

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

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

Vincent Gregory

Office/Position running for (including district number of applicable):

Sheriff - Oakland County

Date of submission:

09/15/2020

Please share a brief biography and personal background:

I am a proud Marine who served in Vietnam. I served in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for 30 years. Seventeen of those years I served as a Union vice President and then President. In 1998, I ran successfully in a special election for Oakland County Commissioner in the 21st District a position I held for ten years. In 2008, I ran for State Representative for the 35th House District and received the highest number of votes of any State Representative candidate in the Michigan House of Representatives —41,000 votes. After serving one term in the House of Representatives, I was elected to the Michigan Senate in 2010. I was selected from among my peers in the Senate Democratic Caucus to serve as Associate President Pro Tempore and Democratic Caucus Whip. I ran for a second term in the Senate and received the highest number of votes of any State Senator Democrat or Republican. I am married to my wife of 42 years Yvonne. We have five grown children.

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

List requirements you have completed for the office (# signatures collected, date filed, fees paid):

Paid the fee \$100

Amount of money raised as of date of submission:

\$30,000

Principal duties of the office you are running for:

The main responsibility of the sheriff is maintaining the County jails. The other responsibility is to provide law enforcement protection to the unincorporated and rural areas of the county.

Top priorities once elected:

- - 1. Transparency—Currently, Oakland County Sheriffs do not wear body cams. This makes it difficult to ascertain the sequence of events when there are questions and/or concerns regarding interactions between officers and citizens. In an effort to increase

transparency, I would like to implement policies that require officers to wear active body cams at all times. As a result, when there is a question or complaint regarding officer conduct, if the officer was compliant, an explanation of the department procedures that were followed can be provided in a timely fashion. In situations where the officer is not in compliance with department procedures, appropriate measures can be taken to address the infraction and hold the officer accountable for the action.

- - 2. Community Policing-Increasing the presence of officers in the community will result in a positive relationship between residents and officers. When officers are visible and interact with residents, trust is established and officers have a vested interest, and concern for the citizens that they serve because they know the residents. I would also like the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to begin driving through the Southern end of Oakland County.

- 3. I will promote a woman to the rank of captain. After 20 years, there are currently no women in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department serving in this capacity.

Plans for communicating with constituents once elected:

Primary Social media and emails. If events dictate a need for more we will review how information is going out.

What are your primary sources for information/news?

Tv, radio, newspapers in print and on the internet. Some social media.

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:

Tax Abatement & Business Development:

Local Environmental Policies:

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services:

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

Public Safety: I'm running for Oakland County Sheriff because I am an experienced leader and I have always lead with integrity, accountability in a manner that reflects inclusivity and respect for all of the citizens that I have served. As a U.S. Marine, Vietnam Veteran, former County Commissioner, former State Representative, former State Senator, and career law enforcement officer, I've been elected to and held leadership positions that afforded me public trust for decades and I am running so that I can use my leadership skills to continue to serve the citizens of Oakland County. I am running for Oakland County Sheriff because there are some areas that have not been addressed during the tenure of our current sheriff and I will ensure that these changes are implemented.

Public Transportation:

Other comments:

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

1. Education: Improving Public Education for Children and Adults *
2. Economy: Using Aggressive & Comprehensive Economic Development Policies
3. Job Training: Improving the Skills of our Workforce *
4. Trade: Using an Approach Based on a Level Playing Field
5. Economic Development: Improving Depressed Communities *
6. Agriculture: Protecting our Farms and Rural Communities
7. Transportation: Providing Access to Opportunities *
8. Information Technology: Expanding Access to Information *
9. Small Business: Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Self-employment *
10. Income: Rewarding Work *
11. Taxes: Providing a Sufficient, Stable and Fair Tax System *
12. Health Care: Providing Health Security for Families and Individuals *
13. Children and Families: Providing Help for Working Parents with Children *
14. Coping With Misfortune: Bankruptcy, Foreclosure and Homelessness
15. The Environment: Protecting Our Land, Water, Air and Open Space *
16. Social Justice: Achieving Equal and Humane Treatment Under the Law *
17. Women: Protecting the Rights of Women *
18. Veterans: Respect and Help for Those Who Serve Our Country *
19. Youth: Building Citizens Who Will Brighten our Future *
20. Seniors: Providing Retirement Security and Needed Services *
21. Voting: Nurturing Democracy and Promoting Civic Participation *
22. Faith: Connecting Our Party with People of Faith
23. Public Safety: Creating Safer Communities for All *
24. Energy: Providing Power to the People *
25. Judicial System: Serving the People, not Special Interests *

26. Government: Freeing Politics from Money Influence and Special Interests *
27. Corporations: Insisting on Corporate Accountability
28. Consumer Protection: Protecting People in the Marketplace *
29. Financial Services: Protecting People in Credit and Banking Transactions *
30. Providing Proper Oversight of Our Financial System *
31. Local Government: Defending Our Democracy *

Contact Information

**Candidate preferred email address:

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**Candidate preferred phone number:

248-559-1032

**Candidate home address (where you live) street address, city, state, zip:

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Campaign mailing address (if applicable):

Campaign website:

www.vincentgregoryforsheriff.com

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

Facebook ; @vincentgregoryforsheriff

Campaign hashtags:

Campaign contact name and title (manager / assistant):

Campaign manager Yvonne Gregory

Campaign contact preferred phone number:

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Campaign contact preferred email address:

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Other contact & media info:

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.