

Proven Results

It's one thing to claim to work for the people, it's another to be able to show it. In addition to attending her committee meetings, Andrea works together with township departments, our schools, and community leaders to find solutions that make our township a great place to live, work, and play.

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Economic Development -

- Andrea brought the Oakland County economic development program, One Stop Ready, to the Township board. The Township adopted the program, which streamlines the process for opening businesses in the community. Andrea went through the training herself to earn the certificate, and Independence Township is now used as an example in the training for other communities.
- When a local restaurateur wanted to locate in Clarkston, Andrea organized a day of site selection that included members of the Planning Commission and the Chamber of Commerce. Together they spent the day driving throughout the Township to find the perfect location for their next successful location.
- After business leaders in Oakland County identified the skills gap for their workforce needs, Andrea scheduled a meeting with major community employers and the school district administration to discuss how to partner together to improve workforce development.
- Andrea has represented the Township at business functions through the Chamber of Commerce, including ribbon cuttings and delivering welcome speeches to new businesses in the community.



Public Safety

- A concerned mom contacted Andrea to say there was no crosswalk at the corner of a busy street by an elementary and middle school. The woman had a visually impaired child who walked to school. Andrea worked together with the Township supervisor and the RCOC to have a crosswalk installed within a week.
- When parents at the Clarkston High School PTA complained about the near-miss accidents at an intersection near the school, Andrea started a social media campaign to have a left turn arrow installed. Andrea leveraged her personal network to create a coordinated effort by the school, township, and RCOC to have the traffic signals upgraded and improved public safety.

Quality of Life

- Andrea created the No Spice/K2 initiative to remove synthetic drugs from stores in the community by having owners sign a pledge not to sell them. The idea was later adopted county-wide, and Andrea testified in Lansing in support of a state law banning the substances. Andrea was invited to attend as Gov. Snyder signed the law into effect.
- A common complaint from residents was the unsolicited newspaper ads that are thrown onto driveways. While another board member suggested legal action might be needed, Andrea instead contacted the circulation manager at the paper, and began a sign-up sheet for anyone in the community who wished to opt out of receiving the papers. Several hundred happy residents no longer get the ads, and at no cost to taxpayers.