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### **Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team Member Mark Lane Announced General Election Write-In Campaign for Township Clerk Based on Advancing a Ten Point Plan**

#### ***Second Place Primary Finisher Running to Give Island Voters a Choice for Positive Change***

Grosse Ile, Michigan - Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team Member Mark Lane, who narrowly finished second in his run for Township Clerk during the Township Board 2020 Primary Election, announced he is running a write-in campaign in the General Election on November 3rd before a crowd of nearly thirty cheering supporters on Thursday night. Mr. Lane's remarks were streamed to the public by Facebook Live and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/mlane11/videos/10222861557822742>

<https://youtu.be/RbUvAFWfTU>

Mr. Lane said, "I am excited to announce that I will be running in the November 3rd Election as an Independent Republican write-in candidate for Township Clerk.

As a member of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team, I am dedicated to giving all Islanders a meaningful choice about the future direction of Township government by establishing a new Township Board that is committed to positive change, transparency, inclusiveness and fiscal responsibility.

I ran in a three-way race for Township Clerk during the Primary Election that resulted in the two challengers splitting 59% of the votes cast by Islanders who believe it is time for a change. Although five of my Grosse Ile 2020 running mates were victorious in their races, I finished a close second to the incumbent Clerk.

I am now running in the General Election to give the majority of Islanders who are seeking positive change an opportunity for their votes to count on November 3rd."

Mr. Lane spoke about his deep sense of commitment to Grosse Ile which is based on the Island being his expected family home for decades to come. His wife, two children who attend the Grosse Ile Schools, and him have lived for six and a half years in a home on Thorpe Ct. off Manchester.

Mr. Lane works as a Senior Communications Executive for Mort Crim Communications, Inc. in Detroit where he services public and private sector clients. He is highly regarded in the communication field as he has won two Emmy Awards for Local Programming Sports & Entertainment as well as other professional recognition. When not working, Mr. Lane is a devoted family man who has volunteered as a leader and coach in youth sports on Grosse Ile.

During his write-in campaign kickoff remarks, Mr. Lane presented a **Ten Point Plan** for improving the performance of the Township Clerk's Office through positive change. The proposal focused on measures to enhance Township communications capabilities, records management, election process, transparency and ethics.

The top three actions were: (1) reestablishing the Township Communications Commission, (2) restoring the Township Communications Director position as a full-time job and (3) implementing a Township e-newsletter as well as news and feature streaming broadcasts on social media and GI-TV to keep Islanders more informed in a timely manner about the actions, decisions and programs of Township government. This point also included a commitment to broadcast live on GI-TV or web streaming platforms all of the public meetings of Township Commissions and Committees.

Mr. Lane said, "For example, the residents would greatly benefit from regular updates on the status of repairs to the Wayne County Bridge. We've seen the posts on Facebook asking when the repairs will be completed and what work is being done. We need the facts, not speculation on social media! In summary, Islanders deserve to know what the government is doing in their community."

He also discussed the need for the Township to do a better job in overseeing elections and protecting the Constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. Mr. Lane said, "Increase voter education to ensure that citizens understand how to avoid spoiling their ballots. Hundreds of ballots were not counted in the 2020 Primary Election for certain candidate positions because voters were apparently confused about the rules for filling out partisan ballots. I also want to do more to protect Islanders' rights to vote and the integrity of the vote totals. It is essential that every Islander who is eligible to vote on Grosse Ile is allowed to do so."

The details of his Ten Point Plan can viewed on the Grosse Ile 2020 web site:

[www.grosseile2020.com](http://www.grosseile2020.com)

<https://tinyurl.com/Lane10PointPlanGIClerk>

Since Mr. Lane's strong showing in the Primary Election, he has been actively engaged in community issues. In mid-August, he spoke on behalf of the Grosse Ile 2020 Campaign Team at a large grassroots citizen rally at Trenton City Hall to oppose the Moroun companies' apparent plan to build a mile-long intermodal shipping port on the McLouth Steel site in Trenton and Riverview.

He advocated the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team's consensus position which opposes the building of the intermodal shipping port while supporting environmental clean-up and mixed use redevelopment at the McLouth Steel site and other under-utilized shoreline areas of the Detroit River Trenton Channel. This position is a component of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team's broader consensus vision to establish and promote a "nautical economy" in the lower Detroit River communities.

Mr. Lane's remarks were passionately applauded by citizens in attendance. Reports about the rally in the Downriver News-Herald and Trenton Tribune include quotes from his speech:

[https://www.thenewsherald.com/news/protesters-rally-against-rezoning-of-mclouth-steel-property-in-trenton/article\\_5cfa6154-e17f-11ea-8034-4f5a807060e9.html](https://www.thenewsherald.com/news/protesters-rally-against-rezoning-of-mclouth-steel-property-in-trenton/article_5cfa6154-e17f-11ea-8034-4f5a807060e9.html)

<http://trentontrib.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Trenton-Trib-SEP2020-E-edition.pdf>

If anyone has questions about Mr. Lane's write-in campaign or the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at [grosseile2020@gmail.com](mailto:grosseile2020@gmail.com).

### **About the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team**

During April of 2020, seven Island residents filed applications to run in the 2020 Republican Primary Election in August as a slate of candidates named Grosse Ile 2020 for all elected positions that comprise the Grosse Ile Township Board. The following Islanders were members of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team with the positions sought: Jim Budny, Supervisor; David Nadeau, Treasurer; Mark Lane, Clerk; Joe Porcarelli, Trustee; Mike Jurecki, Trustee; Mark Mills, Trustee; and Jamison Yager, Trustee.

As a result of winning the 2020 Primary Election on August 4, Mr. Budny, Mr. Nadeau, Mr. Porcarelli, Mr. Jurecki and Mr. Yager have advanced to the General Election on November 3. On September 9, Mr. Lane announced a write-in campaign for the Township Clerk position, and rejoined the successful Grosse Ile 2020 candidates seeking to win seats on the Township Board during the General Election.

The mission of the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team is to provide the citizens of Grosse Ile with honest, respectful and responsive local government that delivers outstanding services and enacts sound policies which support excellent quality of life in the most cost-effective manner. These candidates developed the Grosse Ile 2020 Campaign Platform to resolve problems with the operations of the current Township Board and increase the fiscal responsibility of Township government while creating new opportunities to improve the quality of life in the community. To learn more about the Grosse Ile 2020 Candidates Team, view their web site at [www.grosseile2020.com](http://www.grosseile2020.com).

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