

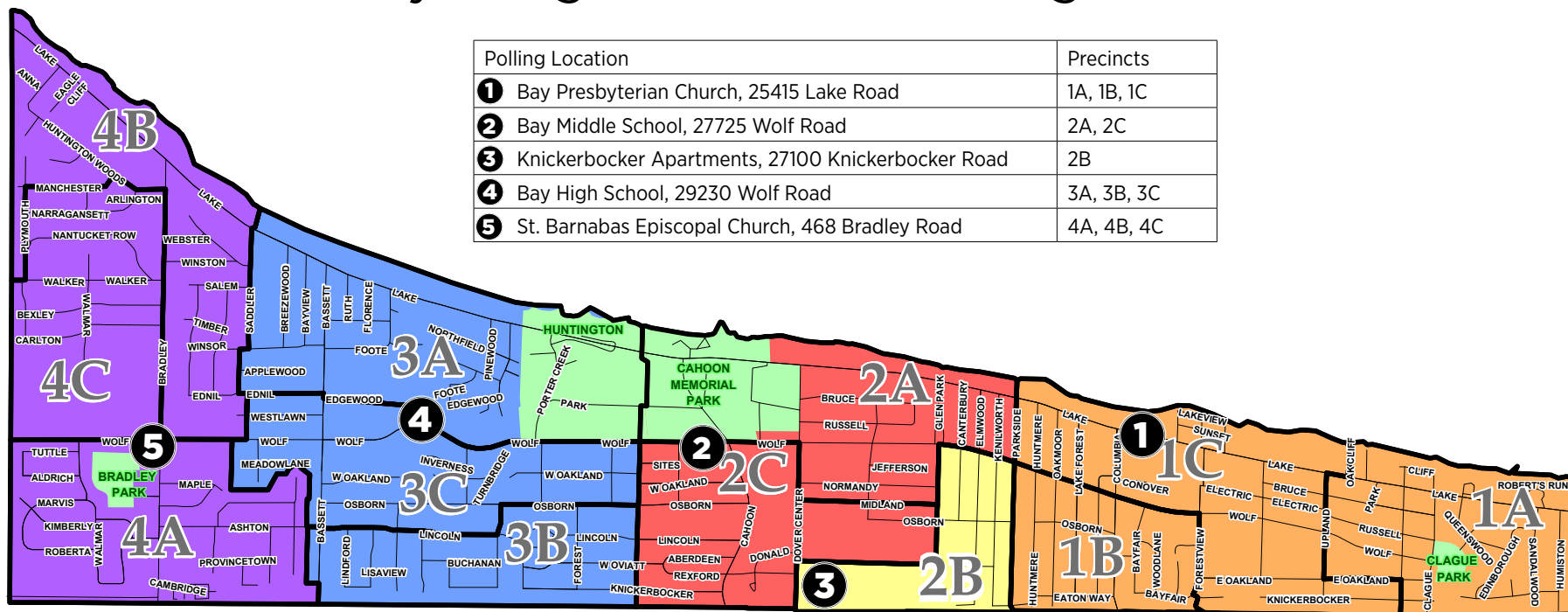
# LWV<sup>®</sup> Voter Guide 2019

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## Bay Village General Election

**Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 7 • Vote by Mail Begins: Oct. 8 • Election Day: Nov. 5, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

### Bay Village Precincts & Polling Locations



### CITY COUNCIL

Bay Village City Council consists of a president serving a 4-year term; two at-large members serving staggered 4-year terms; and four ward members serving 2-year terms. All Council members and the mayor are also the Cahoon Memorial Park trustees, in charge of managing the park in accordance with the Cahoon Will. Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month in City Hall.

### AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

Two candidates are running for the at-large seat expiring at the end of 2019. The other at-large seat, held by Nancy Stainbrook, expires at the end of 2021.

#### Questions:

1. What do you see as the most pressing concern facing the city, and how would you propose to address it?
2. What strengths would you bring to Council that would benefit the legislative body and the city as a whole?
3. The current library building, which the city owns, is scheduled to become vacant next year when the new branch opens. What idea(s) would you propose to make use of the building after the library moves out?



#### THOMAS J. KELLY

Age: 43. In my 18 years practicing law, I have worked as prosecutor, special counsel, and in civil litigation. Locally, I serve on Planning Commission and as Juvenile Diversion Magistrate. My education includes St. Ignatius, University of Dayton (Economics), and a JD/MBA from CSU. My wife, Sarah, is trustee on the Bay Village Education Foundation. Our children attend Bay Middle School.

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#### MARTY MACE

Age: 63. Public Service is my life's work. Retiring in 2013 after 25 years serving Bay Village as a Firefighter/Paramedic, and continuing that service during the last four years on City Council as an at-large representative, my experience as a member of the Bay Village team is unquestionable and unmatched. Also, I am an active parishioner within the St. Raphael community.

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**1. Pressing concern:** Our most pressing challenge is our aging infrastructure and finding ways to pay for large-scale projects. While our road and bridge projects are very noticeable, our aging water and sewer lines below grade continue to deteriorate. Our creek culverts corrode or collapse. While the city has improved its capital budgeting, we must seek out partnerships and grants so major projects have the needed funding. Further, council should aid in lobbying county and state officials to prioritize road resurfacing projects on Wolf Rd. and Lake Rd. that we can not undertake without their financial assistance and involvement.

**2. Strengths:** As the only attorney on council, I would help council write more effective and well-tailored legislation. With my business background, I represent another set of trained eyes to manage and protect the use of our community's tax dollars. As a trial attorney, I am accustomed to working out disputes publicly. However, as a former trustee for various nonprofit boards, I understand the need to build consensus around contentious proposals. By working to improve relationships and foster greater trust, council can achieve more of the community's goals and be better stewards for our shared future.

**3. Library:** In the short term, the displaced Recreation Department should utilize the building. Allowing Bay Middle School to use the parking lot to alleviate congestion on West Oakland also has tangible benefits. As a town that is largely built out, a full study should be done to establish our best options and the associated costs and benefits before making any long-term decision. There are a number of possibilities for that site moving forward. Council must ensure that we find the highest, best use we can for that property.

**1. Pressing concern:** Like other cities we are faced with aging infrastructure and mandates from the EPA to fix sewer problems. In July, the State increased the tax on a gallon of gasoline to help fund infrastructure needs. This tax revenue is estimated to bring over \$300,000 per year to our City. These funds need to be specifically dedicated to our infrastructure needs. I have supported the Mayor, his Administration and Council in current bridge repairs, and a consistently funded roads program. We need to continue addressing the EPA's concerns and identify other infrastructure needs within the City and take appropriate actions.

**2. Strengths:** Appointed by Gov. Voinovich and having served on the Ohio EMS Board in Columbus for five years and being a member of City Council the last four years, I have a thorough understanding of the legislative process. With dedication to our community, understanding of its history, nature and values, I am able to work successfully with City leadership to get things done. Hearing the issues present before the City and finding the balance between being able to reach agreement and being economically prudent, we are able to keep the success of Bay Village moving forward.

**3. Library:** The ongoing assessment of the financial cost needed for the building, is the necessary first step before determining any continued use. Past resident surveys have identified a desire for a recreation center in our community. Modern recreation centers have a walking/running track and small studio rooms for exercise classes such as yoga or spinning and larger gathering spaces available for community use. Collaborative efforts with medical centers in the area for rehabilitation from injury or illness are a feature that would be a great benefit to our city residents. Connection with the Community Gym could complete the conversion.



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## UNOPPOSED COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Council president and all four ward members are incumbents running unopposed to retain their seats.

### Questions:

- 1. The current library building, which the city owns, is scheduled to become vacant next year when the new branch opens. What idea(s) would you propose to make use of the building after the library moves out?**
- 2. The city's master plan, adopted in 2017, lays out a roadmap for future projects and development. What goal(s) specified in that document would you like to focus on in the coming term?**
- 3. What is your most proud accomplishment from the previous term?**



### DAVID L. TADYCH, WARD 1

*Age not provided. Ward 1 Councilman since 2002, Council Vice President since 2017, educated at John Carroll and St. Ed's, honorably discharged Coast Guard Corpsman, I'm retired from Mr. Coffee, Vice President Information Systems. As Finance Committee Chairman, with 16 years' experience, I have been involved in 4 wage negotiations, and have a thorough understanding of budgets, project assessments, funding and Council history.*

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**1. Library:** In 2017, when running for my current seat on Council, the League asked me a similar question – my answer remains. The property size is 1.813 acres. I would take the entire tract of city owned land and focus on developing affordable cottage or cluster housing for Bay's seniors. It would include single level living with garage, in a more dense residential environment, adjacent to nearby shopping, beautiful Cahoon Memorial park and the planned new, multi-million dollar library. Long time seniors

have made Bay what it is today, they deserve to continue their lives in the city they love.

**2. Master Plan:** The 2017 Master Plan contains seven broad "visions" with subsets. It suggests modifying Bay's Charter, allowing Council, NOT VOTERS, to decide property rezoning, taking away residents voting rights! I fought to remove it then. My opposition continues. Infrastructure is paramount to all, sewer connections, storm water management, and basement flooding, while much improved, must remain our priority! The plan suggests a Tree Protection Ordinance, now in Council, that identifies, monitors, and maintains our tree canopy, now ranked 12th within 59 communities. If passed, it gives a commitment to place, influences development, and enhances parks and homes within our wonderful community.

**3. Accomplishment:** Accomplishments on City Council are achieved in small proud steps. I'm proud that I can provide an informed history when asked by my newer Council colleagues. I'm very proud of being Council Vice President and chairing the city's Finance Committee and maintaining a reasonable, sincere, and responsible financial standing for Bay. I'm proud of the many friendships I've made with residents, having valuable discussions. I'm proud that I have the time to spend on those various issues and concerns. And, most of all, I'm proud of the many years of support received from my Ward 1 residents. Many thanks, sincerely.



### LYDIA DEGEORGE, WARD 2

*Age: 63. I am a 32-year Bay resident with an extensive background in retail district management and childcare. I supervised merchandising, operations, wrote training manuals, and facilitated seminars. Via social media I stimulated civic engagement, increased communal awareness, and furthered communications with taxpayers. Thank you to the League of Women Voters Bay Village Chapter and the Westlake/Bay Village Observer for this opportunity.*

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**1. Library:** I would propose an open, transparent process with resident input at the forefront of ideas. Ideally, I believe the school district would benefit from securing the property for future needs, to grow and to enhance a school campus environment. Another option for the 1.8 acres would be to sell the property for residential purposes with specific performance. I'd rather taxpayers not incur the

expenses of staffing and maintaining the building.

**2. Master Plan:** I favor a focus on "Develop design guidelines that ensure future residential development is consistent with the character that makes Bay a desirable place to live." Additionally, to create and enforce environmentally sound practices, green efficiency for our community and the lake, dedication to our parks, and to continue the trend to grow and attract businesses that meet the needs of our community. I believe we can do this while simultaneously stepping back in order to maintain our existing basics and be attentive to our long held public concerns: infrastructure, improving traffic and pedestrian patterns, and the tree canopy.

**3. Accomplishment:** I'm proud of the ability of the City Council team to work through our diverse opinions and opposing viewpoints to achieve what we feel is in Bay's best interests. I am honored by the relationships with residents and business owners that I have created by working for them during this term. I enjoy the fact that our citizens can share candid exchanges with me so I can focus on their concerns and work toward solutions. Through my commitment to question, research and engage it is with pride that I represent each of you in Ward 2.



### SARA BYRNES MAIER, WARD 3

*Age: 40. I am a city planner with experience in grant writing and park, trail, and transportation planning. I served on the city's Master Plan citizen steering committee and Cahoon Park Area Connectivity Study stakeholder committee. I hold a Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development and was Treasurer of the Cleveland Section of the American Planning Association for a decade.*

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**1. Library:** To understand the costs and benefits of how best to utilize the existing library site, City Administration has performed due diligence on the building to project its long-term operating costs and capital needs. This information helps Council to assess whether options like creating a permanent home for the recreation department, an expanded community gym, or even redeveloping the site are feasible. Ultimately, it is Council's responsibility to present viable options

to the community so that there can be discussion of how the site can best serve the ongoing needs for the city. I am open to exploring all ideas.

**2. Master Plan:** I remain excited about the potential to improve parks and trails in the city, and would like to build on the exciting momentum of the several funded projects at Cahoon Park to develop a cohesive vision and plan for this amazing community asset. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation, parking, and the overall flow, orientation, and condition of greenspace could be greatly improved within the park with even modest changes. Additionally, I want to continue the work Council and the administration has made to address and improve aging infrastructure, particularly our roadways and sewers.

**3. Accomplishment:** Working with the mayor and my fellow Council members to re-engage the library project after it was indefinitely postponed by the Cuyahoga County Public Library was the most significant accomplishment. Four of the seven Council members, including me, had just been elected, so we did not have a long history together; however, we worked as a team to help get the project back on track. While not everyone in the community agrees with all aspects of this project, I do feel that the new library will significantly benefit the city by creating a central and modern community gathering space.



### PETER J. WINZIG, WARD 4

*Age: 62. Graduate of SUNY Geneseo, 40+ years creating excellence in advertising, owner Ignition Idea Group, Past President and active member of Bay Soccer Club (20+yrs), BAYarts (15yrs.) and Bay Men's Club (20+yrs), currently President of FSRA Soccer Referees and VP BAYarts Campus Renovations, father of three amazing boys (Scott, John and Todd) and husband to Kathy, my love and my rock.*

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**1. Library:** Rec Office & Community Center, Shared-Use Space with Schools, or Demo & New Housing. As a Rec Office & Community Center, the current layout allows for offices, storage and open programming space, with easy access for residents. In a Shared-Use scenario, the City and School District could use the space for offices, with ample space for conference/meeting rooms. As new housing, the City would need to work with a builder/contractor to demo the lot and reconstruct housing units and enclosed parking. City occupancy will require investments in structural, HVAC, roof,

brick, lighting to bring the building up to use standards.

**2. Master Plan:** As chair of Rec/Parks Committee, my goals support Masterplan visions on "commitment to place" and "quality" parks, through infrastructure upgrades, trail connectivity, better road crossings and strengthening access to our quality parks, recreation spaces and the Lake. Investments at Reese, Bradley and Cahoon Parks are evidence. Future efforts include plans to better "connect" our assets throughout Cahoon Park-from Bay Point and the historic buildings to Huntington Woods, the Pool, new Library, schools and City center. This involves environmental and engineering to improve our playing surfaces, maintain buildings and tree canopy and constructing the right connecting pathways for walking and biking.

**3. Accomplishment:** I am very pleased with our investments in infrastructure. As a member of the Finance Committee, working with the Administration, we've been able to support significant investments in personnel, service/police and fire safety vehicles, road resurfacing and park building upgrades. With the help of state, regional and citizen grants, we have invested in the Lake Road and Queenswood bridges, repaired the Columbia culvert, resurfaced Bradley Courts, purchased new playground equipment, repaired City buildings and improved data management/security. Plans call for new pickleball/tennis courts at Reese Park, new bathrooms/shed at Cahoon, and much needed repairs to the Rose Hill Museum foundation.



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## UNOPPOSED COUNCIL CANDIDATES



**DWIGHT A. CLARK, PRESIDENT**  
 Age: 62. Bachelor's Degree - Miami University; Master's Degree - Cleveland State University. Currently lead sales and new business efforts for non-profit lending activities for Huntington National Bank throughout our geographic footprint. Serve on several Cleveland-based advisory boards and have actively supported Bay Village City and Schools for 20 years. Recognized as 2006 Bay Village Citizen of the Year.  
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**1. Library:** Completion of and transition to the new library location is a #1 priority over the next 15 months. I am keenly cognizant the existing library sits on an important parcel in the central part of the City, adjacent to our Middle School. As such, we must evaluate renovation and use options in an open, sensible and practical manner. At this

early stage, I am not pre-disposed to a particular repurpose use of the existing library; yet, we should evaluate options which would benefit three important stakeholders in the ultimate decision.....our Schools, our residents and our City.

**2. Master Plan:** It is my sincere desire we, as a City, can visualize and implement specific elements of each of the seven highlighted objectives from our Master Plan. I firmly believe a firm focus on three important Plan components.....Building Community; Continuing a Dedication to Quality Parks, Recreation and Lake Erie; and Keeping a Commitment to Place. Completion of the new Bay Village library and the Liberty housing development will be the key ingredients to executing on this game-changing document, all while making Bay Village the #1 suburb in northeast Ohio.

**3. Accomplishment:** 1.) Collaborating with both Administration and Council to move numerous capital projects forward, all while insuring the long-term financial viability of Bay Village; 2.) leading the execution of our legislative docket in timely and efficient manner, while holding meetings with transparency, fairness and open dialogue for all; and 3.) hearing from our very own residents of their confidence in the accomplishments of the past four years and the positive direction of our fine city.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Five members serve staggered 4-year terms. The board usually meets two Mondays per month in the K.T. Allen building. Three candidates are running unopposed for open seats. Candidate Paul Vincent did not provide a response to the League of Women Voters' questions.

### Questions:

- 1. Some neighboring districts, including Westlake, have instituted the International Baccalaureate program in their schools. Is that something Bay Village should consider?**
- 2. How can the district best prepare our students for a future of rapid workplace and societal change, with continuing advances in technology, automation, artificial intelligence, and other changes we may not now foresee?**
- 3. What is the most important thing you could accomplish during your term of office in order to be successful in this position?**

## UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES



**BETH LALLY**  
 Age: 57. It is my honor to be currently serving in my first term as a Bay Village School Board Member, this year as President. I am a graduate of John Carroll University and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. I worked in New York City as a professional liability defense attorney, and later in Cleveland for a legal publishing company.  
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**1. IB Program:** While the district is always open to new ideas, we believe that our current Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Plus (CCP) program offerings and their corresponding student participation are significantly enhancing Bay students in their preparation for college. These options provide many of Bay's students the opportunity to obtain college credit before graduating from Bay

Schools. Last year Bay High was proud to have 116 AP Scholars at various levels of distinction based upon their AP test scores. Of these Scholars, 3 Bay High students earned the highest designation of National AP Scholars.

**2. Student Preparation:** Bay Schools are continuously striving to stay abreast of ever changing technologies. It is obviously an ongoing discussion and investment. Bay's current model is looking to the future to what will be the emerging technologies in the year 2030. Of course, no one knows exactly what that technology will look like, but the district is investigating what opportunities we can provide to prepare Bay students for the year 2030. Bay may also partner with public and private industries to learn from experts on how best to prepare Bay students for the future.

**3. Success:** One of the most important things I can accomplish to be a successful Board of Education Member is to continue Bay School's excellent tradition and dedication to enrich the lives of Bay students in their education and continue to encourage them to share their talents and skills in our Bay community. In addition, this year Bay Schools will be embarking on district wide strategic planning that will help guide the future vision of Bay Schools.



**DAVE VEGH**  
 Age: 45. I graduated from the University of Dayton and work as a sales director at Hyland Software. I've coached recreational basketball and volunteer at Normandy School. Recently, I was on the Board of Directors for Cleveland Kids in Need (now part of Shoes and Clothes for Kids), a non-profit dedicated to providing free school supplies to children in Cuyahoga County.  
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**1. IB Program:** The school district should always evaluate options to improve educational opportunities, including an International Baccalaureate program. In addition, the district should continue to look at enhancing and expanding AP offerings, and other dynamic courses and programs.

**2. Student Preparation:** Technology is ubiquitous and advancements occur daily so it's vital to be rigorous on how to best prepare our students for careers in this field – and in ancillary fields. A threefold approach should be taken: researching best practices and technology trends, reviewing and updating curriculum, and partnering with both private and public entities to create programs to develop students' skillsets.

**3. Success:** I would like to work with the board, administration, teachers, parents, students and the community to help create a long-term, strategic foundation to help the district continue to ensure our students' success well into the future.

# VOTE!

## in the Nov. 5 General Election

**by mail:** request an absentee ballot from the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298 or [boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us)

**in person:** at your polling location on Nov. 5.  
 Polls open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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- We selected the questions and placed word limits on the responses.
- Candidates' responses are printed verbatim.
- Candidates in contested races are listed in alphabetical order.

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