

# Vote Aug. 4th

# Pam Weil

## for Ingham County Commissioner



*These are interesting times, full of possibilities and inspirations to action.  
A chance to reflect on what really matters, family, friends, health, justice.  
A time for compassion and corrective actions.*

**I'm Pam Weil; I'm running to be your County Commissioner.**

I am not interested in power for power's sake, position or party politics.

I want to help our local government operations work for us, the people, the irreplaceable assets of Ingham County, District 9:

I will work to align spending with health and justice outcomes, i.e.

- Community Health Worker's Programs
- Age-Friendly Community Building
- Restorative Justice and Social & Emotional Learning Programs

Sound expensive? Well it isn't. The short and long-term monetary value of these programs and processes is well documented, and the positive effects on individuals' lives impacts lifetimes and future generations.

If elected as your Commissioner:

**I will stay in touch** – Communicating information on issues in front of the Commission.

**I want to hear from you** – Encouraging participation through regular notification of public comment opportunities.

It is time to take action, to push back on this negative, corrupt political climate.

Whether elected or not I plan to work toward community building and would like to hear from you and include you in information sharing.

Your neighbor,

A handwritten signature of Pam Weil in black ink, written in a cursive style.

**If not now, when! Please join me!**

Sign up for my email list: [www.VotePamWeil.com](http://www.VotePamWeil.com)

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**By email: [vote@pamweil.com](mailto:vote@pamweil.com)**

## **WHY I'M RUNNING**

**I know Ingham county; I like it here and have chosen to spend my life here.**

When our current Commissioner, Carol Koenig, reached out to me to say she would not be running again in 2020 and that she would like to see me run, I knew it was the right time.

I am inspired by the election wave of amazing progressive women, like Pramila Jayapal, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar, who speak our truth.

## **MY LIFE**

I moved with my parents to Ingham County, Cherry Lane, MSU Faculty Housing, on my first birthday. My father, Bob Weil, was an artist, musician and professor in the MSU Sculpture Department, was hired as part of the opening up of the university to black and Jewish faculty. My mother, Judy Weil worked as a social worker in Detroit before my birth and later, motivated by her strong support for women's reproductive rights, worked at Planned Parenthood as well as WomanCare women's clinics in Ingham County.

When I was five, we moved to the Flower Pot neighborhood, my parents were interracially married at a time when it was still a crime in many states. East Lansing, had active housing red-lining and restrictive covenants, my parents were only able to buy a home in East Lansing with the righteous assistance of the good people of Edgewood Church, and the housing rights lawyer, Karl L. Gotting.

I attended school at Red Cedar Elementary; while my classmates were predominantly white and I was not allowed in the homes of some of my classmates because of my race, I was lucky to have many classmates and friends from other countries. This early experience with people and cultures from all over the world was a gift that allowed me, early on, to see through the rhetoric, to the reality of friendship, race and identity.

The deep impact civil rights have had on my personal experience made clear to me the impact that people and organizations can have on individual lives when they are willing to act on their beliefs; and that laws and norms can and should be improved and maintained through good information, oversight and transparency.

My husband, Matt, and I bought our house on Delridge Road in 2004 and my son, Blake, started school at Marble Elementary the following year. He graduated from East Lansing High School last year.



## **MY WORK**

I retired after 38 years at MSU in information technology and now run a flexible small business which will allow me to commit the time needed to be an effective Commissioner. My work life has been spent developing and implementing operational processes and building and executing project plans. My disaster recovery and continuity work has given me additional understanding of cross-organizational requirements and possibilities.

## **MY EXPERIENCE**

### **East Lansing Parks and Recreation Commission**

- Chair, 2020 – Present
- Vice Chair, 2016 – 2019

### **East Lansing AARP Age-Friendly Communities Steering Committee Member**

- 2019 – Present

### **Ingham County Parks Board**

- Chair, 2010 – 2012
- Vice Chair, 1999 – 2010

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