Geoffrey McKim  
*Monroe County Council At Large Candidate*  
McKim has served as County Council president for two of the last four years. He contributed to creating a county clean water management program and to establishing accountability for tax abatements. McKim has a strong interest in civic engagement, and he maintains a blog which provides news and analysis on local government policy.

Jennifer K. Mickel  
*Monroe County Council At Large Candidate*  
Mickel moved here at age 8 from Nebraska. She has spent her educational career in both Bloomington and England, graduating from Bloomington High School North and attending Indiana University. Mickel currently owns a landscaping design and maintenance company.

Other local candidates for these offices include:

John Newlin  
*County Commissioner, District 3 Candidate*

Lee Jones  
*Monroe County Council, At Large Candidate*

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In memoriam  
Sophia Travis

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**2012 Local Candidates’ Forum: Why Local Government Matters to Students**

Cosponsored by Political and Civic Engagement (PACE), Political Science, Hutton Honors College, IU Student Association and PACE Student Association

**Thursday, September 27, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

Hutton Honors College Great Room
Teresa D. Harper  
**10th Judicial Circuit Judge, Seat 8 Candidate**  
Seeking her second term as a criminal court judge, Harper began her judicial career by presiding over small claims and family law cases. She is the Vice-Presiding Judge of the unified Circuit Court, and has twice been elected to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference. She serves on its Education Committee and participates in designing judicial training. Harper's community service has included Community Kitchen's Board, Sheriff’s Merit Board and Public Defender Board.

Francie G. Hill  
**10th Judicial Circuit Judge, Seat 3 Candidate**  
Hill, a Monroe Circuit Court Judge since 2007, works with juvenile and family law. She previously consulted for the Indiana Supreme Court and served as the judicial hearing officer for child abuse cases. She started the local CASA program to advocate for neglected children in court. An IU Law grad, Hill taught juvenile law and directed the first Child Advocacy Clinic using law students as advocates in custody disputes.

Marc R. Kellams  
**10th Judicial Circuit Judge, Seat 2 Candidate**  
Kellams has served on the Monroe County bench since 1981. He currently presides over criminal cases and the Domestic Violence Court. He has held appointment as an adjunct assistant professor of law at the IU Maurer School of Law since 1983. He previously served as the Probate Commissioner and as a juvenile hearing officer for the court. He is a past president of the Indiana Judges Association, and has served on the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference.

Alphonso Manns  
**10th Judicial Circuit Judge, Seat 3 Candidate**  
Manns has practiced law for over thirty years and is affiliated with the Ostrom Workshop for Political Theory and Policy Analysis. In 1974 he authored the concept of diversity as a public education philosophy and his research in 1975 led to the discovery of PCBs as a health hazard in Monroe County. Manns holds degrees in science, law and public affairs, and his interests include political economy and political philosophy.

Iris Kiesling  
**County Commissioner, District 3 Candidate**  
Kiesling, Monroe County Commissioner Vice President, is in her fourth term as Commissioner. She served on the Bloomington City Council for nine years, serving as its president in 1990 and 1995, and she was elected president of the League of Women Voters, 1981-1983. In 2007 Kiesling received the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement" award at the Women's History Month Awards, and she was awarded a Leadership Award by the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Nakarado  
**County Commissioner, District 3 Candidate**  
Nakarado received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Michigan University. He is self employed as a broker/owner of INDIANA Dave Real Estate. Nakarado has been an Indiana resident for 22 years. As a member of the Sault Ste Marie tribe of the Chippewa Indians, he is interested in the public needs for growth and development, as well as those for a healthy community.

Nelson Shaffer  
**County Commissioner, District 2 Candidate**  
Shaffer is a research scientist at Indiana University where he has studied applied geology focused upon Indiana for more than 30 years. He is a former Executive Director of the Indiana Academy of Science and a founding member of the Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy. Shaffer has special interests in coal geology, alternate uses for coal, sustainable uses of mined lands, reduction of power plant emissions, industrial minerals, and hydrology.

Julie Thomas  
**County Commissioner, District 2 Candidate**  
Thomas is a member and former president of the Monroe County Council. She is the owner of Cartridge World, a local green business. She earned a Ph.D. in History and Gender Studies from Indiana University. She has served on the Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals and the steering committee for the Monroe County Democratic Women’s Caucus. She is an active leader in various non-profit organizations.

Skip Daley  
**Monroe County Council At Large Candidate**  
Daley works in Bloomington's private sector as a Business Development Specialist, balancing budgets, providing solutions and creating jobs for local residents. His history includes graduate studies in Government and experience running a County Council office. He has been engaged with AmeriCorps, the American Red Cross, Bloomington Boys and Girls Club, Area 10 Agency on Aging, Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association and Moose Lodge 1081.

Brian Ellison  
**Monroe County Council At Large Candidate**  
A Monroe County Resident for the past 10 years, Ellison grew up on a farm in Kokomo, IN. He went to Ball State, and he has been employed at the same company for the past 20 years. He is currently a Global Project Manager working in the computer industry. Ellison is a supporter of Habitat for Humanity and has helped with the fundraising for the North High School chapter.