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Troy City Council
% Louise E. Schilling, Mayor
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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing in appreciation for the work done by Troy City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew and Deputy City Clerk Barbara Holmes in training poll workers prior to the August 8 Primary Election.

The Primary Election was the first true test of the voting machines mandated by the Help America Vote Act. In addition to new tabulators, every polling place was equipped with new ballot-marking equipment for the disabled.

While exciting, the equipment created challenges for thousands of election workers across the county. More than 80 election workers, many from smaller communities in Oakland County, benefited from the training done by Tonni and Barbara.

Troy should be proud of the leadership role Tonni has taken. She has been invaluable, consistently volunteering to help – not only with the hands-on training for election workers but in creating a manual to help standardize election procedures.

Both Tonni and Barbara are a pleasure to work with and happily share their expertise at every turn. I really appreciate their efforts and hope that you could in some way publicly recognize their commitment to voters across Oakland County and, more importantly, to the democratic process.

Respectfully,

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