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## **Proposal 2 approved by Michigan voters**

## Michigan Constitution now protects fundamental right to vote for all eligible voters

LANSING, Mich. – Voters across Michigan overwhelmingly passed Proposal 2 which places the fundamental right to vote into Michigan's Constitution while enhancing election security and promoting accessibility.

"I'd like to thank the millions of Michigan voters who said, 'Yes' to Proposal 2 which protects the fundamental right to vote while enhancing security and expanding the accessibility of Michigan's future elections," said **Micheal Davis**, executive director for **Promote the Vote**. "Michigan voters clearly support ensuring every voice is heard and every vote is counted in every election no matter what political party or candidate we support, where we live or what we look like. I would like to thank the more than 25 nonpartisan partner organizations that worked tirelessly to engage voters about Proposal 2 and lend their effort to the initiative's passage."

<u>Promote the Vote 2022</u>, the coalition behind Proposal 2, included dozens of organizations with hundreds of volunteers from all corners of Michigan.

"Today, Michigan voters passed Proposal 2 to protect and modernize our elections," said Nancy Wang, executive director of Voters Not Politicians. "We've shown, time and again, that voters, no matter who we support, share a belief that every eligible voter should have convenient access to the ballot and have their vote counted. Voters Not Politicians volunteers talked to hundreds of thousands of voters to put Proposal 2 on the ballot and get it over the finish line because we are committed to making our government work for all Michiganders."

"At the very heart of our freedom is the right to vote and Proposal 2 helps to ensure that every eligible voter in Michigan will have their vote counted without intimidation, harassment or interference, and we applaud the millions of voters who threw their support behind Proposal 2," said **Yvonne White**, president of **NAACP Michigan**.

"For more than 100 years, the League of Women Voters of Michigan has advocated for every person's right to participate in our democracy," said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the **League of Women Voters of Michigan**. "That is why we were so proud to participate in this broad coalition and help pass Proposal 2."

Key provisions of the Proposal 2 ballot initiative included:

- Recognizing the fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Requiring military or overseas ballots to be counted if postmarked by Election Day;
- Providing voters the right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Providing the voter the right to a single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Requiring nine days of early in-person voting;
- Requiring state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Providing that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Requiring canvass boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

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