

# Committee to Re- Elect Richard Clanton

*“Representation and communication should be a two way street. My goal is to provide representation and increase communication Between the citizens of Kentwood and City Hall. All voices must be heard when it concerns your taxes, your safety and your City’s fiscal Responsibility”.*

*-Richard Clanton*

Dear Kentwood Resident:

March, 2009

Richard Clanton is seeking election to the Kentwood City Commission, Ward 1, at the Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Some of you already know Richard and know of his commitment to our community. For those of you who do not, we hope to share with you information that has persuaded this committee, Mayor Root and other community leaders that Richard is the most qualified candidate for the Kentwood City Commission.

Richard is married to Deborah and has two daughters. He moved to Kentwood in 1992 and since then has been actively involved in our community. Richard has served as Secretary of the Kentwood Economic Development Corporation and a member of the Kentwood Zoning Board of Appeals, and Kentwood Planning Commission. As a Planning Commissioner, he has had the opportunity to review numerous development projects and has a firm understanding of this area’s growth concerns. Richard also served on the I-96 Access Study Committee, Kentwood 2000 Census Committee and Kentwood/Grand Rapids Partnership Committee. Richard is currently serving in his 8<sup>th</sup> year as city commissioner and has been appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

Richard is concerned with our youth in the community. He is a past career lecturer for the West Michigan Boy Scouts, has served as a class instructor for Junior Achievement, and is a past member of the Grand Rapids Family and Community Task Force (F.A.C.T.).

Richard can be counted on! He has worked over 32 years for Sears, Executive Director for the Downtown YMCA and General Manager for Celebration Cinema. Richard graduated from Oakland University with a bachelors degree in Social Economics. He is an active member at the Word of Faith Christian Center located in Kentwood.

Richard has a vested interest in the continued success of the City of Kentwood. He understands the issues facing Kentwood and would like to share his insight and enthusiasm with the community. He will listen to your concerns and make informed, thoughtful decisions.

Richard would like your support. You can contact him with your concerns anytime at [rlanton69@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlanton69@sbcglobal.net), [www.richardclanton.org](http://www.richardclanton.org) or (616) 455-5257. Thank you for your consideration. Don’t forget to vote for Richard Clanton on Tuesday, August 4th.

“God Bless America”