science and taken bold action to keep our residents safe. I will always make public health and safety a priority.

**Public Transportation:** I'm a strong supporter of a regional transit plan and have built a regional coalition and worked hand and glove with the legislature to get it done.

Other comments: N/A

Which planks of the Michigan Democratic Party do you feel most strongly about on a local level (select all that apply)?

Job Training: Improving the Skills of our Workforce  
Small Business: Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Self-employment  
Income: Rewarding Work  
Health Care: Providing Health Security for Families and Individuals  
The Environment: Protecting Our Land, Water, Air and Open Space  
Social Justice: Achieving Equal and Humane Treatment Under the Law  
Women: Protecting the Rights of Women  
Government: Freeing Politics from Money Influence and Special Interests

### **Contact Information**

\*\*Candidate preferred email address: [dwcoulter@comcast.net](mailto:dwcoulter@comcast.net)

\*\*Candidate preferred phone number: 248-568-5049

\*\*Candidate home address (where you live) street address, city, state, zip: 555 Leroy St., Ferndale, MI 48220

Campaign mailing address (if applicable): P.O. Box 201073 Ferndale, MI 48220

Campaign website: [www.Davecoulter.com](http://www.Davecoulter.com)

Campaign social media (identify platform, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.):

<https://twitter.com/Coulter4Exec>

<https://www.facebook.com/DavidCoulterOakland/>

Campaign hashtags: N/A

Campaign contact name and title (manager / assistant): Kyle Buda, Campaign Manager

Campaign contact preferred phone number: 517-862-1107

Campaign contact preferred email address: budakyle@gmail.com

Other contact & media info: N/A

**Thank you for submitting your candidate info to SLAD. By submitting this information, you agree that all information submitted, except for the \*\*starred items (candidate preferred email address, phone number, and street address), can be made public and shared on SLAD online platforms and physical documents.**