



..... a Story of  
The American Dream



**BARAKAT**



## CAN A CABBIE BECOME A CONGRESSMAN ?

From cabbie to commissioner to congressman.

They say it can only happen in America. And JOE BARAKAT believes in the American Dream.

That's why, at age 16, he stayed in high school after his Dad died. Drove cabs and worked the midnight shift at Ford to support his Mother and 3 sisters. Worked his way toward a B.A. in Political Science at Wayne State University and his graduate work in international relations.

JOE BARAKAT has worked as everything from paper boy to cabbie to grocer to dance instructor. He spent 4 years serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. Then again, he's been an account executive, an insurance agent, a school teacher and a corporation president.

Most recently he's served 2 years on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Now he's up for Congress.

The political pros say it's impossible for a cabbie to become a congressman. Impossible to get elected to anything without money, political machinery, patronage and favor-repaying endorsements. But then, the political pros said the same thing when JOE ran for commissioner and JOE won. Because JOE BARAKAT doesn't think its impossible at all. JOE BARAKAT believes in the American Dream.



## NOT A REBEL... NOT A YES MAN !

There's no mistaking the fact that JOE BARAKAT wears a beard. He wore it long before he was in public office...and he'll wear it long after this election. Once again the political pros said no...shave it off or lose votes. But JOE BARAKAT figures a man who'd sell out for a vote would also sell out for a \$. And who wants a sell-out for a Congressman?

JOE BARAKAT didn't grow the beard to become a "rebel"... and he won't shave it to become a "yes-man." Because the American dream is that a man's worth lies in his head, not his hair. And JOE BARAKAT believes in the American Dream.



## DOES A DREAM DESERVE A VOTE ?

No. It's not enough that JOE BARAKAT is a "good guy." Or that he works hard. Or that he means well. JOE BARAKAT deserves your vote because our Congress sorely needs a moderate in these troubled times of extremes. A man who can get all sides to cooperate for a less violent society and a more peaceful world. He deserves your vote because he feels the same as you on the issues.



## A NEW BREED OF KAT JOE BARAKAT

Not a rebel.  
Not a yes man.  
A man of courage and ideals.  
Not an image, but a man of imagination.  
Not an ambitious politician.  
But a man representing your ambitions.  
Not a dreamer, but a practical worker  
towards fulfilling your dreams.

### ON THE ISSUES

#### NO BUSING !!!!!

Aside from his absolute stand against busing Joe believes that there are many issues that deserve attention. He would work towards solving problems of:

- Unemployment
- Welfare abuse
- Health care
- Drug abuse
- Law enforcement
- Housing
- Senior citizens
- Tax equity
- Consumer protection
- Honesty in advertising
- Ecology and environment
- Education
- An honorable end to the war.



He is not making  
a lot of promises.

### JUST ONE!!!

TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE  
TO MAKING ALL LIVES  
A LITTLE BETTER!

### GET TO KNOW THE "BearCat "

Joe and his team of volunteers are on the road 14 and 16 hours a day, visiting every house. Joe believes in the personal contact to make government more human and bring it back to the people.



Look for the "BearCat" Bandwagon in your neighborhood. Visit or call the two headquarters; the mobile headquarters, or visit his home.

CAN A CABBIE REALLY  
BECOME A CONGRESSMAN?

IS THAT IDEAL STILL ALIVE  
FOR YOUR KIDS?

IT'S UP TO YOU.

YOU CAN MAKE IT COME  
TRUE.

Vote for  
JOSEPH L. BARAKAT  
AUG. 8TH

Madison Heights campaign promise

# Commissioner ringing doorbells

By MICHAEL WENDLAND  
Oakland County  
Joe Barakat

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Commissioner BARAKAT stands on his record.

# Barakat to Aid Rights Panel

Joseph Barakat will be one of Although of Oakland County, the members, but must be county representatives an state's judicial constituency. "We need it's the young people from long-held privilege advisory council members. Currently being by McGinn, who is a Barakat's former, until the year...

# County Gets Request For Nature Center

By TOM BLASBERG  
The Progress  
Woods is a  
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The planning and building com-  
missioner, JOSEPH L. BARAKAT, said  
that he received the request from  
the Board of Park Trustees  
for a nature center in the county  
of Oakland County.

Barakat was a jet builder here  
years, when he said "The county  
policy of providing only parks  
that can be self-maintaining is  
the criteria used in determining  
if a park is suitable for the county  
of Oakland County."

Barakat said at the county he  
parks and recreation and the  
area which is the most densely  
populated area in the county.  
Barakat said that the county  
of Oakland County.

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# Milliken names Oakland official

By MICHAEL WENDLAND  
Oakland County  
Madison Heights  
Joe Barakat

# Personnel board formed

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# Barakat Backs Info Office

County Commissioner Joseph L. Barakat has urged the creation of an Oakland County public information office.

# Meetings Won't Drug Use—Barakat

Commissioner Joseph L. Barakat said that he will not support meetings that focus on drug use.

# Resolution Pushes Role of Local Unit in County

By DENNIS L. FLURY  
A more local unit  
government  
government

# Health Committee Approves Expansion at County Hospital

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners health committee approved a resolution supporting expansion of the County Hospital.



# Antibusbing Resolutions

The resolutions calling for busbanning and other measures to reduce traffic congestion were adopted by the legislature.

# County Arts Council Urged

By DENNIS L. FLURY  
The Board of Commissioners  
of Oakland County  
of Oakland County



# Joint attack on area problems Oakland OK's county council study

By MICHAEL WENDLAND  
A group of Oakland County officials has been authorized to study the county's problems.

# Barakat to change proposal on Oakland Board's pay

Barakat Swings Committee  
Madison House Nearly Loses \$1,580 Grant From County

# Unique life led by Lamphere teacher

RAMPAGE UPDATE  
The bearded face of Mr. Joseph Barakat, who has replaced English teacher Mrs. Nancy Tinkler, is the visage of a man who has experienced a life of change and challenge.

VOTE AUG. 8

Joseph L.

# BARAKAT ■ for U.S. CONGRESS