

2018 Citizens for a Fair Ferndale Candidate Forum

43rd District Judge Candidate

Saturday, November 3rd, 2p-4p at the Ferndale Area District Library

Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

1. NAME:

Jim Osak

2. PHONE OR EMAIL WHERE CITIZENS CAN REACH YOU:

www.jamesosak.com

3. Why are you running for 43rd District Court Judge?

It's time for a change! The incumbent has been on the bench for 30 years but offers no NEW programs or solutions. I'm proposing a Veteran's Court to help our men and women vets that need our help; a Neighbor-Dispute Court to mediate neighbor disagreements before they reach the lawsuit stage; and weekday and weekend hours to accommodate workers and students. We could utilize the library for saturday hours and have one day (wednesday or thursday) for later court sessions. Of course these will have to be worked out with the various unions involved.

4. What specific experience have you had that prepare you to serve as 43rd District Judge?

As an attorney; and a union steward for a governmental agency. Plus my education and "street smarts." It doesn't take a genius to become a judge, just look at the current batch, but it's how you "treat" people that matters the most. I will not allow defendants to not utilize their constitutional right to a trial only to be told that they will "do jail time" or a "hefty fine" if they go to trial and lose. Many courts allow this practice! Any judge that allows this should be removed from the bench, no questions asked. As an attorney i've helped people with their employment, insurance and criminal problems. Many sitting judges are/were prosecutors and city attorneys, so they tended to put people "away" or punish them. With me, I'm the exact

180 degree opposite of them. So now, you the voter have a legitimate choice instead of a "hand-picked" corporate "lackey" or somebody's kid using mommy or daddy's last name.

5. What is your approach to determining bail for criminal defendants?

It would depend on several factors. What was the nature of the crime? Was there violence involved? Was it against an elder person or child, or animal/pet? What was the relationship of the victim and defendant? Record of the defendant.

6. What is your position on alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders, such as drug rehabilitation programs?

If at all possible, it would be prudent to put the defendant on a probation or mandatory schooling/training program. Plus the additional alcohol or drug testing, but to a logical extent. I've seen and heard of some draconian type testing like 3-5 times per week! It has to be within reason to the court and to the offender.

7. How can a District Court Judge contribute to creating a safer community?

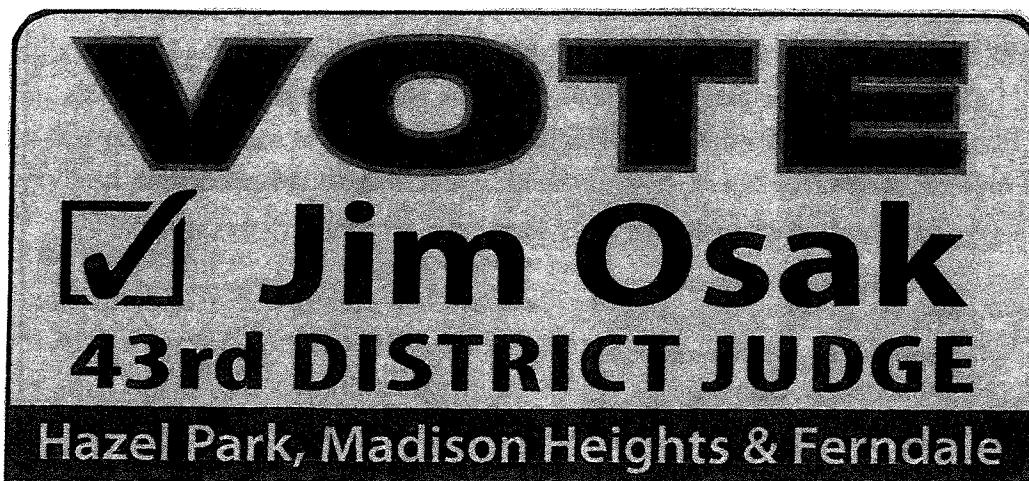
By treating all that appears before them with respect and not like cattle.

8. Did you receive campaign contributions from donors in the bail bond industry?

I've financed my campaign by myself. I've refused corporate donations.

9. Can you describe an important case you worked on and the significance of the case?

All my cases were important to me. I know they were important to my clients. THANK YOU for this opportunity to discuss my campaign with you!



VOTE JAMES OSAK FOR 43rd DISTRICT JUDGE

Hazel Park, Madison Heights & Ferndale

JAMES OSAK CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF THE 43rd DISTRICT

VOTE JAMES OSAK FOR JUDGE NOVEMBER 6th ELECTION

My Qualifications for Judge are:

- 15 years as a Michigan Attorney; Specializing in Criminal, Civil, Landlord-Tenant, and Employment Law. My Clients call me the "Peoples Lawyer."
- 25 years as a Government Employee/Postal Union Member & Chief Steward.
- 25 years as a Small Business Owner (Landlord); Show Promoter.
- 50 year Resident of Madison Heights, Michigan's 43rd District (February 1968).

WHAT I WILL DO FOR YOU!

- I am a **strong** proponent of Civil Rights and Property Rights and I will make sure **your rights** are enforced when you enter **MY Courtroom**.
- **VETERANS COURT**
- **NEIGHBOR-DISPUTE COURT**
- **PROVIDE NIGHTTIME AND WEEKEND COURT HOURS**
- I offer you, the voter, a **CHOICE** other than incumbent judges who rarely face election opponents and have sat far too long resting on their laurels.

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. I CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE HAPPEN.

THE PEOPLE'S LAWYER CAN BE THE PEOPLE'S JUDGE!

VOTE JAMES OSAK for 43rd District Judge

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