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Statement from Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum on Onondaga Township Supervisor Drawing for Nomination

MASON – Today, Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga) issued the following statement on the drawing of lots to determine the winner of the Onondaga Township Supervisor’s race.

“Today, I conducted an unusual exercise in democracy. In Onondaga Township, we had a tie for the Republican Nomination for the Onondaga Township Supervisor’s race at 175 votes per candidate. Michigan statute requires that the race be determined by the drawing of lots, essentially pulling a slip of paper from a hat. As such, Phil Hutchison drew the ‘nominated’ slip from the hat. While an interesting spectacle, if one more person had voted, we may not have been in this circumstance and one candidate would have won outright. I have always said that every vote is important. Nothing underlines that importance more than the situation we saw today. I encourage every qualified, registered voter to exercise their right to vote in each election to make their voices heard.”

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