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2026 Non-Partisan

Voter Guide

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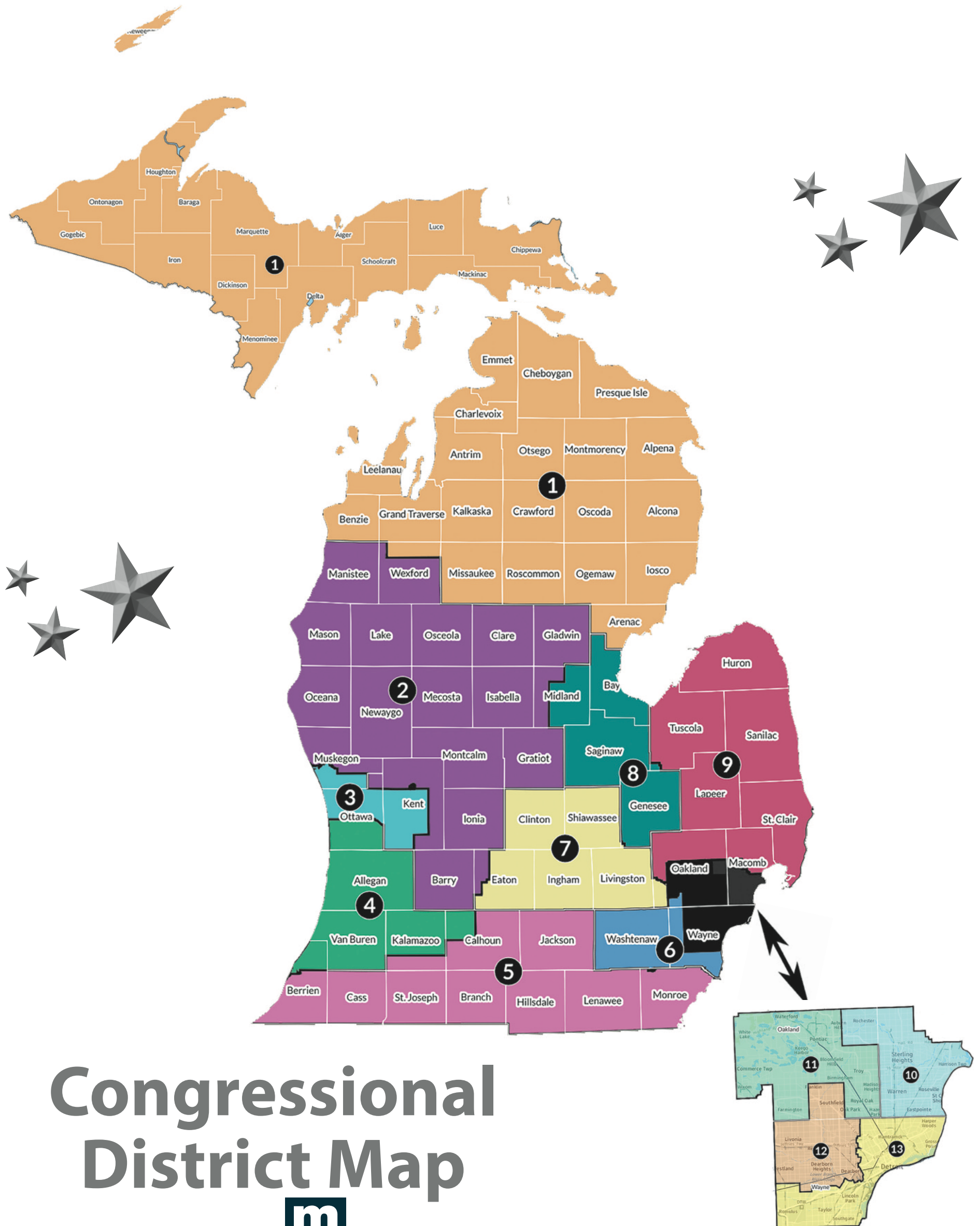
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About This Guide

The 2026 Non-Partisan Voter Guide is an unbiased guide to candidate information for federal and state races in Michigan for the November 3 General Election.

A significant obstacle to voting is the need for information about candidates, their experience, and their positions on important issues. The non-partisan Voter Guide provides voters with a bird's-eye view of candidates running for office and the opportunity to compare their political views. Interspersed throughout the Guide are explanations of Michigan's voting laws, such as early voting, absentee ballots, voter registration, and ID requirements.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan (LWVMI or the League) contacted candidates in the federal and state races for the General

Election, asking them to provide biographical information and answer questions on issues of consequence. See pages 8-36. The candidates' responses are printed as submitted and have not been edited except when replies exceeded the stated character limitations or violated VOTE411 content guidelines. If the candidate did not respond by the required date for publication, the words "No response by print deadline" appear. This content is current as of September 14, 2026.

Publicizing candidate information is solely in the interest of public service. The League does not certify that the candidates' responses are accurate. Likewise, the League neither endorses nor opposes any statements expressed by the candidates.

Always Check Before You Go!

Sometimes district lines and polling locations change between elections. Your district and/or your polling place may have changed even if you haven't moved. Confirm your current districts and races at VOTE411.org before you vote!

About the League of Women Voters

The League is a non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy by encouraging informed citizen participation in government for over 100 years. Today, there are 700+ local Leagues spanning all 50 states.

The League makes a difference at every level of government because of the energy and passion of thousands of members around the country, who work together to safeguard our democracy. The League of Women Voters works at the local, state, and national levels through civic education and community outreach, to support a robust democratic system and the right of voters to engage in it.

Our Mission: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Our Vision: A democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate in government.

Membership is open to all those age 16 and older. For information about joining the League, visit LWVMI online at lwvmi.org to find your local League or contact LWVMI at office@lwvmi.org or 517-484-5383.

You can also visit the LWVMI website here:



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About the Online Voter Guide: VOTE411

VOTE411.org is the League's next generation of online voter education—a genuine one-stop shop for election-related material. Like this print Voter Guide, VOTE411 provides information on candidates (including Michigan House and Senate races), their experience, and their positions on important issues. VOTE411, however, goes further, providing essential information about the election process, such as a ballot look-up tool personalized to a voter's address and a nationwide polling place locator. VOTE411 information is available in English and Spanish.

If you have a local League in your area, VOTE411.org may also include:

- Local judicial, county, township, village, school district, community college, and library board races.
- County and local ballot proposals.

Voting is fundamental. All Americans deserve an equal opportunity to make their voices heard in our democracy. The League is dedicated to using resources like VOTE411 to include more voters, expand and protect voter access, and ensure our elections remain fair, secure, and accessible.

For Information on Federal, State and Local Races
Wherever You Live in Michigan: VOTE411.org



First-Time Voters Who Register by Mail or Through A Voter Registration Drive: A Special ID Rule

If you are voting in Michigan for the first time and you registered to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, you may be subject to a federal identification requirement. If you did not provide your Michigan driver's license/state ID number, the last four digits of your Social Security number, or an acceptable copy of identification when you registered, you may need to provide identification before your first ballot can be counted.

Note: This requirement generally does not apply if you personally delivered your registration application to a clerk, are a voter with a disability, or are covered by the federal military/overseas voting law. For more information visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/first-time-voters>.

College Students: Check Your Voter Registration Status!

Michigan's "motor-voter" system requires your voter registration address to match your driver's license/state ID address. **Note:** A change of address to one form of ID automatically changes the other.

College students can update their voter registration online at VOTE411.org or by mail up to two weeks before an election. After that, they must visit their local Clerk's Office and provide proof of residency.

- College students from Michigan going to school in Michigan can register to vote using their school address or home address.
- College students from Michigan going to school outside of Michigan can register to vote using their home address in Michigan.
- College students who are not from Michigan but going to school in Michigan can register to vote using their school address in Michigan.

Register to Vote

No matter how you plan to vote, you must get registered first.

Michigan has same-day voter registration, which means eligible residents can register and vote on the same day by visiting their local Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, Election Day. However, the LWV recommends you register as soon as possible in advance of Election Day.

To register to vote in Michigan, an individual must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- A resident of Michigan in the city or township they plan to vote in for at least 30 days.
- At least 17 ½ years of age (provided the person will be 18 on Election Day).
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Same-day voter registration also applies to updating your voter registration. To check your voter registration status (the address where you are registered to vote), use michigan.gov/vote.

You can register to vote online, by mail, or through a registration drive until Monday, October 19, 2026. If you register within 14 days of Election Day, you must do so at your local Clerk's Office and provide one form of proof of residency. After registering, you can vote by absentee ballot at the Clerk's Office.

You can also track your voter registration application at michigan.gov/vote

Note: You can request a voter registration application in large print and multiple languages (Arabic, Bengali, Dari Farsi, Haitian Creole, Korean, and Spanish). For more information, go to michigan.gov/vote.

Proof of Residency. This is official documentation listing the voter's name and current address. One of the following can be used as proof of residency:

- Michigan driver's license/state I.D.
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Current paycheck or government check
- Any other current government document

Moved since the last election? If you moved to a new city or township, you must update or re-register your new address with the local clerk.

Homeless? You don't need a home address to register to vote; you can register and vote using any of these as your address: a street corner, a park, a shelter, an advocacy or outreach center, the home of someone else who will accept your mail, or any other place you usually stay.

Incarcerated? Individuals currently incarcerated and serving a sentence are prohibited from registering to vote.

Formerly incarcerated? Your right to vote is

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



MichiganVoting.org

How to register to vote



Online at
Michigan.gov/Vote



By mail using the
[Voter Registration Application](#)



In person at
your local clerk's office
up to and on Election Day

automatically restored when you are released from jail or prison. Be sure to update your voter registration and re-register if necessary. Check your registration status at michigan.gov/vote.

NOTE: City and township clerks' offices must be open for at least eight hours during the weekend of Saturday, October 31 - Sunday, November 1, 2026, for in-person voter registration and voting. Check with your local clerk for the exact hours.

Know Your Voting Options

Michigan voters have three ways to cast a ballot: you can vote from home before Election Day, you can vote in person before Election Day, and you can vote in person on Election Day. All three are described in full below.

The Permanent Mail Ballot List

Any Michigan voter can join the Permanent Mail Ballot List and automatically receive an absentee ballot before every future election for which they're eligible. That means there would be no need to submit a new application each cycle!

Sign up by checking the relevant box on the Absentee Ballot Application, online or on the paper form.

Note: This is best suited for voters who generally receive their ballot at the same address each election; if you move, you'll still need to update your registration.

Know Your Voting Options (CONTINUED)

Early Voting (In-Person before Election Day)

Early voting is the opportunity to cast a ballot in person at an early voting site before Election Day. Similar to voting on Election Day, you will complete an application to vote, completing your ballot and feeding it into a tabulator (a machine used to count ballots and tabulate results). Voters in every Michigan city and township have access to early voting sites.

Michigan's constitution requires at least nine consecutive days of early voting for statewide and federal elections, available from the second Saturday before the election through the Sunday before the election, for at least eight hours each day. For the November 3 General Election, early voting must be offered statewide from Saturday, October 24, through Sunday, November 1, 2026. (Some communities may also offer additional days of early voting)

Your address places you in a specific 'precinct', which is the smallest geographic voting unit in Michigan. Your precinct determines your specific polling place and ballot. If you show up at a polling place outside your assigned precinct, your name will not be on the voter roster, so it is important to check your polling

location! Your 'polling location' is where you go to cast your vote in person. Note: polling locations during early voting may be different from your polling location on election day. Early voting locations and schedules are not standardized — each community may offer additional days beyond the minimum, and your assigned site may be in your city or township, a neighboring one, or elsewhere in your county. **You must vote at your assigned location.** You can find your early voting site locations and hours at michigan.gov/vote (click Your Voter Information) or from your local clerk.

You can also vote early using your absentee ballot. Bring it to your early voting site and once the election inspector verifies your location and ballot number you can insert your completed absentee ballot into the tabulator and your vote will be counted!

Remember: You have the right to vote if you are in line when your early voting site closes for the day.

Absentee Voting

Michigan is a No-Excuse Absentee State

All registered voters can vote with an absentee ballot — no reason or excuse needed. If you request an absentee ballot, you will receive an Official Absentee Ballot, an Absentee Ballot Secrecy Sleeve, and a Return Envelope (self-addressed to your City Clerk with prepaid postage).

Requesting a Ballot

If you want to vote absentee, you must apply for a ballot, unless you're on the Permanent Mail Ballot List (see Page 4).

- Apply in person at your local Clerk's Office — you can apply, vote, and submit your ballot all in one visit, or take it home to complete.

- Apply online at michigan.gov/vote, click Vote at Home (Absentee), and follow the prompts.
- Apply by mail — call your local clerk and ask that an application be mailed to you, or download one from michigan.gov/vote.

The Deadlines: online and mailed applications must be received by your local clerk by 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day (October 30, 2026) but it is recommended that you apply well before that! A registered voter can still apply in person at their local clerk's office through 4 p.m. Monday, November 2. Those who still need to register or to update their registration can apply in person at their local clerk's office until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Note: The post office does not forward absentee ballots.

Note: You can also request an absentee ballot application in large print or in Arabic, Bengali, Farsi, or Spanish (michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/voters).

Emergency Absentee Ballots

If a physical disability or family death/illness will prevent you from voting in person at your polling place on Election Day, and the physical disability or family death/illness made it impossible for you to apply for an absentee ballot by the deadline, you may request an emergency absentee ballot.

Requests can be made after 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2026, but must be submitted before 4 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2026. Contact your local clerk immediately if you think you may need one.

Completing and Returning Your Ballot

Your local clerk's information is preprinted on your return envelope. Make sure you check that it's correct, and contact your clerk if it's damaged or wrong immediately. Read the instructions on the back of the secrecy sleeve, mark your ballot with blue or black ink, refold it into the secrecy sleeve and return envelope, and sign the declaration/oath on the envelope (your clerk checks this against the signature on file). If others in your household are voting absentee too, keep envelopes separate.

Return options:

- Mail using the US Postal Service (not recommended if returning less than two weeks before the election).
- Place in a secure ballot drop box in the community where you vote
- Hand-deliver to your local Clerk's Office.
- During early voting, take it to an early voting site.
- On Election Day, take it to your polling place. **Note:** Not available in Detroit.

Military and Overseas Ballots

If you're in the military or living overseas, you can vote using the Michigan address where you lived immediately before leaving the state. A MOVE ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the clerk by Monday, November 9, 2026, to be counted. Request your ballot well in advance — see the Federal Voting Assistance Program at www.fvap.gov.

Ballot Drop Boxes



A ballot drop box is a secure, locked structure for returning absentee applications and completed ballots. Every Michigan voter has access to at least one in their community. Michigan requires that there is at least one drop box per city/township, plus one additional box for each additional 15,000 registered voters. Drop boxes are available 24 hours a day during the 40 days before the election through 8 p.m. on Election Day. As of January 1, 2026, every drop box must also be video-monitored during the 75 days before each election and on Election Day, and only a clerk, deputy clerk, or sworn staff member may collect ballots from one.

You must use the drop box(es) in the city or township where you're registered, not one in another city or township. For example, a registered Warren voter may use any drop box in Warren, but **not** one in Sterling Heights. Check drop box locations at michigan.gov/vote (Your Voter Information) or with your local clerk.

In-Person Voting on Election Day

(Tuesday, November 3, 2026)

On Election Day, voting occurs at polling places, staffed by election inspectors (poll workers). Vote at your assigned polling place, found at VOTE411.org — your assigned place is tied to your registration address, so check whether you need to update your registration.

All polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time. Everyone in line at 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote. If you are in line at 8 p.m., STAY IN LINE because you must be allowed to vote.

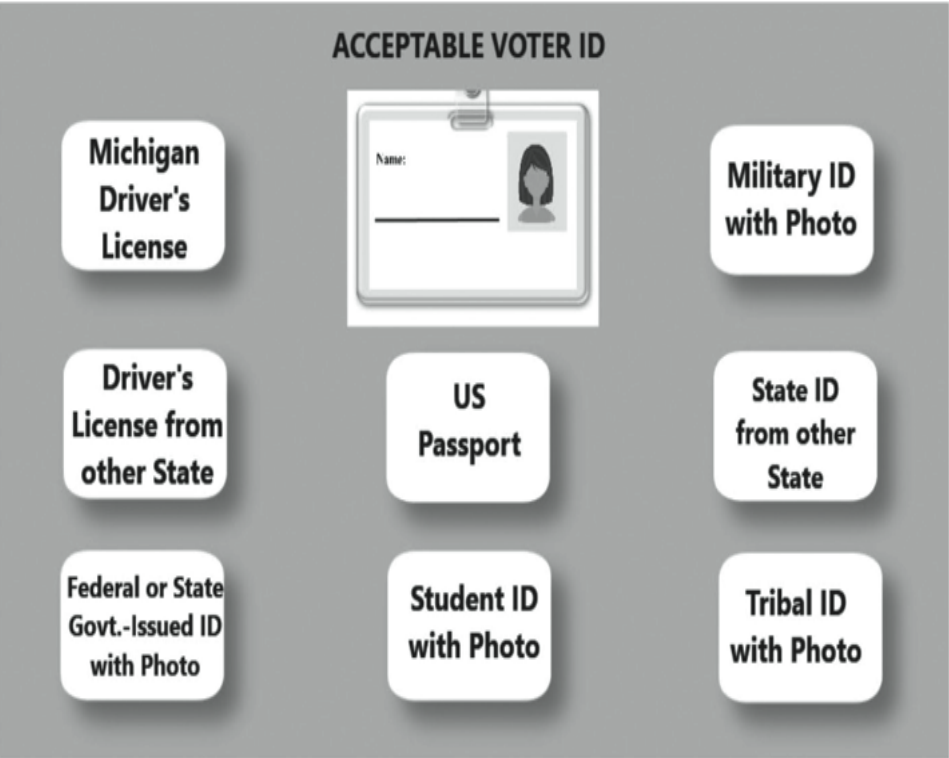
Although a photo I.D. is not required to vote, bringing one can help speed up the check-in process. Accepted forms include a driver’s license or personal ID card (from any state), a high school or college ID, a U.S. passport, a military or government-issued photo ID, or a tribal ID card. Your photo ID does not have to have your address on it.

If you don’t have a photo ID, you can still vote. A poll worker will ask you to sign an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture ID; you’ll then be issued a regular ballot. You cannot be denied a regular ballot solely because you do not have photo ID. If a poll worker instead wants to issue a provisional or challenged ballot, or tries to deny you a ballot, call the nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

A ‘provisional ballot’ is given when questions arise about a voter’s eligibility to vote, or when the voter cannot or does not present the proper ID when voting in person. If you cast a provisional ballot, ask your clerk what additional steps (if any) you need to take to make sure it is counted. If your provisional ballot was issued because of an identification requirement, you generally have six days after the election to provide acceptable identification to your city or township clerk (Monday,

November 9, 2026).

If you plan to vote in person but need to register or change your registration, you can vote absentee at your local Clerk’s Office right after registering, or at your polling place if time permits.



Understanding Your Ballot

STRAIGHT-TICKET VOTING

Michigan is one of a handful of states that still offers straight-ticket voting: in the partisan section of your General Election ballot, you can make one selection to vote for every candidate of a single party in that section, instead of selecting each race individually.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

You can write in the name of someone not printed on the ballot, but for that vote to be counted, the candidate must have filed a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate filing official by 4 p.m. on the second Friday before Election Day (Friday, October 23, 2026). **Write-in votes for anyone who didn’t file are not counted.** You can check with your local clerk if you’re unsure whether a candidate qualifies.

BALLOT SECRECY

Your ballot is private. No one (including poll workers, challengers, or election officials) can see how you voted. Michigan’s constitution guarantees the right to a secret ballot. If anyone pressures you to show them your ballot or tries to observe your selections without your consent, that’s voter intimidation! Tell a poll worker immediately and call the Election Protection Hotline **(866-687-8683)**!

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE ON YOUR BALLOT

Ask for a new ballot right away. You have the right to a new one if you catch the mistake before inserting it into the tabulator, or if the tabulator rejects your ballot before it’s counted. Ask a poll worker for a

fresh ballot. They will “spoil it” and issue you a new ballot.

CORRECTING A SIGNATURE ISSUE (Curing Your Absentee Ballot)

If your absentee ballot is rejected because of a signature issue, Michigan law requires your clerk to notify you and give you the chance to fix — or “cure” — it. You have until 5 p.m. three days after Election Day (Friday, November 6, 2026) to do so. Remember, you can track the status of your ballot at michigan.gov/vote!

SPOILING (Canceling) YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

If you receive your absentee ballot and change your mind, make an unfixable mistake, or lose or damage it, you can “spoil” it and get a new one — or switch to voting in person by bringing your absentee ballot to your early voting site during early voting or your polling location on Election Day and exchange it for a new ballot.

To spoil an unreturned, lost, or damaged absentee ballot, visit your local Clerk’s Office in person. The deadline is 4 p.m. on Monday, the day before Election Day (November 2, 2026). If you still have it, bring the original ballot with you.

After that deadline, you can still spoil your ballot in person at an early voting site during the early voting period, or at your polling place on Election Day: bring your absentee ballot (if you have it), complete and sign a form indicating what happened to it, and a poll worker will issue you a regular ballot. **Once your clerk has begun processing your returned ballot for tabulation, it can no longer be spoiled.**



Key Dates at a Glance

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 General Election

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026	Absentee Ballots become available to voters.
Monday, Oct. 19, 2026	League-recommended last day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail. (Legal deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.) Also the last day to register to vote online or by mail.
Friday, Oct. 23, 2026	Deadline for a write-in candidate to file a Declaration of Intent for their votes to count.
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026	First day of mandatory early voting period.
Friday, Oct. 30, 2026	Legal deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online or by mail.
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026	Last day of mandatory early voting period.
Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, 4 p.m.	Deadline to spoil/cancel an unreturned, lost, or destroyed absentee ballot and vote in person with a new one at your Clerk's Office.
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Election Day! Polls open 7 a.m.–8 p.m. Same-day registration available at your Clerk's Office.
Friday, Nov. 6, 2026, 5 p.m.	Deadline to cure a signature issue on a rejected absentee ballot.
Monday, Nov. 9, 2026	Last day for Clerks' Offices to receive military/overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day, and last day to submit ID to cure a provisional ballot.

Learn
More Here!

- Michigan Department of State — Bureau of Elections:
michigan.gov/sos/elections
- Michigan Voter Information Center:
mi.gov/vote
- michigan.gov/vote
(voter-facing SOS portal)
- LWVMI.org –
The League of Women Voters of Michigan
- VOTE411.org —
Nonpartisan Election Information

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Michigan Governor

Term - 4 years - Vote for ONE (1)

Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor run as a team - one vote elects both.

Duties: The state’s executive powers are vested in the Governor.
Qualifications: A Governor must be at least 30 years of age and a registered voter in Michigan for at least four years. Governors may serve a maximum of two full terms.

RUNNING MATE:

Candidates for Lt. Governor are nominated at their party conventions to run as a team with the candidate for Governor.

PRIORITIES

What are your top 3 priorities for the State of Michigan and how would you address them?

JOCELYN BENSON - DEMOCRATIC
Website: www.jocelynbenson.com/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/bensonformichigan
Campaign Twitter Handle: JocelynBenson
Occupation / Current Position: Michigan Secretary of State
Education: Wellesley College (BA), Harvard University Law School (JD), Oxford University (Marshall Scholar, MA).
Qualifications and Experience: Michigan Secretary of State, Dean of Wayne State Law School, CEO of RISE (nonprofit organization).



WINNIE BRINKS
Democrat

My priorities will be to lower costs, grow our economy, and protect the rights of Michiganders. Across Michigan, families are struggling to put food on the table, pay for medicine, and cover electricity bills as costs rise. Too often, government is showing up everywhere we don’t want it and nowhere we need it. My affordability plan will lower medical bills and put patients first, make it easier to build affordable homes, end profit-driven rate hikes and protect Michiganders from outages while modernizing our grid and transitioning to renewable energy. We will invest in opportunities to diversify our economy that raise wages and protect jobs.

JOHN JAMES - REPUBLICAN
Website: johnjamesmi.com
Facebook: facebook.com/JohnJamesMI/
Campaign Twitter Handle: johnjamesmi
Occupation / Current Position: Member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving Michigan’s 10th Congressional district (Elected
Education: B.S. in Law and Systems Engineering, U.S. Military Academy at West Point; M.S. in Supply Chain Management, Penn State; MBA, University of Michigan Ross School of Business.
Qualifications and Experience: Combat veteran. Job creator. Congressman delivering for Michigan’s 10th District, with bills signed into law by both Republican and Democratic presidents.



JAY DEBOYER
Republican

My top priority is making Michigan a place where families can afford to build a future. I will lower the cost of living by cutting taxes, reducing burdensome regulations, and creating good-paying jobs. Strong families: I will empower parents with more choices in education, raise academic standards, support law enforcement to keep our communities safe, protect girls’ sports, and ensure our children have every opportunity to succeed. Accountability: I will eliminate wasteful spending, audit government programs, increase transparency, hold bureaucrats accountable, and put Michigan taxpayers first.

ANTHONY HUDSON - LIBERTARIAN

BEAU PARMENTER
Libertarian

No response by print deadline

DONNA BRANDENBURG - US TAXPAYERS
Website: www.BrandenburgForGovernor.com
Campaign Twitter Handle: @brandenburg4mi
Occupation / Current Position: Business Owner/Entrepreneur
Education: Bachelors Degree
Qualifications and Experience: Business owner in a variety of industries. Educator. Horse Rescue. Founder of Bereavement Research. Parent of special needs child - experience in mental health deficiencies, job creation



ROBERT COWPER
US Taxpayers

Government exists to serve human beings not to loot them. Prioritize individual rights and the will of the people, honesty in government through complete financial and governmental department audits. This includes transparency, integrity in elections and accountability of all systems with clearly defined goals. Address and correct the weaponization of the justice system against the people. End unlawful property tax and income tax. Defend against corruption and multinational special interest/corporations with a focus returned to local business, job creation, conservation so families can enjoy the beauty of this state for generations.

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL - GREEN
Website: migreenparty.org
Occupation / Current Position: Registered professional engineer (retired), substitute high-school teacher
Education: Registered professional engineer
Qualifications and Experience: Not accepting corporate PAC campaign contributions



BOBBIE CLAY
Green

Affordability, Energy, Education

Michigan Governor

Term - 4 years - Vote for ONE (1)

EDUCATION	ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY	IMMIGRATION
How do you evaluate Michigan’s current education system in terms of quality, funding, the teacher workforce and standardized testing? What changes, if any, would you propose or support?	What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability and environmental protection in Michigan?	What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
I am proud to be the only candidate for governor to release a comprehensive, data driven plan to ensure Michigan is a state known for excellence in public education. My plan will elevate the voices of educators and parents to: * Develop world class talent with a public education system that guarantees every student will receive the knowledge they need to be career or college ready * Raise wages and increase support for our educators * Care for our youngest children by ensuring high quality early childhood education * Invest in our schools with an equitable funding model to provide every child the resources they need	My affordability agenda will tackle the costs hitting families hardest. We will streamline regulations to make it easier to build homes in our state - and take on bad actors who abuse the system to drive up costs. I'll lower healthcare costs with a prescription drug affordability board and a \$5,000 caregiver tax credit. And we will invest in clean energy and modernize our energy grid to lower energy costs. I'll expand early childhood opportunities and successful programs like RX Kids to make childcare more affordable. I will bring down costs and ensure everyone who works hard can afford to live and build a future in Michigan.	With over 20% of the world’s freshwater in a state where we pay some of the highest energy bills in the nation, we must do more to drive down the cost of energy while protecting our natural resources. As governor I will: *Stop utilities from increasing bills while neglecting our power grid *Launch an energy bill relief program to weatherize homes reducing energy costs *Modernize Michigan's grid and increase affordable renewable energy *Restrict political contributions from public utilities and end conflicts of interest on the Michigan Public Service Commission *Promote the growth of well paying union jobs with investments in clean energy	We are in a critical moment for the future of our state and our democracy - one where strong state leaders committed to protecting our constitutional rights and freedoms have never been more vital. I've been that leader as Michigan's Secretary of State - putting my life on the line to protect and defend the constitutional rights of Michigan citizens - and will do the same as Michigan's governor. This means using every tool available to ensure due process, that the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment are followed while also being prepared to stand up to anyone - including the President - who would try to undermine those protections.
Michigan's kids are not failing. The system is failing them. We are going to fix that. On day one as Governor, I will opt Michigan into the Federal K-12 Education Freedom Tax Credit through immediate executive action, unlocking scholarships for tutoring, special needs services, and after school programs. My administration will also prioritize evidence-based literacy instruction and mastery-based learning. As Governor I will pursue legislative action to require proven phonics instruction from kindergarten through third grade, following the Mississippi model that delivered the nation's greatest reading gains.	Every decision my administration makes will be filtered through one question: Does this make Michigan more or less affordable? Lansing has been adding costs for years. We are going to start subtracting them. We need to lower taxes, cut burdensome regulations, eliminate wasteful spending, and make our state more affordable to live and raise a family. My economic development strategy is centered on Retention, Reclamation, and Recruiting. I support a Retention and Relocation Worker Tax Credit for critical shortage occupations and a 100% tax credit for businesses that fund scholarships for students pursuing high-demand careers.	Michigan needs an energy policy that is affordable, reliable, and grounded in common sense. As Governor, my first priority will be repealing the Whitmer “green energy” mandates and restoring local control. As Governor, I will pursue an all-of-the-above energy strategy. That includes natural gas, nuclear, hydro, renewables where they make economic sense, biofuels, and emerging technologies. I reject the false choice between environmental protection and economic strength. Michigan can prepare for climate impacts, protect natural resources, and remain affordable and competitive.	A governor's responsibility is to put Michigan first. State agencies and local law enforcement must cooperate with federal immigration authorities to enforce the law and protect public safety, particularly when dealing with individuals who have committed crimes or pose a threat to our communities. I am opposed to sanctuary policies that prevent cooperation with federal authorities. Schools, hospitals, and other public institutions should remain focused on their core missions while complying with applicable state and federal laws.
Michigan is ranked 45th in the nation in education. Money spent has to produce a bright future for our children over politics and agendas. Local control: encourage parental involvement and put students first. Equal opportunity for all students. Initiate policies to prioritize innovation with individualized learning styles. Support and prioritize compensation of teachers who produce results benefitting our children. implementation of standards to ensure the safety of students, conducive to a focused productive learning environment and restrictions on cell phone use during class. A focus on critical thinking, community involvement and ethics.	I will end failed corporate welfare which ships jobs over seas and create an environment good paying local jobs can thrive in. Under the last administration, nearly billions went out in corporate deals. Eight of the biggest packages put \$2.7 billion on the table for 20,595 promised jobs. About \$1.8 billion has already been spent. The jobs delivered: 602—about 3% of what was sold to taxpayers. This is theft by corporatocracy. We end it. Slash red tape, keep energy affordable through innovation , and let small manufacturers, farms, trades, and family businesses grow without competing against a Fortune 500 firm that already got a subsidy	Michigan is not a product. The Great Lakes, the forests, the farmland, and the air are a trust. A governor is a caretaker, not a broker who sells the inheritance. Michigan (the 11th most expensive in cost for energy) already pays too much for electricity. I will stop policies that pad utility bills and end backroom deals which destroy the ecology of Michigan. The DNR and Michigan's EGLE have failed to protect resources for the people. they capture resources, and convert “protection” into commerce ... fees, credits, favored projects, and paperwork that the connected can buy their way through. Complete audit. Course correction.	Lawful immigration is a core tenet of the American process. The Constitution guards against government usurpation of rights. Immigration is an invitation to join us in building a future -work, family, and contribution -not a ticket to live as a dependent on the Michigan taxpayer. A welcome that becomes a welfare pipeline is not compassion. It exploits weakness in the system and punishes the lawful immigrants who pay the bills. Too often corporations use illegal work as cheap slave labor or indentured servitude. The entire process needs an audit. Also I will guard against exploitation and human trafficking under the guise of false compassion.
Disappointing. Eliminate the charter system. Fund schools with a statewide budget. The current property-tax system creates a permanent apartheid where children born in poor neighborhoods attend poor schools, get a poor education, become poor adults, and repeat the cycle. Greatly improve school architecture to reduce crowding & conflict, and make schools an attractive place where our young scholars actually want to be. Establish a fund to enable more blue-collar and low-income high-school students to study abroad. Our children may be our future, but they can't offer a better future if they've never encountered anything different.	We need to start with acknowledging that we have arrived at late-stage capitalism and the old concepts are no longer applicable. Encouraging job creation is a myth. Every time the government tries encouraging job creation in the private sector, it always ends up as corporate welfare, costing the state much more than the resulting wages. Directly hiring people -- a'la the Green New Deal -- and establishing a Universal Basic Income are the alternatives to automation, job reduction and corporate profiteering. We need to create a not-for-profit National Health System. We can start at the state level, one about-to-close hospital at a time.	The first thing we need to do is stop wasting so much energy. We need to make an energy code part of the building code for new construction, and make it feasible for owners of existing buildings to do energy upgrades. Line 5 needs to be closed before we poison the entire Great Lakes. Electric & gas utilities need to be converted from for-profit private corporations into municipal agencies whose priority is service, not profit. Every flat roof and parking lot should be covered with photovoltaic collectors, and the energy they put onto the grid paid for on a net-metering basis. Electric vehicles should be encouraged at every opportunity.	Now more than ever, people need to be protected FROM the federal government. The only “changes” I would make would be returning to the principles embodied in the Bill of Rights in 1789. Immigrants built the United States. Almost everybody here is either an immigrant or descendants of immigrants. We need to dial down the hysteria and realize that wage suppression is the result of late-stage capitalism, not immigration. Everybody charged with a crime for defending themselves or others from roving gangs of armed, masked federal stormtroopers will receive a full pardon from the governor.

Michigan Secretary of State

Term - 4 years - Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Secretary of State serves as chief motor vehicle administrator and chief election officer for Michigan and also maintains the state’s official repository of records and certifies documents as Keeper of the Great Seal.

Qualifications: Candidate for Secretary of State must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

Describe the background, skills, and experience that have prepared you for this role, and why do you want to serve as Secretary of State?

GARLIN GILCHRIST - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Lt. Governor of Michigan
Education: University of Michigan



As the country’s only statewide elected software engineer, I’ve made government work for people. It’s time for bold leadership against a President who acts like a king — if democracy fails, we lose our best tool to fix real problems: unaffordable child-care, housing, healthcare. I’m running for Secretary of State because Michigan is ground zero for free and fair elections. Unlike typical politicians, I refuse corporate PAC money; dark money has had too much influence over our elections for too long. I’ll stand tall against Big Tech abusing Michiganders’ personal data, and modernize licensing and registration to work better and smarter.

ANTHONY FORLINI - REPUBLICAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Macomb County Clerk/ Register of Deeds
Education: Business Degree from Western Michigan University
Qualifications and Experience: Six years running elections in the 3rd largest County in the State winning two National Awards, Legislator for the State of Michigan, Harrison Township Supervisor, Self employed Business Owner



I have been a lifetime business owner. I served the public at the local level as Harrison Township Supervisor, Michigan Legislator, District Director for a Michigan Congressman, Macomb County Clerk and Register of Deeds. As the Macomb County Clerk I have successfully reformed election processes and won National awards for Operational Efficiency and Innovation. These skills make me uniquely qualified to be successful in the role of Secretary of State.

CHRISTINE SLOAN - LIBERTARIAN

No response by print deadline

SCOTT E. AUGHNEY - US TAXPAYERS

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Occupation / Current Position: Residential Contractor/Musician
Education: 1983 graduate Morenci Area HS; 3 years post-secondary studies in biology, chemistry and data technology
Qualifications and Experience: For the past five and a half years, investigated and researched election system transgressions impacting election integrity, audit capabilities, and lawful execution of election processes.



Working closely with Barry County Sheriff Dar Leaf, Election Integrity Force and the Locus Standy Whistleblowers, I have investigated and researched election system transgressions impacting election integrity, audit capabilities, and lawful execution of election processes. I have committed over 5 1/2 years of my life to these efforts. Due to the complex nature of the election technology in place, and the lack of statutory understanding on the part of law enforcement and prosecutorial efforts, the results of efforts by myself and others have had mixed results. As such, I found it necessary to file my candidacy for Michigan Secretary of State.

ERIC BORREGARD - GREEN

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired Graphics Artist and Teacher
Education: Bachelors in Broadcasting & Cinema Arts from Madonna University, Associates in Apply Science OCC
Qualifications and Experience: President of Artech Inc. an automotive publications company in Livonia, owner of a multi-media company EB Graphics LLC for 20 years and taught in the Ann Arbor Public Schools for 12 years



No response by print deadline

Michigan Attorney General

Term - 4 years - Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan.

Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

What qualifications, skill, and experience do you bring to this role, and why are you seeking the office of Attorney General?

ELI SAVIT - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Washtenaw County Prosecutor
Education: Kalamazoo College, University Michigan Law School
Qualifications and Experience: Currently Washtenaw County Prosecutor, Former Senior Legal Counsel for the City of Detroit, Former SCOTUS Law Clerk



I’m a proud Michigander. After Kalamazoo College and U-M Law School, I clerked on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justices O’Connor and Ginsburg. As senior legal counsel for Detroit, I led law-suits against the opioid industry and won nearly \$100M for public schools. As an environmental lawyer, I represented states against polluters like Exxon and Shell, securing nearly \$1B in relief. I am the Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney. I am proud of the work that we have done that focuses on rehabilitation and fairness. I believe our justice system should work for everyone, not just the powerful. I will be a fighter for all Michiganders.

DOUG LLOYD - REPUBLICAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Eaton County Prosecutor
Education: Bachelors at UNLV & J.D. at Cooley Law School
Qualifications and Experience: Eaton County Prosecutor, Douglas R. Lloyd, serves as the chief law enforcement officer for Eaton County. In that capacity, Lloyd manages 10 attorneys and 15 administrative staff. He is responsible f



I bring more than 30 years of courtroom and prosecutorial experience, including 4+ terms as Eaton County Prosecutor. I have led attorneys and staff, tried criminal cases, built an Economic Crime Unit that has returned more than \$10 million to victims, and worked with law enforcement and prosecutors across Michigan. I am running for Attorney General because Michigan needs experienced, independent leadership focused on enforcing the law, protecting people, and delivering results.

What actions or initiatives, if any, would you take to strengthen resources, training, and support for county, city, and local clerks?	Please describe how you would safeguard voter data and maintain the integrity and security of Michigan’s elections.	Describe your position on requiring documentary proof of citizenship for people to register and vote.
Michigan’s clerks are the backbone of our electicns and deserve a Secretary of State who treats them as partners. I'd expand training on cybersecurity, audits, and absentee/same-day registration on a consistent, year-round cadence instead of last-minute rushes, and push for funding and grants to help under-resourced offices upgrade equipment and secure systems. Clerks also need an SOS office that listens, not just directs. I'd create feedback channels across all 83 counties. Having visited every county as Lt. Governor, I know a small UP clerk faces different challenges than one in a major city, and our support has to reflect that.	The Secretary of State holds Michiganders’ most sensitive data. I'll act as Chief Privacy Officer, keeping people protected and informed. As a software engineer who built and secured systems used by millions, I know cybersecurity demands vigilance: continuous investment in the voter database, regular audits, and rapid patching with clerks statewide. I'd strengthen post-election audits with verifiable paper trails. Transparency builds trust and blunts disinformation. On privacy, I'd enforce strict access controls and encryption for voter data, train clerks against phishing, and work with law enforcement to counter disinformation.	Michigan already safeguards its elections: only citizens may register or vote, voting while ineligible is a federal crime, and every voter attests to citizenship under penalty of perjury, with rolls cross-checked against state and federal databases. These laws work, there's no gap needing new bureaucracy. Proof-of-citizenship mandates aren't about security; they're disenfranchisement, burdening women whose documents don't match post-marriage names and rural residents far from offices to replace lost papers.
I am the only candidate on the ballot who has served as a clerk. Too many times, I have watched lawmakers and even the Governor make decisions that adversely affect the day-to-day operations of local clerks. As Secretary of State, I will advocate for the resources clerks need so that burdens handed down from Lansing do not become constitutionally unfunded mandates. I will also pursue legislative changes to campaign finance laws that streamline the bureaucracy and make compliance easier for local clerks.	As Macomb County Clerk, I have demonstrated my commitment to safeguarding elections and voter data. I was the first county to shut off tabulator modems. We created transparency so the public can see how elections work while protecting voter confidentiality. We trained clerks in HASH validation to detect system infiltration, required secondary authentication for server-room access, and conducted a forensic audit of our election server in 2021. Under my administration, these safeguards and more will be strengthened statewide.	Our jury-pool review identified non-citizens who were registered to vote, including individuals with voting histories. That raises a fundamental question of election integrity: every eligible American citizen should have confidence that their vote counts and is not diluted by an ineligible ballot. We need accurate voter rolls, strong verification, and a system that makes sure only those legally eligible to vote can cast a ballot. American-citizen-only voting is a principle shared by many Americans.
I have discovered during my election integrity efforts that there is a broad lack of understanding amongst clerks statewide regarding electronic records in the electronic pollbook file, the clerks qvf access portal, and the data from by public FOIA request to the Bureau of Elections. I will implement the following: 1. Elimination of Electronic Sytems (tabulator and pollbooks.) 2. De-Centralize the Voter Roll - While HAVA does require a centralized voter-roll, Sec. of State cannot be compelled to commit civil or criminal violations if actions violate other statutes. 3. Assess all promulgated rules for statutory compliance. 4. DMV full walk-in	Election integrity in the current system is lacking significantly and has been undermined by efforts from the incumbant Secretary of State and Public Officials at the Bureau of Elections to obscure or obstruct transperancy. There are multiple reasons why the current system under J. Benson, and the former Sec. Ruth Johnson, does not meet basic standards. These include, but not limited to, unlawful destruction and alterations of electronic voting records in violation of 52 USC §21081, 52 USC §20702, and MCL 168.932. Under my direction, Voting system in Michigan will be changed to a manual system and constitutional authority to the clerks.	The US Constitution Amdt 14.S1.8.6.2 and Michigan Constitution Article 2, sections 1 and 4 stipulate that US Citizenship is required to vote in Michigan. In order to ensure that this requirement is fulfilled, proper verification, including photo, is necessitated. While I perceive the SAVE Act as unconstitutional legislation, I will address verification vulnerabilities by implementing legal action against the codified laws to Proposal 3 from 2018. Legal challenge should have been implemented at that time and the legislature ignored the vulnerabilities when codifying the passage of Proposal 3, which did not lawfully address verification.

What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to accomplish them?	How would you assess Michigan’s current approach to justice—including consumer protection, environmental enforcement, criminal legal policies, and post-conviction review—and what changes, if any, would you support? Please also describe your approach to cases involving trauma-related conduct and when the Attorney General should intervene if a local prosecutor declines to act.
SAFEGUARD OUR CONSTITUTION AND PROTECT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS: The Constitution has protected some of our most fundamental rights: free speech, due process and equal protection. I will use every tool at my disposal to ensure that no Michigander is denied their constitutional rights. FIGHT CORPORATE MALFEASANCE I will stand up to corporate malfeasance wherever it crosses a legal line. I will ensure that workers are paid the money they are owed and enjoy safe dignified working conditions. PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT: I will hold polluters accountable for the damage they cause to our air, water, and land.	AI has increased price-gouging, fraud, and scams—and with the US government eliminating consumer and environmental enforcement, states are the backstop. As AG, I'll use my consumer and environmental background to hold bad actors accountable. On criminal justice, public safety must always be top priority, and prosecution trauma-informed. I respect local prosecutorial authority, but AGs must intervene when inaction threatens public safety, leaves civil-rights, environmental, or corporate-abuse victims unprotected, or when corruption taints a case. I'll also build on the AG's Conviction Integrity Unit to ensure no innocent person is imprisoned.
My top priorities would be protecting Michigan families from crime and fraud, defending consumers, holding accountable those who abuse public trust, and enforcing Michigan law fairly and consistently. I would strengthen coordination with local prosecutors and law enforcement, expand efforts to combat economic and organized crime, and ensure the Attorney General's office uses its resources where they can have the greatest impact. The office should be a force for public safety and accountability, not partisan politics.	Michigan's justice system should balance public safety, individual rights, accountability, and fairness. As Attorney General, I would support strong consumer and environmental enforcement and oppose policies that weaken accountability or public safety. Post-conviction claims should receive fair review based on the evidence and law. Trauma can provide important context, but should not create a separate standard of justice. The AG should intervene when a local prosecutor declines to act because of a conflict or other compelling circumstance.

Michigan Attorney General

Term - 4 years - Vote for ONE (1) - CONTINUED

Duties: Attorney General is in charge of prosecuting the laws of the state of Michigan.
Qualifications: Candidate for Attorney General must be a registered voter in Michigan on the date he or she is nominated for the office. He/ she may serve a maximum of two full terms.

What qualifications, skill, and experience do you bring to this role, and why are you seeking the office of Attorney General?

JASON DYE - LIBERTARIAN

JOHN PERRY LUDTKE JR. -
US TAXPAYERS

Occupation / Current Position: Electronic Technician
Education: 3 years LCC
Qualifications and Experience: 35 years of researching the Michigan constitution and statutes

No response by print deadline

I have been researching the Michigan constitution and the Michigan statutes for the past 35 years, and I have found that there is way to much corruption and public servants not reading or obeying our constitution and statutes.

JARED POLONOWSKI - GREEN

DOUG DERN - NATURAL LAW

Occupation / Current Position: Attorney
Education: JD
Qualifications and Experience: 24 years a practicing attorney



No response by print deadline

I have been an attorney for 24 years in consumer law mostly bankruptcy. I feel that a lot of corporations and debt collectors take advantage of people. With technology it is like the old west out there. Illegal text messages, illegal prerecorded messages.

U.S. Senate

Term: 6 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.
Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

ABDUL EL-SAYED - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Former Public Health Official, Public Servant.
Education: I graduated from the University of Michigan with highest distinction and played for the men’s lacrosse team. I earned my medical degree at Columbia and a doctorate from Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.
Qualifications and Experience: Son of Michigan, public servant, doctor, public health official who rebuilt Detroit’s Health Department, author of “Medicare for All: A Citizen’s Guide,” card-carrying union member, & proud girl dad.



As a doctor and public health official, one of the first pieces of legislation I will sponsor in the US Senate would be a bill to enact Medicare for All and eliminate medical debt nationwide. I spent my career fighting to fix our healthcare system and even wrote the book “Medicare for All: A Citizen’s Guide” to help everyday people understand how we can achieve a system that works for everyone. Beyond introducing legislation, I will use this office as a platform to change the conversation about healthcare in America and continue to galvanize a movement to elect leaders across the country who support Medicare for All.

MIKE ROGERS - REPUBLICAN

LYDIA CHRISTENSEN - LIBERTARIAN

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Occupation / Current Position: CEO
Education: University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Fox Valley technical college
Qualifications and Experience: Equivalent of two college degrees in computer science and computer programming. Community organizing, Developer and technical background



No response by print deadline

I support Medicaid for All as an opt-in plan: keep your employer or union plan if you want it, or enroll in a public plan with one transparent premium, no deductibles, no surprise bills, and income-based costs that are zero for lower-income families. Unlike the ACA subsidies Congress let expire in 2025, it would be mandatory spending that cannot lapse. It is not a monopoly equal tax treatment, repeal of Certificate of Need laws, and interstate license reciprocity keep private plans competitive. Coverage extends to psychiatric care and addiction treatment where counties have no providers, and no one may reclassify a doctor-prescribed treatment

TIM LONG - US TAXPAYERS

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Occupation / Current Position: full time evangelist
Education: Associates Degree from Henry Ford Community College
Qualifications and Experience: 26 years in the US military / 30 years at Ford Motor Company



I completely disagree with Medicare for all. The USA is NOT a Socialist society!

DOUGLAS P. MARSH - GREEN

WALTER P. KRISTY - NATURAL LAW

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Occupation / Current Position: Educator/Student of public affairs
Education: BA Economics and study of public affairs
Qualifications and Experience: My education and life experiences



No response by print deadline

I will work towards increasing the number of people training to be doctors in Michigan and towards a program that would incentivize them to move to areas where they are needed the most. Also, I would advocate for federal money to support rural health care facilities.

What would be your top priorities as Attorney General and what actions would you take to accomplish them?	How would you assess Michigan’s current approach to justice-including consumer protection, environmental enforcement, criminal legal policies, and post-conviction review—and what changes, if any, would you support? Please also describe your approach to cases involving trauma-related conduct and when the Attorney General should intervene if a local prosecutor declines to act.
My top priorities as Attorney General will be to bring an end to the corruption and tyranny of the public, has anyone read the Michigan Property Tax act? It is being misapplied, the jurisdiction of the state does not extend to private property, no private property owner should be being taxed, it is a money making scheme to generate money to the government. That is only one of the changes, the next one is that there is no attorney licensed in this state as per MCL 600.901, there is no judge in this state licensed in this state as per Michigan constitution at Article 6 Section 19. Who are supposed to correct this, hm, the unlicensed attorneys.	The Attor. General needs to stop corruption. The Michigan constitution at Art. 1 Sec.1 states the AUTHORITY in our state. It is the PEOPLE, the people are treated like sheep, to be sheared. However the people need a leader to educate them to understand their rights. I want to be that person. The motor vehicle code is used to fleece us, it’s only for business entities, see MCL 257.40, are you one of those? The Property tax act, does the state own your property, or do you? Has anyone read the state Income Tax act, do you owe a income tax, look at your county, state tax bill, is it you? Look at it close, IS IT IN ALL Capitol LETTERS, yes it is!!
White collar crime, corporate crime, unfair collection of debt, illegal communications violations.	Needs work

ECONOMY What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	IMMIGRATION What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
It shouldn’t be this hard for Michiganders to earn a living wage and build a dignified life. I’m fighting for a bold economic agenda: raising wages, restoring union power, guaranteeing health-care for all, and standing up to corporate greed. We must raise the minimum wage, end subminimum pay, and protect workers’ rights. I’ll deliver tax relief for working people and make the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share. I’ll fight for Medicare for All, abolish medical debt, and stop people from choosing between rent and medicine. I’ll crack down on price gouging and invest in affordable housing, childcare, and debt-free education.	In Michigan, families are squeezed by soaring energy bills while utilities make record profits and polluters get a free pass. I’ve spent my career fighting for public health and economic justice, and I’m ready to take on the corporate interests blocking progress. My plan: make big data centers and heavy industry pay their fair share, so costs don’t fall on working people. I’ll end fossil fuel subsidies, invest in a modern grid powered by 100% clean energy, and guarantee affordable water for all. We must hold polluters accountable, protect our Great Lakes, and ensure the clean energy transition delivers good union jobs in every community.	No one is above the Constitution, and no one should be denied its protections. Every Michigan resident—regardless of birth-place or status—deserves the rights promised by Due Process, the First Amendment, and the Fourth Amendment. We need a fair immigration system that treats people with dignity, ends summary deportations, creates truly independent courts, and guarantees legal counsel. I will oppose efforts to criminalize peaceful protest or activism. I support abolishing ICE, protecting schools and hospitals from raids, banning racial profiling, and ending qualified immunity for abuses of power.
I support a \$15 federal minimum wage, adjusted for inflation, and zero federal income tax on earnings under \$150,000, so a nurse, teacher, or electrician keeps every dollar below that line. Tariffs cost the average household about \$1,745 a year; I will remove them. Interstate license reciprocity lets a license earned in Michigan count in other states. My housing plan adds supply through zoning incentives and builder credits, closes corporate landlord loopholes, and ends algorithmic rent fixing. Childcare rules written for institutions, not family homes, must be included because without childcare, most people cannot work.	Energy reliability and affordability start with equal treatment under the tax code for every energy source, ending the fossil fuel carve outs that let oil and gas deduct drilling costs while renewables cannot. Wind and solar sit in federal permitting queues for years; I will fix that queue and push nuclear licensing reform without cutting safety standards. Michigan caps electric choice at 10 percent, maxed out since 2009 with thousands waitlisted; I support lifting it. I support ending \$35 billion a year in fossil fuel subsidies and decommissioning Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac, honoring Anishinaabe treaty rights and protecting our water.	Due process applies to everyone on American soil, citizen or not, and I oppose detaining anyone without it. I also oppose warrantless surveillance and facial recognition dragnets that have swept in Americans’ calls, texts, and emails, targeted protesters exercising First Amendment rights, and traced cars without warrants. The Constitution matters i would repeal the unconstitutional 100 mile constitution free border zone: all searches inland require probable cause and a warrant, as they do for every other law enforcement agency. Incarcerated Americans and noncitizens alike remain within the law’s protection under my plans.
I have a great economic plan and it can be found at leadership1776.com	Drill Baby Drill	I’m with the US Constitution Party. WE SUPPORT the entire US Constitution. I support President Trump and ICE!
I will support a federal initiative to improve the production and distribution of electricity in Michigan and across the nation. A robust electrical system will improve everyone’s bottom line. The smooth movement of goods across Michigan and the nation would also improve affordability. Of course, lowering taxes and the amount our government borrows by eliminating wasteful spending would help. These improvements that the government can make will make our paychecks go farther, but the government needs to intercede for the workers to ensure that they are making a living wage.	Environmental protection is of the utmost importance in Michigan. The penalties for breaking the laws that already exist must be enforced to the fullest extent. The legal head of any business must be held responsible for any breach of environmental law that their business partakes. Many of the environmental laws already in existence need to be reviewed to make sure they are adequate. As U.S. Senator I would work to overhaul the national energy grid. This would ensure energy reliability for all. Consumer affordability can be ensured by improving all the aspects of moving goods to and from markets, reliable energy, minimal taxation and plus.	Noncitizens should be afforded due process and have the rights that the first and fourth amendment delineates.

U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Duties: Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation’s laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022.

HEALTH CARE

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1

CALLIE BARR - DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications and Experience: Attorney (litigation/ veteran advocacy), high school English teacher, nonprofit advocate for military families and veterans



Healthcare should be affordable and accessible for everyone - I will fight for universal healthcare. I will fight to repeal Medicaid cuts that threaten rural hospitals and nursing homes and extend ACA subsidies to keep coverage affordable. I support a strong public option so everyone can see a doctor without worrying about the bill. We must lower prescription drug costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices, require transparency in healthcare pricing, and reform insurance companies that deny needed care. Finally, I will fully fund the VA, end harmful staffing cuts, and ensure veterans receive the timely, quality care they earned.

JACK BERGMAN - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

ARNETT SATTERLA - LIBERTARIAN

No response by print deadline

DOC KOVALY - US TAXPAYERS

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Education: Bachelor of science in education
Qualifications and Experience: Tough and be holding to no one for financial gain or status experience spans small businesses ownership work in private/federal sector and a vast national volunteer history, impacting the marginalized



The current administration has uncovered, tremendous waste that most Americans knew existed. More of that will be done! I believe that access to healthcare has made great strides as I can attest to with the many special needs individuals I have assisted over the years. Regarding quality, I draw upon my nearly half a century of experience as quality speaks to my heart string. . Quality comes with pride and higher expectations. Increased expectations roots out poorly run operations etc. When healthcare lacks quality we will encourage that quality improve and should it not we will expose it resulting in the public and competitors taking action.

LA VETA DAVENPORT - GREEN

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Occupation / Current Position: Nonprofit Executive Director
Education: No formal educational credential is required to serve the U.S. House of Representatives. Public leadership should be evaluated by a person’s knowledge, judgment, lived experience, & service.
Qualifications and Experience: My qualifications come from years of working directly with people, communities, and systems shaping everyday life. I’m a nonprofit founder, leader, mediator, educator, life doula, community developer.



I support universal healthcare. Our current heavily privatized healthcare structure fails at serving the best interests of the public. Access to care is often shaped by employment, insurance status, geography, cost, and ability to navigate complex systems, instead of medical need. In Congress, I'll support access to comprehensive universal coverage, addressing immediate concerns such as Rx costs, medical debt, maternal health, mental health services, rural healthcare access, preventive care, and provider shortages. Health policy extends to housing, nutrition, transportation, environmental conditions, education, stress, and more.

LIZ HAKOLA - WORKING CLASS

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Education: BA Michigan State University
Qualifications and Experience: 31 years as a utility company worker



Universal health care for all residents regardless of citizenship is a basic human right. Health care including reproductive health should be accessible and affordable to everyone regardless of economic class. Put a stop to the closure of rural hospitals and hospitals in underserved urban areas. Take the profit motive out of health care and provide good quality care to all who need it.

ZEBULON FEATHERLY - NO PARTY AFFILIATION

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Qualifications and Experience: Traveling Wind Turbine Technician for 5 yrs. Trade worker.



I support universal healthcare that guarantees every American access to quality care regardless of income, employment, or location. In Congress, I would work to lower prescription drug prices, expand Medicare's ability to negotiate costs, strengthen rural hospitals and clinics, invest in primary and preventive care, and reduce administrative waste. Our goal should be simple: no one should avoid a doctor, ration medication, or face financial ruin because they got sick.



ECONOMY What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	IMMIGRATION What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
I am running on an Affordable LIFE. I oppose policies that cause gas and food prices to skyrocket. For jobs, I support investments in small businesses, protecting the right to organize (PRO Act), and investing in apprenticeship and workforce training programs. To address affordability, I support universal healthcare, lowering prescription drug costs, increase the supply of affordable housing, reduce childcare expenses, and protect Social Security and Medicare. I will also support tax policies that reward work rather than wealth, ensuring working families—not billionaires and large corporations—benefit from economic growth.	Michigan needs an energy strategy that is reliable, affordable, and responsible. I support an all-of-the-above approach that includes renewables and existing energy sources while modernizing our electric grid and expanding domestic energy production. We must lower utility costs for families, invest in energy efficiency, and strengthen infrastructure. At the same time, we must protect the Great Lakes, support responsible environmental stewardship, and create good-paying jobs in clean energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure so Michigan can lead in both economic growth and environmental protection.	The Constitution protects fundamental rights, including due process, free speech, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. These rights are essential to our democracy and must be upheld. I support secure borders, an orderly immigration system, and enforcement of our laws, but I also believe government must follow the Constitution. No one should be denied due process or have their rights violated by government action. I support comprehensive immigration reform that strengthens border security, modernizes legal immigration pathways, and ensures fair, efficient, and lawful procedures.
Hourly wages and the like I am proud to say are great here in Michigan. Michiganders take pride in their work and with increased efficiency/production I would encourage those companies to advance sales by competitive prices in their respective industry. Foreign competition has been put in its place with across the board taxation, which levels profit opportunities for Michigan businesses now. Everything is now in place for this turn with lower prices to follow by my administration and such direction as we have seen over the last two years.	I would promote a more recognized/Competitive market of utility providers. Following my families attempt to utilize a secondary utility company(which many Michiganders are not aware exists) I found rates were higher and thusly, returned to my major utility provider. Smaller entities should be able to be competitive. I am certain I am not alone and under my administration, I would make sure that these secondary utility providers were actively participating and thusly major utility providers, recognizing this would adjust their rates to retain their customer base.	I am a candidate with a Taxpayer constitution party! There lies the answer to your questions because for too long America has drifted away from the foundations of the declaration of independence the constitution and the Bill of Rights in these matters. We must and will restore the American system and straighten out a lost nation...a nation faithful to the wisdom of government that make America the envy of the world and obedient to God for her love for legal immigrants like my grandparents. For too long, those who would want to destroy this great nation have been left to do their wayward will. This will end.
America's promise of upward mobility - the American Dream has been deterred. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted education, employment, family stability, small businesses, and community institutions in ways that are still tangible. At the same time, years of underinvestment in education have placed enormous pressure on teachers, administrators, students, and families. We're now entering another period of major economic change as ai and automation reshape the workplace. This tech creates great opportunities, but they also change which skills are valuable and which jobs are available. I support Universal basic income to provide economic stability.	Sustainability should be central to energy policy. I believe we can create a healthy partnership between public investment and private innovation. Essential energy infrastructure should operate in public interest. Taxpayers finance grid modernization, renewable-energy development, storage, and other major infrastructure. So, the public should share in the long-term value those investments create. Also, as innovation often grows through competition, research, entrepreneurship, and experimentation. I support healthy competition of private companies (co-ops, universities, researchers, businesses) to provide water, solar, wind, and storage tech.	I believe constitutional principles such as due process, freedom of speech and association, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures are fundamental safeguards against government overreach. Immigration status should not eliminate a person's basic right to fair treatment under the law. I support immigration policies that are orderly, humane, and consistent with constitutional protections and due process. I support reforms that improve the efficiency/fairness of the immigration system, ensure access to fair legal proceedings, protect families/children from unnecessary harm, mandating law enforcement and immigration accountability.
There is plenty of money in the United States to meet peoples' basic needs for safe, affordable housing, clean food and water, health care, education for adults and children. The wealth gap is growing larger between the wealthiest 1% and everyone else. Corporate profits are through the roof while workers' earning power keeps dropping due to inflation and high tariffs (a tax) put on basically everything and inadequate wages. Wages are not keeping up with the increases in food, gas, electricity, rent, medicine, clothing. This is the result of capitalism and exploitation of the working class. We need to different system that serves everyone.	Protecting the environment and conserving natural resources are not priorities for the capitalists. Grabbing larger profits is. AI data centers built in rural areas without local approval. Lack of transparency in the process. Big tech companies receive state taxpayer money to build despite local opposition. Data centers use acres of land, strain the water supply and electrical grid. The working class pays the price. Wars cause environmental devastation. Pollution from oil and chemical spills, bombs causing death, destroying houses, hospitals, schools, water and power plants, work places. Stop the wars and the destruction of the planet.	Immigration policies are barbaric, inhumane, racist and cruel. Tactics used instill fear in the entire population. Human rights violations against one group violates every ones' rights. Citizens and non citizens are rounded up, jailed in makeshift, overcrowded facilities. Some are sent to jail in another country. Cruelty is the point. No due process.Innocent people are being murdered in U.S. cities for speaking out against injustice. The ruling class uses the system to divide working people. Immigrant vs native born, white vs brown and black, male vs female. A united working class can create a rational, humane immigration system.
I support raising the federal minimum wage, strengthening workers' ability to organize, and investing in good-paying jobs through infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, and skilled trades. Affordability also means lowering the costs people face every day. I would work to expand housing supply, reduce healthcare and prescription drug costs, lower energy costs, and promote competition so families are not squeezed by monopolies or unnecessary fees. A strong economy should reward work and make a decent life achievable.	I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy focused on reliability, affordability, and long-term independence. That means modernizing the grid, expanding renewable energy and storage, supporting nuclear where appropriate, and investing in new technologies that can lower costs. We should protect Michigan's air, water, forests, and Great Lakes while making sure the transition to cleaner energy does not leave families with higher bills. Good energy policy should make our system cleaner, stronger, and cheaper.	I believe due process and constitutional protections should apply to every person in our communities, regardless of citizenship status. I oppose warrantless searches, indefinite detention, and enforcement practices that ignore basic rights or rely on fear and intimidation. I support a more orderly and humane immigration system with faster legal processing, adequate immigration court resources, and a realistic path to citizenship for people who have built lives here and followed the law.



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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2

BEN AMBROSE - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Georgetown University; Master of Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University; Graduate Studies in Anthropology at Harvard University.
Qualifications and Experience: Marine Corps combat veteran, former U.S. Senate advisor, and federal executive. Led national healthcare and technology initiatives and helped develop legislation signed into law.



HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

I have lead national healthcare initiatives at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and I believe healthcare should be affordable, accessible, and focused on outcomes. I support protecting the Affordable Care Act, lowering prescription drug costs through Medicare negotiation, expanding telehealth and mental health access, and strengthening rural healthcare systems. I am an insulin-dependent diabetic, so I understand firsthand how healthcare costs impact families. My focus will be on reducing costs, improving access, and ensuring patients—not insurance companies—remain at the center of healthcare decisions.

JOHN MOOLENAAR - REPUBLICAN

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Campaign Twitter Handle: @JohnMoolenaar
Occupation / Current Position: Congressman for Michigan’s 2nd District
Education: I graduated with a Chemistry Degree from Hope College, later earning a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.
Qualifications and Experience: I’ve worked as a chemist and business development director, and as a school administrator. I serve on the House Appropriations Committee and as Chairman of the House Select Committee on China.



I do not believe a one-size-fits-all, government takeover of our healthcare system is the answer. We should ensure families are able to choose the health care plan that best fits their needs through a free market system. Additionally, as a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee that has oversight of health care funding, I have been proud to support investments into the National Institutes of Health to research cures and treatments for cancer and other diseases.

CHARLOTTE MAGOON - GREEN

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Education: GVSU / BSN



I have been working as an RN in West Michigan for the last 17 years, and have personally witnessed how the current system is failing us. I 100% support a single payer system for all preventative and urgent care needs including prescriptions, mental health, dental, and eye care. No more incremental change, no more profits made from people’s suffering. America must change how we view healthcare in this nation. You don’t pay more than your neighbors to drive on the road, to send your child to school, or for your local police or firemen to respond to an emergency. Why then do we limit healthcare based on who you are and what you can afford.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

HILLARY SCHOLTEN - DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications and Experience: Two Terms serving in Congress



I have joined colleagues in calling on Speaker Johnson to extend the Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits, because these subsidies are essential to keeping coverage affordable for millions of Americans. I have also introduced legislation to expand care in rural communities and improve access to providers in areas that face shortages. In addition, I have fought to eliminate income caps on ACA premium subsidies to ensure that working-class families and small business owners are not priced out of affordable health insurance as costs continue to rise.

TERRI DEBOER - REPUBLICAN

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Education: Bachelor of Science
Qualifications and Experience: Meteorologist for 30+ years. Community board member and volunteer. Wife, mother, and grandmother. Raised in a military family.



Free-Market Reform: Support genuine healthcare market competition over “window-dressing” policies that protect special interests rather than patients. Indemnity Insurance: Prioritize indemnity-style plans over restrictive health plans to give consumers choice and naturally force providers to be transparent with pricing. Protect the Disabled: Secure robust coverage options for disabled patients who are frequently squeezed out by limited networks. Direct Primary Care: Back personal healthcare spending accounts to fund innovative models like Direct Primary Care (DPC); which delivers excellent, high-quality care outside traditional insurance.

JOE JOCK - GREEN

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Occupation / Current Position: Labor
Education: GED some college
Qualifications and Experience: Lived life as labor, always question authority, and I have lived underneath the government and political parties that have not lived up to the ideals of liberty, freedom and justice for all

I believe that healthcare distribution should not be for profit that the people should own the distribution networks insurance companies create no value in the system, neither does private ownership of hospitals,only extract value from the healthcare system I would fight for tax funder healthcare distribution as far as prescription medication research and development largely relies on taxpayer funding yet taxpayers receive no benefit from this only the pharmaceutical industry benefits from this arrangement. The people should own a stake in any research and development that is funded,

ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY	IMMIGRATION
What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
Affordability starts with good-paying jobs. I support strengthening unions, expanding apprenticeship programs, and rebuilding career and technical education so young people can enter the workforce without taking on crushing student debt. We need more electricians, welders, mechanics, nurses, and skilled trades professionals. I will fight to bring manufacturing jobs back to Michigan, invest in rural economic development, lower healthcare and prescription drug costs, and increase housing availability. A strong middle class is built when people can find good work, earn a living wage, and keep more of what they earn.	Michigan should strive for greater energy independence by producing more of our own power and strengthening the reliability of our electric grid. I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes wind, hydroelectric, solar, and other emerging technologies while ensuring energy remains affordable for working families. We should create incentives that encourage clean energy innovation, not mandates that burden consumers. At the same time, we must protect the Great Lakes, address PFAS contamination, and preserve Michigan’s natural resources for future generations.	The Constitution does not stop at citizenship status. Due process, free speech, and protection from unreasonable searches are fundamental American principles that should be respected by government. Our immigration system needs comprehensive reform based on facts and evidence, not political talking points. We should reduce processing backlogs, modernize legal immigration pathways, and ensure decisions are made efficiently and fairly. I believe Congress has a responsibility to create a system that is humane, functional, and consistent with our constitutional values while meeting the economic and workforce needs of our country.
Michigan families deserve an economy that rewards hard work, creates opportunity, and helps businesses succeed. I believe growth is driven by free markets, lower taxes, reduced regulations, responsible spending, affordable energy, and policies that encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment in American workers and manufacturers. I supported the Working Families Tax Cuts, which expanded energy production, made the 2017 tax cuts permanent, eliminated taxes on tips and overtime, expanded the child tax credit, enhanced tax relief for seniors, and put more money back into the pockets of hardworking Michiganders.	I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy that expands domestic energy production and preserves consumer choice. I introduced the Line 5 Act to help ensure the continued operation of the Line 5 pipeline that supplies about 55% of Michigan’s propane and serves roughly 320,000 households. Energy security is national security. I support protecting the Great Lakes through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and efforts at Brandon Road Lock and Dam to prevent invasive species, like Asian carp, from harming the region’s economy, recreation, and natural resources and to ensure that our outdoor heritage can be enjoyed for centuries to come.	We are a nation built on the rule of law, and that includes strong border security. Under the current Administration, the southern border has been secured and must remain so to prevent illegal immigration and protect national security. Existing federal laws should be enforced consistently, including the deportation of immigrants who commit crimes. We also need reforms to visa programs so businesses can access needed workers while ensuring visa holders return home when their visas expire rather than remaining in the United States unlawfully.
A living wage is not just about raising wages. We also need to talk about reducing the cost of living. Men and women working full-time jobs are increasingly unable to meet basic family needs without relying on public assistance. We must combat barriers for those seeking employment such as food, housing, education, childcare, healthcare, and transportation. It’s difficult for moms and dads to maintain steady work when they are homeless, hungry, sick, and have no reliable transportation.	One bipartisan issue that comes to mind and directly relates to energy and environment is “Data Centers”. Most of us recognize there is a growing demand for these facilities, however no one wants one in their community. People are concerned about the water and energy that they draw from their communities and the potential negative effects on public health and the environment. People should be encouraged to exercise their rights and participate in decision-making on these issues, and government leaders must respect their decision, and not cater to real estate developers and construction firms.	To be very clear, I support the Constitution as is, and the only improvements that I could support are those that would increase the rights of all individuals regardless of citizenship. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that ALL men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ...” -----Declaration of Independence
Whether burdened by the cost of housing, child care, groceries, health care, or prescription drugs, too many hardworking people are doing everything right and still struggling to get ahead. Addressing affordability requires a comprehensive approach. I support policies that strengthen wages and economic security while also lowering the everyday costs that strain family budgets, including raising incomes through support for workers and small businesses, as well as reducing barriers like childcare and housing costs that prevent people from getting ahead financially. We must also continue working to lower health care and prescription drug costs.	I support investments that help lower energy costs over the long term, including energy efficiency programs that allow homeowners and small businesses to reduce their monthly utility bills through upgrades and weatherization. I also support efforts to strengthen competition and transparency in energy markets so consumers have access to fair and predictable prices. Reliability must remain a core priority by investing in modernizing our electric grid, strengthening critical infrastructure, and expanding a diverse mix of energy sources so families and businesses have dependable access to power. We must also protect our environment.	The Constitution guarantees fundamental rights to due process, free speech, and protection against unlawful search and seizure, and those rights are the foundation of our democracy. No person should be deprived of liberty or property without fair procedures, access to counsel where appropriate, and a meaningful opportunity to be heard.
Pro-Growth Policies: Boost wages and affordability by encouraging competition, private innovation, and lowering taxes. Support Small Business: Slash onerous regulations (like healthcare rules) so small companies can hire more and pay competitive wages. Fight Inflation: Stop government overspending and money “printing” that hurts low-wage and fixed-income earners most. School Choice: Give parents freedom to choose the best option for their child, including private or home school. AI & Critical Thinking: Prepare kids for a technological future by focusing heavily on critical thinking skills to meet the challenges of AI.	Abundant Energy: Secure affordable, plentiful energy to drive economic growth, create jobs, and maintain our standard of living. Realistic Trade-offs: Avoid green mandates that drive up prices; all energy sources impact the environment, so policies must serve the common good, not special interests. Nuclear Portfolio: Invest in a diverse energy mix featuring clean, highly reliable nuclear power and develop improved methods to recycle spent nuclear material. Grid Security: Stop delays and immediately use approved congressional billions to protect the power grid from extreme weather events and terrorist attacks.	Enforce Constitutional Protections: Prioritize the rights of American citizens, which have been compromised by loose, open-border immigration policies. Restore Order: Reverse the suspension of immigration laws that allowed dangerous individuals to enter, and remove them immediately to protect citizens and bring order. Prevent Exploitation: Stop illegal immigration, which exploits vulnerable people, making them easy targets for crime and workplace abuse due to fear of deportation. Reform Asylum: Automatically deport asylum seekers who failed to apply in the first safe country they entered, ending taxpayer-funded strain on our legal system.
The world is far too small and the weapons far too destructive on all sides. The way that we make life affordable is through cooperation over domination an economy that eats the life of humanity only serve a few humans is an outdated economy I believe, subsidies for large corporations that are heavily profitable like oil companies should be redistributed to boost up small businesses through co-op loans, ownership to those who work to make the business work the tax breaks that are going to the billionaires in corporations should be given to the working class. We do not have more than one problem in this country mismanagement.	I believe we should have a renewable energy phase program, where the first phase of the program is all federal buildings must be equipped with renewable power sources. Then the next phase would be all state buildings than the next would be all large corporate buildings. Then all residential by time it gets down to the average person. It should be cost-efficient through mass production and for corporations/businesses tax breaks should be applied any data center water usage should not come from Michigan, but should come from the oceans, they should have to desalinate and excess water and power should be fed into the overall infrastructure	I am a constitutional absolutist that is not withstanding the fact that amendments do need to be made to the constitution primarily involving how we get our representatives believing we should move away from a corrupt election process. Amend it to a citizens lottery. Because the constitution is only as good as those who interpret it. I have personal experience in how the government can deny your first amendment rights and your fourth amendment rights as well as several others through legal schemes and poor interpretation

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

SEAN MCCANN - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Western Michigan University
Qualifications and Experience: Sean is a public servant who has delivered results for the greater Kalamazoo area as a City Commissioner, State Rep, and State Senator. Now he’s running for Congress to deliver for South-west Michigan.



Too many families are struggling to afford healthcare. In 2013, I was proud to vote for the expansion of Medicaid to one million people in MI, making it possible for more families to have healthcare coverage, but we need to do more. Politicians in Washington have made it harder for families to access affordable healthcare. Cuts to Medicaid, jeopardizing rural hospitals, and the refusal to extend ACA tax credits paid for by tax breaks for the wealthy, must be undone. I'll fight to restore healthcare access and make it more affordable. I'll expand Medicaid, extend the ACA credits, and fight for lower prescription costs and against further cuts.

BILL HUIZENGA - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

SHAFINA CHE BARNETT - GREEN

No response by print deadline

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

CHRISTIAN VUKASOVICH - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Educator
Education: Ph.D., Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University (2012) M.A., Eastern Michigan University (2005) B.S., Eastern Michigan University (1999)
Qualifications and Experience: I went from laying bricks to building futures as an educator, union organizer, and published researcher with experience advancing public policy and workers’ rights.



A farmer can do everything right and still lose a crop to drought, hail, or an early frost. That’s why we have crop insurance: some risks are too big for one family to carry alone. Healthcare is no different. I support Medicare for All so an illness or accident doesn’t erase a lifetime of work. We must protect Medicare for seniors, fully fund and staff VA healthcare for veterans, and stop rural hospital closures so getting care doesn’t mean driving over an hour. We already spend enough on healthcare. Our money should pay for our care, not insurance company profits.

TIM WALBERG - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

RONALD A. MUSZYNSKI - LIBERTARIAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired
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Qualifications and Experience: Turbine Engine Design Engineer - Teledyne CAE / Plus 4 other design related jobs



Firstly, in the last twelve months I have suffered a six month total upper body inflammation from a Brown Recluse spider bite and a month long Lyme disease infection from a tick bite. I have seen way too much of the medical system. The Doctor-Patient relationship no longer exists. The insurance industry is in obvious control of the whole system. A doctor will not make a diagnosis that is not allowed by insurance. An endless stream of unnecessary referrals inflates the costs. Costs are unrealistic and then comically reduced by the insurance agencies fake numbers with kickbacks included. (much more info is available)

SHARON MARIE RENIER - US TAXPAYER

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Occupation / Current Position: Organic Farmer
Education: University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment
Qualifications and Experience: Lifetime Organic Farmer raising over 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables and livestock. 45 years of experience as a Paralegal: University of Michigan Law School, Dykema, Chrysler Corp.



There is NOTHING in the Constitution that guarantees health care. However, what we can do, as a community, is stop the fraud of making people sick, so we can make them better-- this is what the majority of the “health care” business is about, the money! We have alternative means of keeping people healthy. Frequency and Vibration are both used in healing. WE are electric beings. Access to real food, keeping our bodies healthy is another way as well as exercise. Proper breathing techniques help to keep blood alkaline, keeps illness down. Health care isn’t about large institutions; it’s about love, nurturing and going back to caring for all.

JIM BRONKE - GREEN

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired
Education: BSEE
Qualifications and Experience: 30 years engineering experience



Our healthcare system is profit oriented, not solution oriented. If it were solution oriented there would be cures for the common cold COVID and cataracts. I will pursue these.Cut

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Michigan families work hard and should be able to earn a living wage, access affordable housing and health care, pay for gas to fill their cars and groceries to feed their families. I was proud to deliver one of the largest tax relief packages in MI history. It's time to do more: I'll work to cut taxes for middle class families, oppose reckless tariffs, and stand up against forever wars that cost our country billions while jacking up gas and grocery prices. I'll fight to restore healthcare and lower prescription costs. I'll stop private equity from buying up available housing to jack up rent prices. I support raising the federal minimum wage.	From the Great Lakes to our rivers and everything in between, our clean air and water is what makes Michigan great. We know what happens when you don't take care of the water, as we saw with the lead water crisis in Benton Harbor and PFAS-contaminated water in Parchment. No one should have to worry about the safety of the water they drink. Michigan can be a leader in the growing domestic and clean energy economy – we should be building energy infrastructure here at home, so we don't have to rely on foreign oil or foreign energy. We can create good-paying energy jobs and lower utility rates while we're at it.	Our immigration system is broken – we need real, common-sense reforms that keep our communities safe. I believe in strong borders. I believe that criminals should be held accountable under the law. I do not believe that we should be tearing families apart and causing chaos in our street instead of focusing on holding criminals accountable, Real reform means creating pathways to citizenship for those who have been living, working, and paying taxes in our communities for years. We can address immigration issues in a way consistent with our values as Americans.
People are working harder and watching their paychecks buy less while corporations post record profits. That isn't an economy working for working people. I support higher wages, collective bargaining, the PRO Act, apprenticeships, and bringing good jobs back home. Taxpayer dollars should create American jobs, not reward companies for sending them overseas. I worked as a bricklayer before becoming an educator. Work should provide a life, not just another bill to pay.	I support building things in Michigan and creating good union jobs, but growth must benefit the communities that host it. From massive data centers straining our power and water resources to gravel operations pumping groundwater and impacting nearby homes, corporations cannot simply take what they need and leave residents with the bill. I support responsible development, strong local oversight, reliable affordable energy, and protections for our water while putting Michigan workers to work building our future.	Due process, free speech, and protection from unreasonable searches are American principles, not partisan ones. I support secure borders and a legal immigration system that actually works, including protections for Dreamers and a pathway for long-term residents. We can enforce the law without giving government unchecked power. Once we make constitutional rights conditional, everyone's rights become less secure.
The policy of The United States is war. At every turn we are regulating, blaming and punishing industry and not forming trade partnerships with the world. Small business and farmers are producing less at higher prices. The policy of China is business. Instead of threatening and bombing countless countries, they are forming commerce relationships with anyone they can. The policy of the federal reserve is money printing and forever inflation. Reported inflation numbers are always way lower than price increases. A gradually diminishing middle class is the result. End The Fed	Michigan's decision to develop solar exclusively was a mistake. It makes for a very fragile system. It is also not as inexpensive as it is made out to be. Energy storage for nighttime usage and very cloudy days is the most expensive and inefficient way to use energy. Chemical contaminants leeching into the soil from rainwater runoff is problematic in some systems. Using other countries in order to produce solar cells and mine hazardous materials in order to make them with child labor keeps our thoughts at ease, but the results on our planet are equivalent. Some diversity should be used in our energy supply.	First of all, decide what you want the laws to be and then follow them. It's not hard. The "One Big Party" makes it up as they go along, policy be damned. I don't understand the Question. For Libertarians, freedom and the constitution is a way of life, the way we think. We don't contemplate endlessly whether freedom applies here or there. It just always is, even as "The one Big Party" continually tries to regulate freedom away. People, your vote this year is clearly whether you vote to enslave yourself or not.
Not In the Constitution, but . . . Don't be afraid to work! There are many jobs people don't want to do. What is available or what are you qualified to do? Most important, what do you love to do so it doesn't feel like work, but a passion? We need more apprentice programs--teaching people how to use their hands for more than a phone. How many people even know how to build a stone wall? That is a very good-paying occupation! We need to bring back entrepreneurship. Before the Covid scam, we had many more small businesses. These businesses were illegally forced to close, but you could still go to the casino?	Tesla free energy is all around us to harness, but DTE and Consumers Power don't want you to know this. Henry Ford had hydro plants all over Michigan's rivers. Many are still there. Did you know that inside of your LED light bulb is a Tesla coil? The electric company charges you to bring power to your home. The power goes thru the Tesla coil in your light bulb, generating electricity, that goes back to the power company, for them to sell back to you. But, instead of putting up a Tesla Tower, the electric company wants to take valuable farm land and put solar panels and windmills all over the place. We fall for it! Amazing!	Non citizens have human rights, but don't have rights under our Constitution. It would be like me going to France and expect to be covered by their constitution. Your choice to use the word noncitizen, omits the fact that they are illegal. That should be the first word that comes up. Again, what happens if I show up illegally in another country? What would happen if we all went to France and decided to vote in their elections? Different point of view. The question we need to ask is, "Why, or what is causing them to have to leave their home land in the first place? Our rights under the Constitution are un-a-leinable. No conditions!
Cut military spending. Planning has to be made to prevent data centers and power hungry users from diverting power to their interests. Rather than protecting people who need power for air conditioning in the summer	Planning has to be made to prevent data centers and power hungry users from diverting power to their interests. Rather than protecting people who need power for air conditioning in the summer	When our news media doesn't report the truth. Speaking the truth shouldn't be a problem.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 6

DEBBIE DINGELL - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Masters of Science from Georgetown Univesrity
Qualifications and Experience: Elected to Michigan’s 12th District from 2014-2021, and elected to Michi-gan’s 6th district from 2022-now after redistricting.



HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

I am the House lead of the Medicare for All Act because I believe healthcare is a right. Every person deserves access to comprehensive health care, without costly services or other hidden fees. I have long believed that programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security are fundamental lifelines for Americans. Millions depend on them every single day, which is why I strongly oppose efforts to cut, privatize or weaken them. Instead, I support strengthening and expanding them to ensure that everyone can access the care they need to live with dignity and independence. I will continue fighting to protect and improve these programs for all.

HEATHER SMILEY - REPUBLICAN

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Education: Master of Science (MS), Business Administration, Management and Operations
Qualifications and Experience: Leader & innovator with extensive global & multi-cultural business and data science experience involving a multitude of industry sectors/disciplines



I advocate for lower healthcare premiums via free-market choice across state lines, amending/improving group health plans across sectors (incl. provisions for medical stop-loss insurances, , streamlined pharmacy benefits, cost transpar-ency, etc.) that offer pre-existing condition coverage. Allow employers to offer Individual Coverage Health Reimbursem’t Arrangements that extend to full/part-time employees, and support equity/fairness in healthcare resource/treatment by restricting prices based upon Quality-Adjusted Life Years. Improve mental health availability/treatment, the ‘Right to Try’ & veteran care allowing private doctors w/VA funding

TIMOTHY A. TEAGAN - LIBERTARIAN

No response by print deadline

MICHAEL MICKEVICIUS - US TAXPAYERS

No response by print deadline

CLYDE SHABAZZ - GREEN

I believe in Single Payer Universal Healthcare and Childcare

LINDA RAYBURN - WORKING CLASS

No response by print deadline

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

WILLIAM LAWRENCE - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Community Organizer
Education: BA in Anthropology & Sociology from Swarthmore College
Qualifications and Experience: Passed local, state, and federal legislation to lower costs and create good jobs for Michigan families.



I will co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act to ensure that every American has quality healthcare coverage for life through a single-payer system. If Medicare for All lacks majority support in a given Congress, I will support more gradual steps towards universal coverage, such as lowering the age of entry to Medi-care to 55, or creating a public insurance option by allowing anybody to buy into Medicare or Medicaid. I will also work to lower healthcare costs by reducing administrative bloat and capping prescription drug prices. I will work to make long-term care covered under Medicare to reduce the cost burden for seniors and their families.

TOM BARRETT - REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications and Experience: US Army Veteran, Michigan State Senate, Michigan Representative, US Rep-resentative in Congress



Healthcare should be more affordable, accessible, and focused on patients rather than bureaucracy. I support expanding access to telehealth, increasing price transparency, lowering prescription drug costs through competition, and strength-ening rural healthcare providers so families in mid-Michigan can get quality care close to home. I also believe we need to hold health insurance companies accountable for rising prices and decisions about care should remain between patients and doctors, not dictated by Washington.

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The cost of living crisis has spiraled out of control. No one should have to choose between putting food on the table, paying for housing, affording prescription medications, paying for child or elder care, or keeping the lights on. I strongly support policies that raise wages, strengthen workers’ rights, and make it easier for working families to succeed. This includes raising the federal minimum wage, expanding access to affordable child and elder care, taking action to tackle rising costs, and expanding access to affordable housing. Our economy is strongest when working people can afford to live, raise a family and retire with dignity.	Communities across Michigan deserve an energy system that is affordable, dependable, and sustainable. I support investing in modernizing our electric grid, strengthening infrastructure, and improving resilience to extreme weather. We must hold utility companies accountable for delivering reliable service and ensure that ratepayers are getting value for the costs they are asked to bear. Protecting our environment and resources is critical to Michigan’s future because our Great Lakes and public lands are central to our economy, our public health and our way of life. I support expanding clean energy production and lowering costs for consumers.	Every member of our community is entitled to the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution, including due process protections, freedom of speech and religion, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. However, we’ve seen a disturbing trend of these rights being violated for both citizens and noncitizens. I believe we must do far more to guarantee that these constitutional protections are upheld consistently and fairly. No one should be detained, targeted, or deprived of their liberty without due process of law. Government actions must be transparent and accountable, and must respect the civil liberties of our democracy.
I advocate for tax policies supporting working families & enabling businesses to thrive/hire, economic strength through capital formation, and protecting prudent investment of retirement savings. In favor of increased skilled trade programs, and explore why college tuition has consistently outpaced inflation, etc. I support a recissions reqmt to claws-back monies fraudulently gained to benefit taxpayers & help pay down national debt, and a middle-class borrower protection framework that restricts lenders from imposing loan-level pricing adj fees based upon the ratio of debt of the mortgagor to the income of the single-family mortgagor.	I advocate for US energy independence, right to choose inter-state energy provider (10-20% less). Given increased AI data center demand and traditional powerplant closures, there is a more urgent need for states to partner w/federal govt to devise/implement a strategic plan for improved powerplant & grid/infrastructure capacity, reliability (MI ranked 41), and security. Free-market/competitive energy combined w/ improved energy/fuel capacity & infrastructure will drive consumer costs down & concurrently improve reliability. Expanded geothermal energy use due to relatively short ROI & lower heating/cooling costs by 40% to 70% compared to trad.	First-born American & advocate for the Constitution as written. The 1st Amdt protects/upholds religious liberty, protects free speech for people/groups, freedom of assn, free press (estd, ind, and individual on all platforms), and to peaceably assemble. The 4th Amdt fully protects people from unreasonable searches/seizures, and 14th Amdt protects both due process and equal protection under the law. I’m a strong believer in upholding both Constitutional & natural law & accountability for those that do not follow/enforce it. Also in favor of restricting federal employees from censoring private/lawful speech while acting in official capacity.
I believe in UBI Universal Basic Income and Lineage based cash Reparations for Foundational Black American Freedman. Both would be paid for thru taxes of \$250.00 on Corporations and \$25.00 on Individuals for all buy/sell transactions. One on the New York Stock Exchange to pay Foundational Black American Freedman a monthly check of \$1,500.00 a month. For twenty years to remove the current Median Income Wealth Gap between black and white Americans of \$350k for White’s to Zero for Black American Freedman. The NASDAQ Stock Exchange would allow all full time workers making 65K a year or less to get a \$1000.00 a month UBI Check .	For Environmental Issues I would increase Federal Funding for The Clean Air, Water & Land Act. I would ban Data Center’s on Earth & Instead put them in Outer Space out of harms way to human beings. For Energy issues I would increase Electric Charging Stations in Michigan by a factor of 3. Additionally I would increase Wind, Solar and Tokamac GeneratorTurbines to power The Energy needs of Michigan residents..	I believe in due process for Americans. As well as 1st and 4th Amendment rights to free speech and privacy. As a descendant of Chattle Slaves in America whose ancestors fought to get the 13th 14th &15th Amendments to gain citizenship engraved in The Constitution. I take those rights and privileges very seriously. Many non citizens come to America legal & illegal. Those who come illegal should not have the chance to become Naturalized Citizens. We are a nation of laws and they have openly demonstrated a lack of respect for our borders. And many of them put our citizens at risk as far as public safety.
Families’ biggest expenses are healthcare, housing, transit, and childcare. We’ve already addressed healthcare. On housing, I will push to build 10 million new or rehabilitated homes nationwide, with diverse housing types and prices to provide quality housing for every income bracket and stage of life. On transit and overall inflation, I will get the cost of gas down by stopping the war in Iran. On childcare, I will work for universal childcare and family leave, following the lead of states around the country. I support raising the minimum wage, and passing the PRO Act so workers can form unions without retaliation.	Michigan’s water is our greatest natural inheritance. I will seek investments to restore wetlands and rivers, expand fishing and game lands, and clean up PFAS pollution. I support a 12-month moratorium on new AI data centers, and regulation to ensure that Michigan’s environment and energy ratepayers are not harmed by data centers. Because the fastest and cheapest path to energy security is solar power owned by residents and communities, I will work for “net metering” and community solar so we can all own our energy without depending on utility monopolies like DTE or Consumers.	All people in the United States, citizens and noncitizens, are entitled to due process and protection under the Bill of Rights. ICE has disregarded our constitutional right to due process, and repeatedly violated the First and Fourth Amendments. ICE agents, Trump, and his cabinet must be held accountable. I support hiring more immigration judges to reduce the backlog of cases, and expanding paths to naturalization for undocumented immigrants. Immigrants who commit crimes should be held accountable with due process, just like anybody. I am a proud American who takes seriously the words written on our national symbol, the Statue of Liberty.
Michigan families are being squeezed by rising costs, and we need policies that help people keep more of what they earn while creating good-paying jobs. I support lowering taxes, strengthening domestic manufacturing, supporting skilled trades and workforce development, and reducing unnecessary regulations that make it harder for small businesses to grow and hire. The best way to improve affordability is through a strong economy that creates opportunity and raises wages organically.	Michigan needs an energy strategy that keeps power reliable and affordable while responsibly protecting our natural resources. I support an approach that includes domestic oil and gas, nuclear energy, renewables, and investments in modern infrastructure and grid reliability. We can protect the Great Lakes and environment without sacrificing jobs, energy independence, or affordability for working families.	The United States is a nation of laws, and protecting constitutional rights and due process is important for everyone within our legal system. At the same time, we need secure borders, faster immigration court processing, and stronger enforcement against criminal activity, trafficking, and illegal entry. I support reforms that improve efficiency and fairness while ensuring our immigration system works in the best interests of American citizens and public safety.

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HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7 (CONTINUED)

SHANE DEDRICK - GREEN

No response by print deadline

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8

KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET - DEMOCRATIC

No response by print deadline

THOMAS J. SMITH - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

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Occupation / Current Position: Digital Content Creator / Independent Citizen Analyst
Education: Philadelphia Police Academy
Qualifications and Experience: I am not a career politician. My experience comes from public service, law enforcement, independent research, and digital publishing. As a former City Certified Police Officer and former Federal Polic



I support moving toward universal healthcare coverage while making the system more affordable and financially sustain-able. In Congress, I would support using federal purchasing power to negotiate lower prescription prices, expanding affordable generic medicines, reducing administrative waste, addressing excessive consolidation in healthcare, and chang-ing payment incentives to reward prevention, primary care, and quality outcomes rather than unnecessary services. My goal is universal access, lower prescription and out-of-pocket costs, and better-quality care for Michiganders.

JIM CASHA - GREEN

No response by print deadline

KATHY GOODWIN - WORKING CLASS

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Occupation / Current Position: I’m a healthcare social worker. I teach people to advocate for themselves in a broken system.
Education: Montrose, MI Public Schools-1980 graduate; Scholarships to Aquinas College-1984 graduate; U of Michigan-1986 graduate w/ Masters in Social Work plus Student Loan Debt, much like students today.
Qualifications and Experience: I grew up in the Flint area, believing in working class solidarity. In high school we saw a Flint Sit Down Strike film. It opened my eyes that workers have power when we stand together.



I believe that healthcare is a basic human right. It is as impor-tant as food, water, shelter and education. I stand for the right to self-determination about one’s own body and one’s own healthcare decisions. In a decent society that provided for the working class, there would be healthcare for all, affordable housing and wonderful schools. But in this society, working families are robbed of the pay and social safety net necessary to live decently. Wrongly, the rulers of our society prioritize tax breaks and subsidies for the world’s wealthiest and prioritize constant wars, all of which generate obscene profits for Wall Street.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9

RAY POOLEY - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Hartland High, UM Flint, Oakland CC
Qualifications and Experience: 3rs generation manufacturer, blue-collar machinist, chicken owner and homesteader, fighter for the working class because I am the working class.



I am a proponent of Medicare For All as I see it not only saving people’s lives, but save us money as well. It’s the fiscally re-sponsible thing for us as a nation to do, the morally right thing to do, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Making sure we take care of our heath ensures a prosperous future for America.

LISA MCCLAIN - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

KEVIN VAYKO - LIBERTARIAN

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Education: Michigan Tech University
Qualifications and Experience: Hazardous Materials & Safety Inspection (Asbestos & Lead Licensure)



If the US can afford to subsidize Israeli healthcare and useless foreign conflicts, why not subsidize healthcare for its own citizens? Healthcare in the United States became a crisis once the food industry started contaminating our food with synthet-ic ingredients like artificial dyes and high fructose corn syrup that the body was never designed to assimilate and digest along with contaminants in the air and water such as PFAS & microplastics. Naturally, it created toxicity in the body in a variety of ways that led to a deterioration of health. Simplifying healthcare to allow preventative care is critical to mitigate long term costs.

ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY	IMMIGRATION
What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
I support policies that help Michiganders earn wages capable of supporting a household while reducing the costs that consume those earnings. In Congress, I would support skilled trades, apprenticeships, workforce retraining, American manufacturing, small businesses, entrepreneurship, and technology education. I would also address affordability through lower healthcare and prescription costs, housing opportunities, affordable energy, stronger competition, and consumer protection. I support reducing unnecessary federal regulations while expanding opportunities to work, build businesses, save, invest, and achieve greater financial security.	I would support modernizing Michigan's energy infrastructure through stronger transmission, a smarter interconnected grid, energy storage, efficiency, and affordable renewable energy while maintaining reliable electricity for families and businesses. I would support federal investment that strengthens the grid and creates American manufacturing jobs. Large new energy users should bear the infrastructure costs they create rather than shifting them to households. I would also protect Michigan's Great Lakes, freshwater, land, and natural resources while reducing pollution and supporting sustainable energy, manufacturing, and economic development	I believe the Constitution protects all Americans, including Michigan residents who are legal immigrants. I support due process and the First Amendment's protections for speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition, along with the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. In Congress, I would support legislation to strengthen warrant requirements for government surveillance and access to private digital, communications, and medical information, along with greater transparency, congressional oversight, and accountability when constitutional protections are violated.
I think wages, pensions and disability payments need to automatically and immediately increase whenever prices increase. The world's wealthiest corporations would not agree to this voluntarily. Their practice of price gouging increases their vast wealth at the expense of the rest of the population. Yet it is possible for the working class to organize and demand that the wealth created by the working population be used to provide all of us a decent life. Every factory needs more workers and a human pace. All healthcare needs more workers and more time spent with each patient. Each school needs more workers to spend more time with each student.	Energy rates in Michigan are unaffordable for working people and the appalling rate hikes never seem to end. Michigan's largest public energy utilities are organized as for-profit monopolies with a number one priority of distributing wealth to their shareholders. I think that this is not a logical way to organize energy reliability, consumer affordability or environmental protection. I understand that it will be necessary for working people to come together and fight for a better system. In terms of environmental protection, I am all for renewable energy, under the control of the population who lives in the area where the energy is produced.	The 1st Amendment is the Right to Free Speech. I am for this right. I know history, and in times of war or "national crisis," the Right to Free Speech will come under even more attack than we are seeing now. The right to Due Process/4th Amendment is about human beings have the right to be treated logically and fairly by government. It is wrong that immigrants and non-citizens are denied these rights. Working people can come together and fight to defend these rights for all! The world's wealthiest billionaires are pushing down wages, are pushing this attack on rights, to boost their obscene profits. The billionaires' scheme is to divide us.
We need to reward hard work again. For decades companies have seen yearly record profits, yet worker pay has stagnated far behind. An honest days work deserves an honest days pay, and by strengthening and empowering unions, small businesses, and the NLRB we can make that reality. Additionally, we must take bold action to put more money in people's pockets, lower costs for consumers, and build our nation up with long term investments and self sustainable practices. In terms of policies I would support, the Living Wage For All Act and the PRO Act would be a few examples.	As a homesteader and an advocate of green energies I'd like to see our country become more self sustainable, for us to conserve our planet better, and ultimately save money in the long run too. Protecting our planet isn't just about saving butterflies and bees with a few solar panels or buying an EV; it's about securing our livelihoods by creating sustainable good paying jobs, cheaper energy, keeping our great lakes great, and ensuring our kids can breathe easy. We don't need to choose between a healthy planet and a healthy bank account, we're America, we can have both! I would support legislation such as the Energy Bills Relief Act.	All people deserve due process here in Michigan, and America as a whole, including noncitizens, as well as the fullest intent of the 1st and 4th Amendments. The moment we abandon these principles due to citizenship/ immigration status, or any other reason, is the moment we have abandoned "With liberty and justice for all", and have simultaneously created a two-tier system of justice. Additionally, patriots aren't just born here in America, they are made by people all over this world who come here. I believe a speedy yet thorough immigration process is achievable if we increase our immigration judges, allowing proper yet timely vetting.
It is against economic principles to have a greater supply of housing & automobiles exceeding demand while still leveraging supply shortage demand pricing against the consumer. In both industries, there is a substantial supply that is being held hostage by predatory venture capitalist agencies to deprive Michigan residents of affordable rent/housing & vehicle ownership which can easily be dealt with. Reducing living costs is a core means to combat stagnation in living wages from companies concerned with rising costs of goods through wage increase. Eliminating tax loophole will also achieve goals of affordability through fair share of payments	I support the initiative of each household being able to provide their own supply of electrical power generation to reduce dependency on external systems, which residents continue to complain with DTE (chiefly) during severe weather outages. Tesla's early initiatives regarding wireless power were not only environmentally-friendly, but financially-sound as a remarkable sustainable solution. Personal transportation can operate similarly. Unfortunately, venture capitalism is environmentally taxing through promotion of rare earth mineral market consumption. As a prominent engineer, this is another easy solution with all residents on board.	Constitutional Amendment Rights apply to ALL humans within US jurisdiction. The language of the law is clear. Without probable cause of a common law violation, no person shall be subject to search by law enforcement regardless of immigration status. Any person accused of a violation of law is entitled to due process to defend against the charges with assistance of legal counsel to aid. Do not let bigotry and hatred against minorities & transgressors distort your valuation of these core Constitutional protections. Nazi Germany successfully evoked minority hatred to repeal these protections to Nazi Germany's ultimate utter demise & dissolution

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9 (CONTINUED)

JOHN VLAHOS: US TAXPAYERS

HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

No response by print deadline

DESTINY CLAYTON - GREEN

No response by print deadline

JIM WALKOWICZ - WORKING CLASS

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired UAW Union Rep

Education: BA, Michigan State University

Qualifications and Experience: Elected by my co-workers to various union rep positions from 1981 until my retirement in 2022



Everyone is entitled to health care. This should be a basic right for all people. The United States spends over \$1 Trillion a year on the military. One person in this country is now a Trillionaire. So the money is there to provide health care to everyone in this country.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 10

CHRISTINA BERTRAND HINES - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: University of Michigan for undergrad, Wayne State Law School for JD

Qualifications and Experience: I’ve been a sexual assault and child abuse prosecutor for the last 10 years



I support universal healthcare. Growing up, my mom was chronically ill, and my family experienced firsthand how ex-hausting it can be to navigate our healthcare system. My fami-ly’s story informs what I’ll focus on in Congress: reducing costs, increasing access, and improving quality. I’ll consider every responsible proposal that moves us toward quality, affordable healthcare for every American, and I’ll work across party lines to ensure working families aren’t shouldering the cost.

MICHAEL BOUCHARD - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

MIKE SALIBA - LIBERTARIAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Small Business Owner

Education: Trade School

Qualifications and Experience: Former Chair of Libertarian Party of Michigan



While I oppose the Affordable Care Act, it is unfair to keep it in place without the subsidies. We must keep those subsidies in place until the ACA can be repealed and we can’t go back to the “Managed Care” system we had before the ACA which made ACA necessary either. We need a completely free market health care. Allow insurance across state lines, expand HSAs, end coverage mandates, require upfront pricing, repeal certificate-of-need laws, reduce licensing barriers, expand direct primary care, increase drug competition, and end sub-sidies and tax policies favoring employer insurance. Insurance and care truly affordable to almost everyone.

KWABENA NKROMO - GREEN

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Education: Agricultural Economics studies at Clemson University

Qualifications and Experience: I bring more than 20 years of experience in grassroots civic leadership, food systems, urban agriculture, community economic development, workforce training, nonprofit operations and public policy.



I will fight to make health care more affordable, accessible, and accountable, while measuring Michigan against states producing better outcomes. Congress can lower families’ cost burdens, strengthen the health-care safety net, invest in com-munity-based care, and protect underserved communities. I also support stronger preventive care, including USDA policies that encourage a more nutrient-dense food system through federal agricultural and food regulation.

ANDREA L. KIRBY - WORKING CLASS

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Education: College Graduate

Qualifications and Experience: Worker, Mother, Wife, Daughter



The United States is the richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans in poor health. Having medical insurance doesn’t mean a person will receive adequate health care and for millions of Americans having insurance is still just a dream. Our healthcare system is built to make profits for big corporations and puts money over human life. Quality health care is a human right and should not be dictated by the color of your skin or the amount of money in your bank account. The wealth generated by the working class should be used on the working class. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.

ECONOMY What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	IMMIGRATION What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
Wages for those making the least amount of money, needs to go up. Everyone should receive a living wage. When inflation goes up, the wages of everyone should go up by an equal or greater amount.	The oil companies and their rich owners are destroying the planet in their quest for more and more profits. The decisions need to be taken out of their hands. The majority of the people in this country, the working class, need to decide how to protect the environment for ourselves and for future generations. Money should go to modernizing the infrastructure rather than as profits to the rich.	The demonizing of immigrants has to stop. We are all either immigrants or descendants of immigrants. All human beings, no matter where they are from, should be treated with dignity, respect, and legal protections. The rich people use race, ethnicity, gender, etc as a way to divide the working class and keep us fighting among ourselves. The working class of the world should have no borders. Politicians use fear tactics to get elected and exploit that fear to hide the real problems the world faces.
I grew up in Warren, and now my husband and I are raising our three kids here. My family is experiencing the same rising costs as our neighbors, and for so many of us, it's getting harder and harder to get by. There are many things Congress must do: we need to roll back retaliatory tariffs that cost thousands of Michigan jobs and increase costs, end the war in Iran that's costing billions and jacking up prices, invest in paid family leave and affordable housing, lower healthcare costs, and bring good-paying jobs home. In Congress, I'll work with anyone committed to delivering for working families.	As a mom, I worry about what our failing electric grid and infrastructure, climate change, and pollution in Lake Saint Clair will mean for future generations and the thousands of Southeast Michigan jobs tied to our natural resources. We need urgent action: holding polluters accountable, strengthening fuel standards, and expanding clean energy sources. We must also make improving our infrastructure and electric grid a national security priority.	As a prosecutor I've worked alongside police, ICE agents, and Border Patrol, and I believe ICE must be held to the same standards as every other law enforcement agency and that we must uphold our constitution. We need bipartisan solutions to secure our border, stop fentanyl and other drugs, and create efficient pathways to citizenship. In Congress, I'll work with anyone committed to common sense immigration reform.
H.R. 25, the FAIRtax, is intended to improve affordability by replacing federal income and payroll taxes with a national consumption tax. Workers would keep their full paycheck, while the monthly "prebate" would offset taxes on basic necessities up to the poverty level. Used goods would not be taxed, encouraging resale and savings. Eliminating embedded federal taxes in production would reduce prices and increase transparency. It is estimated to put \$13 Trillion back into the U.S. Economy and encourage foreign companies to move both manufacturing and service jobs to the U.S. for the benefit.	I would work to remove federal restrictions that inhibit the growth of safe, clean, "pocket" nuclear plants for electricity and plant based ethanol for motor vehicles. My "Make Alcohol Fuel Again" plan would empower American farmers, lower dependence on foreign oil, and turn the car you already own into a plant powered green vehicle without requiring a whole new infrastructure for refueling.	Our founding document reads "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness." There is no caveat for place of birth. The Creator does not endow rights to human beings based on geography.
I support an economy built around people having the power to earn, own, and build where they live. Congress should protect workers, strengthen local businesses, expand truly affordable housing and Community Land Trusts, reinvest in education for an AI-driven economy, and direct federal investment toward locally rooted economic development. In MI-10, I will advocate for inclusive, open, and transparent regional economic planning so residents help decide what gets built and who benefits.	Michigan needs reliable, affordable energy without sacrificing our water, land, climate, or communities. I support accelerating the transition away from overdependence on fossil fuels while investing in resilient infrastructure, efficiency, cleaner energy, and good local jobs. Federal policy should protect consumers and hold polluters accountable. We must also finish neglected work such as fully resolving the Flint water crisis. I support revisiting nuclear power, including advanced technologies and safety systems that protect people and the environment from accidents.	Constitutional rights and due process should not disappear because a person is not a citizen. I support humane immigration reform that protects due process, family unity, asylum and labor rights, and a workable pathway to citizenship. Enforcement must respect constitutional limits and human dignity, including protections against abusive raids and searches. We must address forces that drive migration, including war, exploitation, unfair trade, and climate displacement. As long as the United States remains a dominant economic power, people will try to come here; policy should work with that reality for the benefit of all concerned.
The working class has put its faith in two parties that make promises they are unable to keep, while the working class continues to fall backwards. Each election cycle there are enormous amounts of money put into their campaigns by the wealthy and corporate elites, who push economic policies that benefit the capitalists not the working class. A living wage and overall affordability is obtainable when we stop allowing the wealth generated by the working class to be stolen by a few. The only way to combat this perpetuating cycle is for the working class to create its own political party that will advance our issues.	Ensuring reliable energy, consumer affordability and environmental protection requires us to look at the issue on a global scale not just Michigan. The actions done in one part of the world will affect us all. Year after year the working class pays higher energy rates with the promise they are building up our infrastructure but things only get worse. The working class sits at the heart of the economy, we produce, transport, and distribute the food, goods and services that allows this society to run, we deserve better. Elections don't change society, but a vote for the Working Class Party will show that you want a society that serves everyone.	The United States was founded on the blood, tears and sweat of immigrants and slaves. The economic success seen in this country can be attributed to the many immigrant workers that have come here seeking a better life or to escape oppression in their home country, likely fueled by the US. Immigrant workers, like U.S. born citizens, simply want to work, contribute to their communities and provide a safe environment for their families and children. Immigrants earn money that they spend, creating more jobs and revenue, benefiting our communities. All human beings should be treated decency and respect, regardless of where they were born.

U.S. Representative in Congress

Term: 2 years • Vote for ONE (1)

Description: of Representatives. **Qualifications:** A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11

JEREMY MOSS - DEMOCRATIC

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Education: B.A. Michigan State University



HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

Too many Michiganders are one medical emergency away from financial ruin. The most urgent step is to restore Trump's devastating cuts to healthcare. But we need to do more, like lowering prescription drug costs, expanding coverage, and reducing premiums so more Americans can be insured. I strongly support a robust public option as a pathway to universal coverage. This ensures no one goes uninsured while preserving the freedom for those who want to keep their plan negotiated with their employer or union, while driving down costs, expanding access, and holding insurers accountable.

ETHAN BAKER - REPUBLICAN

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Education: BA Political Science (Univ of Southern Cal), JD magna cum laude (Whittier College School of Law), MPA (UMich Ford School), Harvard Kennedy School Certificate for Senior Executives in Gov't
Qualifications and Experience: Mayor of Troy (2019-present); Troy City Councilman (2015-2019); Chair, Great Lakes Fishery Commission; Advisory Board, US Conf. of Mayors; Special Asst. to President Ronald Reagan (post presidency)



Healthcare should be affordable, accessible, and focused on patients, not insurance company profits. In Congress, I will work to lower prescription drug costs, expand access to primary and mental health care, protect coverage for people with preexisting conditions, and increase competition to reduce costs. I support strengthening community health centers, addressing healthcare workforce shortages, and investing in preventive care so families can stay healthy while spending less on medical expenses.

FARID ISHAC - LIBERTARIAN

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired Engineer
Education: BSME, MBA
Qualifications and Experience: I have lived in Oakland County most of my life. I worked in automotive industry for 37 years, I have an MBA and have started businesses in Michigan. I am a typical Oakland County resident



I will support any bills that reduce health care, prescription or hospital costs. I will not support big pharma, I support removing waste and fraud from the current systems.

RYAN TEASDALE - GREEN

No response by print deadline

ANIL KUMAR - NO PARTY AFFILIATION

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Education: M.D.



As a physician, I believe heathcare is a right and Medicare for All.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12

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Education: Cooley Law School
Qualifications and Experience: Lawyer, 4th-term Congresswoman



In Congress, I will keep fighting for healthcare as a human right, not a privilege reserved for people who can afford it. That means supporting Medicare for All while also taking immediate steps to lower out-of-pocket costs, protect Medicaid, reduce prescription drug prices, expand the healthcare workforce, and keep care accessible in our communities. I introduced the Medicines for the People Act to take on the cost of prescription drugs, the Expanding Health Care Providers for Veterans Act to address provider shortages for veterans, and the Health Equity and Middle Eastern and North African Community Inclusion Act to make sure federal health

JAMES D. HOOPER - REPUBLICAN

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Education: De La Salle Collegiate & a vast array of public libraries
Qualifications and Experience: Constitutional Requirements: To serve as a U.S. Representative, a person must be at least 25 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, and an inhabitant of the state they represent.



Understanding any problem begins with understanding the "ROOT CAUSE" Why is 'Healthcare' so expensive? Because it's structured to manage disease, not to actually promote HEALTH & HEALING. There is no greater single policy initiative that will address healthcare AFFORDABILITY, ACCESS, & QUALITY than addressing the quality of the food that our citizens consume. Poor diet, high amounts of toxic additives, and food devoid of essential nutrients are the single biggest cause of underlying disease patterns. 1) Expand the MAHA principles. 2) Encourage and implement exercise programs in all schools that receive federal funding.

ECONOMY What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	IMMIGRATION What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
We are facing an affordability crisis, from groceries and gas to healthcare and childcare. Wages are stagnant and the richest Americans are getting more breaks. We must make the basics more affordable. It's an all and above approach that includes: -Bringing down housing costs - Investing in pre-K and head-start programs - Making healthcare and prescription drugs affordable - Stopping the chaotic tariff policy - Ending the illegal war in Iran driving up gas prices - Standing up to corporate greed and price gouging - Strengthening organized labor, and protecting workers' rights so everyone benefits from economic growth	We have a moral imperative to make progress towards a clean energy grid, enact strong environmental protections, and prepare our communities for extreme weather events. I led on this work in the Legislature, voting for a 100% clean energy standard and the strongest regulations on data centers in the country that protect our water supply and ensure the costs are not burdened on us as ratepayers. In Congress, we should continue investing in diverse and reliable energy sources, modernize our grid, and strengthen federal protections undermined by the Trump administration.	The cruelty and chaos caused by ICE cannot be repaired or reformed under Donald Trump and the agency must be dismantled. Congress should demand transparency in federal immigration enforcement and hold those who acted illegally to account. I've led on legislation to reign in ICE's terror and stop warrantless raids. We can both secure our border without allowing officers posing as masked vigilantes to erode due process and civil liberties. Americans want an immigration system that is orderly, just, and humane. We must create legal pathways to citizenship for those protected under DACA and revamp the outdated visa system.
It shouldn't be this hard to afford housing, food, healthcare, and childcare when you're working hard every day. I support policies that raise wages, expand workforce training and skilled trades opportunities, strengthen small businesses, and encourage domestic manufacturing. We must lower costs by increasing housing supply, reducing barriers to economic growth, and making childcare and healthcare more affordable. A strong economy means creating pathways to good-paying jobs while helping families keep more of what they earn.	We need an energy strategy that is reliable, affordable, and responsible. I support an all-of-the-above approach that strengthens our electric grid, invests in next-generation energy technologies, like clean and safe nuclear power, and protects our natural resources, including the Great Lakes. We should encourage innovation, modernize infrastructure, and expand domestic energy production while reducing pollution. Families and businesses deserve dependable energy at reasonable costs, and environmental stewardship must go hand in hand with economic growth.	I am the Mayor of a city that is 31% foreign born; immigration issues hit close to home. The Constitution protects fundamental rights, and due process, free speech, and protections against unreasonable searches and seizures should be respected for everyone within the United States. At the same time, we must maintain secure borders and enforce immigration laws fairly and effectively. I support reforms that improve border security, modernize the legal immigration system, and ensure enforcement actions are conducted consistent with constitutional principles and the rule of law.
I support reducing taxes, especially property tax and income tax. This will give people more money in their pockets. I would investigate fraud and waste which costs all Americans. I support reducing regulation and laws that hinder financial growth	I support nuclear energy and believe we can reduce pollution from ICE vehicles. I support solar, hydro and wind energy. But I would place solar panels on roofs, parking lots or existing structures. NEVER will I support destroying nature to place solar panels. I would have reliable people investigate utility companies	I support legal immigration. I would give people a reasonable time to start citizenship, if they don't they are gone. I support the 4th amendment that's why I am against Flock surveillance. Everyone in America deserves liberty without being watched
I support policies that raise wages, create good-paying jobs, support small businesses, lower everyday costs, and make housing, childcare, and education more affordable.	I support an energy strategy that is affordable and reliable while expanding clean energy and protecting Michigans Great Lakes and reducing pollution.	Fourth Amendment protections should apply fairly to everyone in Michigan, regardless of citizenship status. I support protecting all residents from unreasonable searches and seizures while ensuring law enforcement can effectively protect public safety within constitutional limits,
Working people across Michigan are being asked to do more and more while corporations continue raising prices, suppressing wages, and concentrating wealth at the top. I believe anyone working full-time should be able to afford housing, groceries, healthcare, childcare, and retirement with dignity. That is why I support raising the federal minimum wage to a living wage, strengthening unions and collective bargaining rights, protecting workers from exploitation, and investing in affordable housing and public infrastructure that creates good-paying union jobs. In Congress I introduced the BOOST Act, the Baby Bonus Act, and the End Child Poverty	I approach energy policy by rejecting the false choice between reliability, affordability, and environmental protection. Michigan families deserve all three: power that stays on, bills they can afford, and air and water that are not sacrificed for corporate profits. That starts with accountability for investor-owned utilities. Ratepayers should not be asked to pay more and more while still experiencing frequent outages, shutoffs, and pollution burdens. I introduced the Make DTE Pay Act to strengthen penalties against investor-owned electric or gas utilities that raise rates around the same time they are penalized for Clean Air Act violations.	The Constitution does not limit core civil liberties only to citizens. Due process protections, First Amendment rights, and Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures apply to all persons within the United States, including noncitizens. Courts have repeatedly affirmed that immigration status does not eliminate basic constitutional protections. As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, I have consistently pushed for stronger oversight of ICE detention and enforcement practices, including conditions inside detention facilities, transparency failures, and abuses of authority. I have opposed
Understanding the "ROOT CAUSE" INFLATION: Inflation comes on the heels of irresponsible spending of 'printed' money by the federal government. Inflation is the hidden tax that is not seen in your paycheck, but it's felt everywhere you shop-especially at the grocery store. Every dollar that the federal government has to pay in interest on the debt = less that can be spent to benefit Americans and American cities. 1) Check reckless spending by the federal government. 2) END sending American taxpayer dollars to ALL foreign nations. 3) END Illegal Immigration and deport all Illegal Aliens.	Let's face it- EVERYONE wants clean water and a healthy environment to live in. But we also have a growing need for energy that must be addressed. Energy scarcity leads to dramatically higher costs for EVERYTHING that Americans buy as products or consume as food. Everything is moved by truck, train, or plane. And energy scarcity is definitely felt by regular folks every time we open our DTE & Consumer's bills All forms of energy must be utilized including traditional fossil fuels, renewables, and most certainly Nuclear. Nuclear energy provides the most 'bang for the buck' and NEW nuclear technologies are safer and CLEAN.	Our Immigration system needs to be completely OVERHAULED. But first, Illegal Immigration must be stopped, and Illegal Aliens should be deported as quickly and as compassionately as possible to their home countries. I have seen and personally felt how Illegals have cut the wages and working conditions of America's blue-collar workers. Poor and middle-class Americans are especially disaffected by our failed immigration policies. I am sure that some may find this harsh, but as an elected Representative in Congress, your job is to work for AMERICAN CITIZENS in your congressional district and their welfare.

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HEALTH CARE

What specific steps will you take in Congress to address healthcare affordability, access, and quality for the people you represent?

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12 (CONTINUED)

MARC JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI - US TAXPAYER

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Qualifications and Experience: 30+ years in Property Management; 40+ years in Bio-Ethics



The best health care is Don't Get Sick. I will advocate for wellness, especially in nutrition and supplements and exercise. I will work to stop the FDA from banning substances the public wants, and to make known the substance "natural flavor" on the lists of ingredients on product packaging. In terms of affordability, we are in a current paradigm of sickness care by third-party payments, making us trust insurance companies rather than doctors. Instead of shopping for monthly premium value, we must demand disclosure of the pricing of procedures and services to promote competition to bring down costs.

BRENDA K. SANDERS - GREEN

No response by print deadline

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Occupation / Current Position: Retired. Worked at Ford for 45 years on the assembly line and as an elected UAW representative
Education: I am from a working class family and grew up in a working class town. I worked multiple jobs prior to working at Ford. My education was similar to many other workers in this society.
Qualifications and Experience: I organized to fight against speedup and harassment on the assembly line. I organized against the concessions that the auto companies were demanding. I ran for president of the UAW.



In the richest country in the world, it is criminal that many don't have health care, or can't afford treatment, or go broke paying for it. The money is there for everyone to have good health care. In the U.S., more money is spent on health care than any other country in the world. But yet the U.S. is worse than many countries in things like life expectancy and infant mortality. The reason is that much of the money spent on health goes into the pockets and profits of insurance companies, hospital corporations and drug companies. Health care should be a human right, not a profit-making industry. We must have a national health care system.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13

DONAVAN MCKINNEY - DEMOCRATIC

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I will fight to guarantee universal coverage, lower prescription drug costs, and expand investment in community health centers and mental health services. Healthcare must be a right for every American, not a privilege for the wealthy few. Which is why I support Medicare for All. Healthcare is a human right, not a commodity. A single-payer system would guarantee universal coverage, drive down costs, and remove the profit motive from basic care. I believe no one in America should go bankrupt simply because they got sick, and Medicare for All is the clearest path to making that vision a reality.

T. P. NYKORIAK - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

CHRIS DARDZINSKI - US TAXPAYERS

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Education: HFCC: 1988 Graduate, 2-year degree: Politics, architecture, engineering, journalism
Qualifications and Experience: 31 years in international trade, 4 years on city council, operations manager, business owner.



Index Medicare and Medicaid for COLA and core-inflation. Drop all limitations for selling insurance across state lines. Pass legislation based on therapy-based health support for mental illness. Audit all Medicaid funding to states for compliance as per: 42 CFR 438.230. Institute and guideline that all state governments must contract an independent audit of their state health departments, every 24 months. This was done in Michigan in 2021 and they found lots of waste and improper payments.

RAELYN LIGHT - GREEN

No response by print deadline

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Education: GED
Qualifications and Experience: 30 years of construction experience



Everyone in America deserves universal health care. Taker away the profits of the insurance companies, hospital corporations and drug companies, and put money toward health care, and everyone in the country will have good health care.



ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY	IMMIGRATION
What policy initiatives do you support for residents to earn a living wage and address the overall question of affordability across Michigan?	How would you approach ensuring energy reliability, consumer affordability, and environmental protection in Michigan?	What is your position on due process, First Amendment, and Fourth Amendment rights for all Michigan residents, including noncitizens, and what changes, if any, would you support?
How many times do we see major corporations with tax incentives to grow their business? We must make incentives for small biz and side-gig operators to go into business and grow, too. Rather than mandating controls on wages, let's open the way to prosperity through individual efforts. I will advocate for entrepreneurship, and also for promoting charity of free-will donations from the prosperous to the needy through churches rather than the government.	The term "fossil fuel" is misleading. Oil is not derived from pre-historic remains. It is obvious that the amounts consumed to date far surpasses whatever could have been putrefied for our modern usages. A-biotic oil exists and replenishes, and this is where research is needed, along with development of means to capture and neutralize combustion wastes. Making the abundance of fuel available will drive down costs for consumers in Michigan, in the USA, and across the world. I will advocate for this, and for so many other truths that must be told.	The US Taxpayers Party is the affiliate of the national Constitution Party, and we just want the government to follow the Constitution! All the Amendments stand as written, unless and until future amendments are implemented. In terms of illegal searches and seizures, I will advocate to make known the purpose in the sudden rise of data-center capabilities, and where privacy will have been invaded, I will work to make just compensation mandatory to individuals. The illegals in the USA since 2020 must be returned to their land of origin. Those here longer should stay, since enforcement had been ignored, with a path to legal status.
Workers produce all the wealth in society. We build everything, deliver everything, service everything. We all should be able to have a decent life. But corporate bosses and Wall St. are taking a bigger and bigger share of what we produce. Our standard of living is going down. The answers should be -- The minimum wage should be 5 times higher. Our pay should keep up with inflation. When prices go up, our wages should go up equally and immediately. The same for Social Security. Everyone who wants a job should have one by dividing up the work. These things will not happen through legislation. It will take a fight by the whole working class.	The disaster in Nepal is another warning that we have an environmental crisis. Until global warming is reversed, things will get even worse, threatening the future of humanity. Those who run the society -- the corporate elite, bankers and the politicians who work for them are not going to fix global warming because they are responsible for it. They know the outcome of burning fossils fuels, but they pursue profit above all else. We can have both reliable energy and protect the environment by investing in science and technology. But it won't happen until working people throw out this capitalist class and run society themselves.	Most immigrants who come here are working people who want the same thing that workers born here want -- a job that provides a decent life for themselves and their families. If someone comes here to work, they should not be "illegal". They should have the right to be here without their homes being invaded by ICE. What should be illegal is that the corporate bosses and their politicians use immigration laws to divide workers and to keep immigrants in insecure situation so that they feel forced to work for less money and accept worse conditions. The attack on immigrant workers is an attack on all workers.
I believe in the radical idea that anyone working full-time should be able to afford a home, put food on the table, see a doctor, care for their kids, and retire with dignity. That's why I'm fighting to raise the federal minimum wage to a true living wage, strengthen our unions, and invest in affordable housing and public infrastructure that puts people to work in good-paying union jobs.	Michigan needs an energy approach where reliability, affordability, and environmental protection work together. That means modernizing the grid and investing in storage to end the outages that continue to cost us time and money every year. It means diversifying our energy mix with wind and solar, pushing for stronger oversight of rate hikes, expanding low-income energy assistance, and growing programs that lower bills over time, like community solar.	Everyone in the United States, citizens and noncitizens, are entitled to due process and protection under the Bill of Rights.
Introduce legislation for the Economic Democrat Act, a policy proposal from 1984 by the Center for Economic and Social Justice. Based on Capital Ownership and income creation for all persons. Based on Binary economics, that creates a second economic layer. Single rate tax system. eliminating ALL loopholes in years one. No person making under \$48K, will pay federal income taxes. As the economy grows the single rate of 15% will be droppwed as deficits fall. Eventually after 10 years(est) of growth, the federal income tax can be eliminated. Use the Chevron act to start a new U.S. Currency certificate, backed by previous metals/commodities.	The moon has approximately onr million metric tons of 'clean' Helium-3. Helium-3 combined with Deuterium, is a stable, clean fuel for nuclear fusion. Helium-3 on the moon, is a clean isotope. There is enough Helium-3 on the moon, to provide clean cheap nuclear fusion energy, for a 1000 years on Earth. Environment: Everyone start by pulling all their weeds by hand. No gas or electric trimmers and no chemicals. I do it, every day spring through fall. Recycling has not really proven to be economically viable. Start by re-using every plastic bag that comes in to your house. Composting, do it.	I simply LOVE the wording of this question. NON-citizen residents only have limited protections under federal law. The large issue is to improve legal immigration process by cutting the time down for citizenships, as specified on my website. 4th Amendment only fully applies to U.S. Citizens. Let me be clear, illegal immigrants have broken our laws. Period. I have a 5-year proposal to increase legal immigration numbers by 25%. NON-citizens again, the due process afforded to them is incredibly expansive, and no one should complain. They get more due process than most citizens do under the law. I've seen a lot in my days.
A living wage should be the starting wage of all jobs. A job worth doing should be worth the pay. A living wage is calculated by the total cost of a worker's basic needs, such as food, housing, childcare, health care, transportation, based on local conditions and family composition, then dividing that annual cost by full-time work. Workers' right to a living wage should come before corporation's right to a profit.	Energy prices are rising, while energy corporations are increasing their profits. Energy prices should be regulated to what working people can afford. Rates should be reduced, while money that is taken in should be used to increase reliability.	Everyone living here, including immigrants, should have the right to due process. People should have the right to freedom of speech (no harm to others) and peaceful assembly. People should be secure in knowing their person, houses, papers and personal effects would not be violated with an illegal search and seizure. We were all immigrants at one time. Those attacks on immigrants today will be turned against the rest of the people tomorrow.



State Board of Education – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The State Board of Education has eight members and has leadership and general supervision responsibility over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith. It shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.

Describe your qualifications, skill, and experience you bring to the position and why are you seeking a seat on the State Board of Education?

How do you evaluate Michigan’s current education system in terms of quality, funding, the teacher workforce and standardized testing? What changes, if any, would you propose or support?

What are your top priorities for the State Board of Education, and what actions would you take to address them, including your approach to federal requests for student information and ensuring strong protections for student privacy?

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Education: Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education; Master Degree in Curriculum; Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum & Leadership; PhD in Educational Leadership

Qualifications and Experience: 25 Years of experience in public education in Michigan. I served as a teacher, building administrator, central office administrator, Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer at the ISD level



I am a retired public school educator with over 25 years experience as a teacher, building administrator, central office administrator, Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer at the ISD level. I have served on the Michigan State Board of Education for the past 7 years and hold the position of Secretary, Chair of the Legislative Committee and a member of the ad Hoc Special Education Committee. I am committed to providing equitable opportunities for all students in Michigan as I continue to work with fellow Board members, the Michigan Department of Education, members of the Michigan Legislature.

Michigan’s current education system with over 800 local districts (including Charter Schools) governed by locally elected school boards is facing financial challenges along with teacher shortages and standardized test results that are concerning. We know there are solutions to these issues. For example, over the past several years, in collaboration with the Michigan legislature, we have funded and provided programming to assist with our educator shortage across the state. We also know there is much more to do. Research indicates that we need to look seriously at equitable funding for all public schools in the state.

Priorities would include funding, the threat of vouchers, literacy achievement and equitable opportunities for all students as it relates to adequate facilities, qualified teachers in our classrooms, and fair and consistent wages for public educators and support staff. Over the past 7 years, in my role as a State Board member and as a public educator for over 25 years, I have experience in researching, listening and acting upon solutions that will make a difference with these challenges. Student information is protected by FERPA and any requests for individualized data should and has been rejected by the Board and Administration.

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Education: MBA from U of D Mercy

Qualifications and Experience: Current Co-Vice President of the State Board of Education, former ECE Teacher, STEM Instructor, support staff and current Professor.



I bring 20+ years of experience in education, public policy, nonprofit leadership, community development, and public service, including serving as an ECE Teacher, STEM Instructor, Adjunct Professor, paraprofessional, substitute teacher, and current Michigan State Board of Education member. I have authored and advanced resolutions that led to greater educational access and stability for foster youth, increased recognition and protection for students with autism, stronger school safety, expanded culturally responsive learning, and greater opportunity for all students. I seek another term to continue turning policy into meaningful change.

Michigan has strong educators and students, but our system still faces inequities in quality, funding, staffing, and outcomes. I support a funding model that better reflects student needs, stronger investments in teacher recruitment, retention, pay and professional development, and greater support for hard to staff schools. Standardized testing should inform instruction and identify gaps, not define a student, teacher, or school. I would support reducing overreliance on testing while strengthening meaningful measures of student growth, school quality, and college and career readiness.

My priorities are improving student achievement, equitable funding, early childhood education, literacy, career and technical education, support for students with special needs and foster youth, and stronger pathways to college, careers and economic opportunity. I would continue bringing students, families and educators to the table and turning their concerns into policy and measurable action. I also believe every student deserves to learn in a safe, supportive environment. I also believe we must address the whole child by strengthening mental health supports, school climate, and adequate resources.

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Education: BA Communication

Qualifications and Experience: 30 + years in automotive leadership positions. Former Public School Board Member Grosse Pointe



I bring more than 35 years of leadership experience in manufacturing and business, including 16 years at General Motors, where I have been recognized for performance and results. I also served on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and understand school governance, budgeting, labor issues and accountability. As a father of three public-school graduates, I have seen education from both the parent and policymaker perspectives. I am seeking this seat because Michigan’s academic results have declined and our children need leadership focused on literacy, math, student achievement and parental trust.

Michigan has dedicated substantial resources to education, yet student outcomes—especially reading and math—remain unacceptable. More money alone will not solve the problem; funding must reach classrooms and produce measurable results. We must recruit, support and retain excellent teachers while reducing administrative burdens that pull them away from instruction. Standardized tests should be age-appropriate, transparent and used as diagnostic and accountability tools—not as substitutes for teaching. I support proven literacy practices, clear performance reporting and directing resources toward programs that demonstrate results.

My priorities are improving literacy and math, restoring accountability, supporting effective teachers, strengthening parental rights and keeping political agendas from displacing instruction. I would use the Board’s policy, oversight and public-reporting authority to demand measurable goals, transparent results and evidence-based practices. Student privacy must be nonnegotiable. I would oppose unnecessary collection or disclosure of personally identifiable information, require legal review of federal requests, insist on data minimization and strong security, and ensure parents receive notice and transparency whenever legally permitted.

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Education: Bachelor’s in Exercise and Health Science

Qualifications and Experience: Early Childhood/Childcare Provider; Business Owner; Former State Committeewoman; Mother



No response by print deadline

State Board of Education – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The State Board of Education has eight members and has leadership and general supervision responsibility over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith. It shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.

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Education: Evert High School, Ferris State University, Kettering University
Qualifications and Experience: Founder of MFG for Liberty an education and entrepreneurship organization. Helping people gain real world skills.



Describe your qualifications, skill, and experience you bring to the position and why are you seeking a seat on the State Board of Education?	How do you evaluate Michigan's current education system in terms of quality, funding, the teacher workforce and standardized testing? What changes, if any, would you propose or support?	What are your top priorities for the State Board of Education, and what actions would you take to address them, including your approach to federal requests for student information and ensuring strong protections for student privacy?
I am a small business owner, parent, and lifelong learner seeking a State Board of Education seat to help Michigan live up to its Constitution: schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged. I run a manufacturing and engineering firm and founded MFG for Liberty, teaching vocational skills, economics, and entrepreneurship. I also mentor undergraduates through the Sigma Chi. As a member of several boards I help facilitate meetings, compliance, and support public comment. I want statewide policy that is practical, accountable, and worthy of trust, because funding and programs alone do not make children learn.	Michigan spends at record per pupil levels while results remain poor, so spending cuts and better use of existing dollars are needed. The funding system is broken, yet more money has not produced more learning. Quality suffers when extra years and credentials are treated as education. Schooling signals persistence more than it builds usable knowledge. Education cultivates judgment; training builds practical skill. They are not the same. I would support transparent budgets, stronger vocational pathways, and less reliance on tests and diplomas as the whole measure of success. Competence and community priorities matter more than added spending.	My priorities are public trust, real learning, and student privacy. People are not equal in aptitude. Policy should not pretend they are. Education cultivates judgment for those ready for it; training builds useful skill for many more. I would restrain spending after record per pupil costs with weak results and expand vocational pathways. Michigan's Constitution encourages education. The federal Constitution does not. Under the Tenth Amendment, this belongs to the states. Federal requests for student data should default to no. Share only when a narrow legal duty requires it, and keep families informed.

WILLIAM MOHR II - US TAXPAYERS

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CHRISTINE C. SCHWARTZ - US TAXPAYERS
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Education: High School Diploma
Qualifications and Experience: A Michigan resident and taxpayer. Served 4 years on local board of education and former home-school educator



As a resident and taxpayer, I am concerned about the condition of our public education system and believe I can bring valuable insight into the decision making on the Board. I served 4 years on a local school board and am a former home-school educator.	The education "system" in Michigan is broken and needs a total overhaul. Students are not receiving even the basics and the test scores prove it. Money is being wasted on inadequate and unproven methods of instruction. There needs to be a return to that which served our students in the past, true academic standards.	To ensure the efficient use of the funds available to our schools will provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary for employment, college or advanced education for a specialized trade. I will promote excellence in education with strong proven academic instruction as well as encouraging healthy social behaviors. The Federal Government has no Constitutional claim in the education system of Michigan, therefore there is no reason to provide student information to them. Parents determine the privacy of their children, not the school system.
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WISSAM CHARAFEDDINE - GREEN

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Education: MSU graduate degree; life experience education in working class organizing
Qualifications and Experience: long time teacher and advocate for excellent public education for all children



As a long-time community college teacher I have an inside perspective on how and if students come prepared academically from our K-12 system. I have been organizing in the working class for years, and since 2016, myself and other WCP members have talked to thousands of school employees, families and students about the problems they have faced in the schools and this system. I can be a voice to speak out about the lack of access to a quality public school education in many school districts, and for all school employees, from Detroit, Ann Arbor, to Walkerville and Negaunee, who deserve respect, high wages and good working conditions.	This current education system is not the same. There is a sharp contrast between test scores, literacy rates, access to services and programs, between working class and rural areas, vs. upper middle and upper class areas. There may be a per pupil funding amount for each child in the state, but other means of funding make for greater divides. All education should be excellent for all children. Funding for public education should be at THE TOP of all federal and state expenditures. Public money should be put towards our public school system, including for decent working conditions and good pay for all school employees. The money is there.	ALL the economic resources needed to provide an excellent quality education in all public school districts. Change doesn't happen because a politician or a Board member makes promises. It happens because ordinary people decide to do something. I would use the resources of the SBE office has to help in the social fight it's going to take for public money, our tax money, to go for excellent public education for all. In this current political climate, I agree with the State Superintendent in his response to the DOJ: putting students first and making sure children can learn, so needing them to be healthy and safe and feel included.
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KELLI MONROE - NATURAL LAW

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University of Michigan Board of Regents – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The University of Michigan Board of Regents has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

	What experience and vision would you bring to the Board of Trustees to help guide the university's academic, financial, and community priorities?	What are the most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?	How do you evaluate the University's efforts to expand access for Michigan residents and uphold free speech on campus, and what actions would you support the Regents taking in these areas?
PAUL BROWN - DEMOCRATIC	No response by print deadline		
AMIR MAKLED - DEMOCRATIC Website: votemakled.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/VoteMakled Occupation / Current Position: Civil Right Attorney Education: University of Michigan-Dearborn, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, with High Distinction, 2009. Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor, 2012. Qualifications and Experience: Civil rights attorney, trial lawyer, small business owner, and University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate with experience advocating for students, working people, and civil liberties.	 I am a civil rights attorney, small business owner, and proud UM-Dearborn graduate. I see a Regent as a steward of public trust, not simply a caretaker of the institution. My approach has been shaped by listening to students, faculty, nurses, graduate workers, labor, and families across Michigan. I would bring independent judgment, transparency, and a commitment to affordability, academic freedom, strong public research, and equal investment in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint.	U-M faces a defining moment: rising costs for students, threats to research funding and academic independence, pressure on workers and Michigan Medicine, and unequal investment across its three campuses. Regents must protect the University from political interference, make college more affordable, respect collective bargaining, strengthen safe staffing and working conditions, restore meaningful equity efforts, and demand transparent, accountable governance.	U-M has expanded opportunity through programs like the Go Blue Guarantee, but access cannot be measured by tuition alone. Housing, fees, transportation, and regional-campus investment matter too. I support expanding need-based aid and stronger affordability commitments across all three campuses. On free speech, the standard must be consistent: protect speech and academic freedom regardless of viewpoint, guarantee due process, and never use discipline or University policy to silence lawful expression.
LENA EPSTEIN - REPUBLICAN Website: lenaforuofm.com Facebook: facebook.com/LenaforRegent Campaign Twitter Handle: https://x.com/LenaEpstein Education: B.A. in Economics, Harvard University. M.B.A., University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Qualifications and Experience: Co-Owner, Board Member, and Executive of Vesco Oil Corporation, one of Michigan's top women-owned businesses.	 As a Michigan business owner, I understand what it means to manage a budget, make difficult decisions, and be accountable for results. The Regents have a constitutional responsibility to oversee every dollar the University spends, and I take that seriously. My vision is a University of Michigan that remains a national leader while staying within reach of Michigan families, one that expands opportunity for Michigan students, protects academic excellence, and operates with transparency and discipline. I am not running for a title. I am running to bring real-world experience and rigorous oversight to the work the Regents are entrusted with.	The three most pressing issues are affordability, access, and accountability. Michigan families are facing rising tuition and housing costs, while administrative spending deserves greater scrutiny. At the same time, we need to create more opportunities for Michigan students at the university their families help support. My priorities are straightforward: exercise greater budget discipline, prioritize the classroom over unnecessary administrative growth, expand need-based financial aid, increase opportunities for Michigan students, and provide greater transparency about how every dollar is spent.	The University can do more to expand access for Michigan residents. We should open more seats for in-state students and strengthen pathways from Michigan high schools and community colleges. On free speech, the standard should be consistent: protect open inquiry and vigorous debate while enforcing the same rules of conduct for everyone. Students have a right to speak. They also have a right to attend class, walk across campus, and worship without intimidation. Harassment and threats are conduct issues, not speech issues. The Regents should insist the University protect both free expression and a safe campus for every student.
MICHAEL SCHOSTAK - REPUBLICAN Website: michaelschostak.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/schostak4regent Campaign Twitter Handle: schostak4regent Occupation / Current Position: Bloomfield Township Treasurer Education: B.S. Economics/Finance, The Wharton School, UPENN; MBA, Ross School of Business, Univ. of Michigan; Certificate Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Harvard Kennedy School of Government Qualifications and Experience: Elected 3 times to Bloomfield Twp Board of Trustees, Lecturer of Finance at Wayne State, Wall Street Investment Banker, Financial Analyst at the Pentagon. Father, Husband, Alum, Public Servant.	 U-M must always be world-class while proving its value: rigorous instruction, real mentorship, genuine career preparation, and a cost families can afford. I spent my career in finance, digging into numbers, analyzing businesses. As Bloomfield Twp Treasurer I manage \$500M in public funds and a \$100M budget, running a surplus every year. I taught finance at Wayne State for 5 years, experiencing a large public university from the inside. Regents govern; a president manages. The board sets direction, approves the budget, asks the hard questions, and holds the president accountable. I will not accept "that's how we've always done it" as an answer.	In-state cost of attendance has gone from \$25K to \$35K in a decade, family incomes have not kept up. Build the budget from zero each year and make every dollar answer one question: does this improve education or research, or does it grow bureaucracy? We can distribute more from the endowment each year without harming long-term growth. The endowment should generate returns - not make political statements. The board must hold itself accountable: \$12M spent on an outside investigation into the athletic department that produced no written report erodes public trust. Student mental health is critical, but hiding grades is not the answer.	U-M is taxpayer supported, so Michigan kids should come first. Increasing the number of in-state students is achievable and necessary for the future of our state. I would fix the Go Blue Guarantee: it counts home equity and small business value in the formula, penalizing families for owning things they cannot spend. The best response to objectionable speech is more speech not less. We must defend the right to express oneself freely without fear of one's safety. However, U-M must set clear time, place and manner rules, and enforce them consistently. Harassment, intimidation, and vandalism are conduct, not argument, and can never be tolerated.
ANDREW CHADDERDON - LIBERTARIAN	No response by print deadline		
KYLE MAAS - US TAXPAYERS Website: ustpm.org/candidates?id=24 Occupation / Current Position: IT/System administrator Education: Graduated high school at 10 years old, started college at 12, and achieved a GPA of 4.0 Qualifications and Experience: Over 20 years of working in IT - computer programming, system administration, database administration, network architecture	 I bring both student and industry hiring experience. Employers have lost confidence in degrees to signify job-ready competency, leaving many underemployed and in debt. Fiscal responsibility is of the utmost importance so we make sure that education is a sound investment from the perspective of the student. Cooperate with industry to develop demand-based curricula. Degree programs which have a weak five-year in-field placement rate must be revised or phased out. Standards must be high so when employers see a U-M graduate, they know the University has vouched for their suitability, and students must have confidence their investment is sound.	The most pressing issues are employability, affordability, and open inquiry. Too many students leave unprepared for the work employers actually need, so curricula should be built with industry and use competency-based, real-world learning. A diploma must signal mastery, not completion. Costs are too high relative to long-term benefit; programs that fail students after support to improve should be redesigned or ended so resources serve high-value education. The university must also protect free speech and diversity of thought. A great education prepares graduates who can think, work, and speak freely.	U-M offers a solution to the changing employment landscape with AI in the coming years. By extending education opportunities to these adults, we can be of great social benefit and bridge the gap between blue and white collar work opportunities. Marketing efforts should not be focused only on the young but also nontraditional students. We have a right to free speech, but equally important is the reciprocal duty to listen. I support viewpoint-neutral rules, consistent enforcement of respectful discourse, and treating civil debate as education. Access without intellectual freedom is incomplete.

Michigan State University Board of Trustees – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The Michigan State Board of Trustees has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution’s funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

What experience and vision would you bring to the Board of Trustees to help guide the university’s academic, financial, and community priorities?	What are the most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?	How do you evaluate the University’s efforts to expand access for Michigan residents and uphold free speech on campus, and what actions would you support the Regents taking in these areas?
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Qualifications and Experience: Incumbent



As a Trustee, I bring a commitment to public higher education, responsible governance, and student success. My vision is to keep MSU a top research university while ensuring affordability and opportunity for Michigan families. I support investing in academic excellence, faculty, research, workforce development, and student support services. Financially, I believe in transparent stewardship of university resources and prioritizing investments that directly benefit students. As a The most pressing issues facing MSU are aland-grant institution, MSU must also strengthen partnerships with communities, labor, schools, and employers across Michigan.	The most pressing issues facing MSU are affordability, student well-being, institutional trust, and maintaining academic excellence in a changing higher education landscape. I support expanding financial aid, controlling costs, and reducing barriers for students from working and middle-class families. We must continue investing in mental health resources, campus safety, and student support services. Trustees must lead with transparency and accountability to strengthen public confidence. At the same time, we must recruit top faculty, support research innovation, and ensure graduates are prepared to lead in Michigan and beyond.	MSU has made meaningful progress in expanding access through financial aid, outreach, and recruitment efforts, but we must continue making college affordable for students from every region and economic background. I support increasing need-based aid, strengthening transfer pathways, and expanding partnerships with Michigan schools. Public universities have a responsibility to protect 1st Amendment rights while ensuring that all students can learn in a safe environment. I support policies that encourage vigorous debate, respect differing viewpoints, protect peaceful expression, and prevent conduct that disrupts the educational mission.
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KELLY TEBAY ZEMKE - DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications and Experience: Current Trustee at Michigan State University; District Director and Deputy Chief of Staff to a Member of Congress; Senior Corporate Relations Director at United Way for Southeastern Michigan



I first ran for the MSU Board in 2018 because I wanted to help my alma mater heal and move forward after the Larry Nassar scandal. Over the past 7 years, I’ve worked to strengthen accountability and improve campus culture. As someone who was still paying off student loans while serving on the Board, college affordability has always been personal to me. That’s why I’m proud to have helped make MSU’s tuition-free guarantee a reality. I’m seeking re-election because, while we’ve made progress, there’s still important work ahead. I believe MSU’s future depends on steady, transparent leadership, collaboration, and a continued focus on our people.	1. Affordability: We need to expand the Spartan Advantage Program; increase financial aid; and advocate for more government investment in higher ed.2. Our People: To retain and attract top faculty and staff, we must continue investing in our people through competitive compensation, strong benefits, improved working conditions, and support for additional bargaining units. 3. Preparing Students: We must create a more supportive student experience by addressing barriers to success - ensuring students feel safe, connected to resources, and proactively meeting their needs rather than expecting them to navigate challenges on their own.	Since I’ve joined the Board, we’ve created a program called the Spartan Advantage Tuition-Free Guarantee to help in-state students attend MSU and continue to expand financial aid. We have also strengthened our partnerships with community colleges, so students can take advantage of the state’s free community college efforts and transfer to MSU without losing credits. I remain committed to expanding all of these efforts so any student who wants to attend can do so. Free speech is a constitutional right and I will continue to support it on our campus; open dialogue is necessary for critical thinking and preservation of our democracy.
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JULIE MADAY - REPUBLICAN

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Education: Bachelor’s Degree - Davenport University; Great Lakes Leadership Academy - Michigan State University

Qualifications and Experience: Decades as owner and operator of Victory Farms, a specialty crop farm in West Michigan. Three terms serving in the Michigan House of Representatives, and two terms in the Michigan Senate.



I have served for more than a decade in state government helping to secure critical support for programs at Michigan State University. MSU is our nation’s first land grant university, dedicated for the study of agriculture. I have worked in the field of agriculture my entire life as a farmer and business owner, so I understand the critical role that MSU has played in advancing agriculture with game changing research. I bring leadership experience, and a steady hand to provide stability that is so desperately needed at Michigan State. Additionally, I have been a champion for transparency in government and will bring that approach to MSU.	MSU has continued to be on the wrong side of the headlines that have come as a result of the failed leadership on the board of trustees. We have had 7 presidents in the last 8 years at MSU and significant turnover throughout the leadership of the university. We need to stabilize the board, begin to operate like a professional organization, stop the political games, and get MSU back on track. The last eight years have been extremely difficult at MSU, but we have a chance to bring a balanced approach moving forward and get back on track.	I believe MSU can do a better job of supporting free speech on campus. I always say, we must teach students how to think, not what to think. There is a place for structure in free speech on campus, and what is most critical is that those rules must be applied fairly to all viewpoints on campus. As a trustee, I will be a voice for free and fair speech on campus.
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MSU’s Board of Trustees is broken & needs change. 86% of MSU faculty recently voted they’re not confident in the Board. Ongoing Board turmoil pushed MSU President Guskiewicz to say it’s an ‘unsustainable situation’. The Board has failed MSU, derailed by outta touch personal agendas, secrecy & poor leadership. As a firefighter, I’m a problem solver using my independent style, leadership & positive teamwork for change. I’m not a lawyer or lobbyist. I won’t sell out. I will listen & work with everyone for a stronger MSU. I’m the only candidate from rural Michigan & Lansing. My knowledge in science, agriculture & natural resources is key for MSU.	MSU generates \$9.7B a year for Michigan’s economy, a leading driver of research, jobs & innovation. 12,000 MSU employees & 306,000 alumni are in every Michigan county, essential to our communities & economies. Unwise job & budget cuts have hurt MSU & Michigan. My priorities for a stronger MSU include: Affordable tuition; Pro-Labor; Academic & athletic excellence; Rural support; Agriculture, natural resources, energy & water; Pro-science; Sustainable budget; No ICE on campus; Divest from Israel govt/weapons; No data centers/limit AI. I’ll bring an independent, transparent & positive visionary style for progress with MSU’s President & alumni.	Tuition & cost of living are too expensive & student loan debt is keeping people down. Affordability must be a top priority, working toward a goal of earning free tuition for Michigan high school grads. Trump’s madness toward free speech is a threat to us all. MSU should be ‘fighting with a vim’ against heavy-handed federal attacks on Spartans’ independence, but instead we’ve seen weak capitulation. MSU’s Board & President have failed to protect free speech. Students & staff are now being targeted for using the same non-violent strategies that helped bring down racist apartheid in South Africa in the 90s. Free speech at MSU must be defended.
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Michigan State University Board of Trustees – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The Michigan State Board of Trustees has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

	What experience and vision would you bring to the Board of Trustees to help guide the university's academic, financial, and community priorities?	What are the most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?	How do you evaluate the University's efforts to expand access for Michigan residents and uphold free speech on campus, and what actions would you support the Regents taking in these areas?
WILL TYLER WHITE - LIBERTARIAN Website: www.willtylerwhite.org Occupation / Current Position: Manager at White Bros. Music Education: MSU undergraduate in Political Science and pre-law Qualifications and Experience: MSU student, instructor for White Bros. Music apprentice program 	As an MSU student, I learned that some degrees are worth more than others, but there was little guidance on which degree would meet my academic and financial goals. Studying independently I learned that economic development affects all communities in many ways. As a cross-discipline field though, it is not offered as a major. I became a Certified Economic Developer and encourage MSU to develop programs in that field. For fifty years I have served the Lansing area at White Bros Music, and trained people in our apprentice program to service and restore instruments. Other assets are my experience as an entrepreneur and community activist.	Affordability is the number one issue. Tuition, housing, and food are expensive and many people can't fund four years of study without big loans. More two-year associate degrees could be offered in high-demand career fields like IT and nursing. The cost of food is mostly beyond our control, but Trustees can lobby the government to include higher ed in the Farm to School program. Maybe MSU's agricultural programs could supply more fresh produce, dairy, and meat for its own use than it already does. As for housing, take a fresh look at rebuilding the abandoned Spartan Village apartments. Brick buildings last a long time if maintained.	MSU is very accessible to Michigan residents. The number of online courses is impressive. The Detroit satellite campus and many clinical medicine campuses are effective too. Free-speech actions by some Board members ended in lawsuits and executive turmoil. Failing to support leaders and public disagreements are useless. I support a Board focused on leadership, not lawsuits. The MSU policy summary says: "the student's most essential right is the right to learn. The student also has duties ... to refrain from interference with those rights of others." The Board must "strive to strike that balance between maximum freedom and necessary order."
JANET SANGER - US TAXPAYERS	No response by print deadline		
JOHN SANGER - US TAXPAYERS	No response by print deadline		
JOHN ANTHONY LA PIETRA - GREEN Website: jalp4thepeople.wordpress.com/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/jalp4thePeople/ Occupation / Current Position: attorney -- solo practice & remote document-review work Education: BA cum laude 1978 Macalester College; JD cum laude 2008 Cooley Law School Qualifications and Experience: I've worked 10+ years each in government, business, non-profits, and law. And I've experienced MSU as a student, too -- took classes to prepare me to teach English in Japan. 	I've worked 10+ years each in government, business, non-profits, and law. I've watched over enough budgets to know how to protect the people's money -- and enough information to know when we need more of it made public. MSU was called the nation's worst-governed major public university in 2023. But the scandals and mismanagement haven't stopped yet. I will work to rebuild MSU into a truly public university based on its land-grant history (while honoring those who were here first), its natural network with libraries statewide and the Extension Service, and its site ideal for overseeing state government.	A truly public university must be a beacon of transparency and free speech. MSU fails in these essentials: it's exempt from FOIA, gagging board members, and attacking students and staff who speak out. I've pushed for Freedom of Information and Open Meetings as a citizen and a lawyer; as a Trustee, I'll lead MSU to do better in both areas. I oppose MSU's punishing protests against genocide in Gaza, as I deplore historical oppression of others. I'll represent and serve MSU students, MSU workers and families, and all Michiganders. That will draw better students, faculty, and staff -- boosting MSU's reputation, governance, and economy.	The Green Party platform calls for loan-free public education from pre-K through college, graduate school, and trade schools. If this ambitious plan needs a starting place, MSU is in great position to serve as a model (as it did for the Morrill Act in 1862). MSU can build a statewide network of educational opportunities at all levels, in person and remote, working through the Extension Service and with public libraries and other public schools. As noted above, MSU is moving in several wrong ways on free speech. The Board should un-gag its members and stop violating the rights of students, faculty, and other community members.
YAZ OZBEK - WORKING CLASS Occupation / Current Position: Graduate Student 	As an upcoming graduate of 6 years, I am deeply familiar with the experiences, struggles, and needs of undergraduate and graduate students. As a member of the working class party, I know the future of the university's academic, financial, and community wellbeing hinges on decisions that need to start thoroughly involving the working class students that fund such priorities.	The university, like many others, continues to use the working class students as free labor and money. The total cost of attendance for all students has increased ~26% since 2015 and yet pay rates have not kept up at all. This is unacceptable and has to change.	Education is a human right. Everyone should have the opportunity to get an advanced degree. I would support any action that aids in breaking down barriers that prevent Michigan residents from pursuing their right to an education. These actions could include lowering tuition rates, offering free meal plans, and providing free childcare to students instead of diverging funds to line the pockets of administrative officials. I support free speech on campus.

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Wayne State University Board of Governors – Term: 8 Years • Vote for TWO (2)

Duties: The Wayne State University Board of Governors has eight members and has general supervision of the university and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. The board shall elect a university president who shall be the principal executive officer.

What experience and vision would you bring to the Board of Trustees to help guide the university's academic, financial, and community priorities?

What are the most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?

How do you evaluate the University's efforts to expand access for Michigan residents and uphold free speech on campus, and what actions would you support the Regents taking in these areas?

SHEREEF AKEEL - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Attorney

Education: Juris Doctor (J.D.) at Detroit College of Law (now MSU College of Law); Master of Business Administration (MBA) Wayne State University; Bachelor of Arts/ Economics, University of Michigan



As a CPA, civil rights attorney for nearly 30 yrs, and proud Wayne State alumnus, I want to use my experience to give back to a university and community that mean so much to me. I want every student to have the support and opportunities to graduate and build a successful future. I'll focus on academic excellence, career preparation, responsible financial oversight, and supporting faculty and staff. I also want to strengthen Wayne State's connection to Detroit and communities across Michigan, including expanding healthcare access and opportunities for future physicians to serve where they are needed most.

Student retention, affordability, and responsible financial oversight are among the most pressing issues facing Wayne State. Too many students face financial and personal barriers that can keep them from graduating. I support stronger academic and mental-health resources, need-based aid, career opportunities, and assistance for students facing hardship. The Board must also carefully oversee spending, contracts, investments, and major projects while protecting academics, student services, faculty, and employees.

Access should mean more than giving students the opportunity to enroll. It means making sure they can afford to stay, receive the support they need, and ultimately graduate. I support stronger partnerships with Michigan schools and community colleges, clearer transfer pathways, need-based aid, advising, mentoring, and career preparation. As a civil-rights attorney for nearly 30 years, I believe free speech is essential. The Board should protect peaceful speech, protest, academic freedom, and due process through fair, constitutional policies that also protect campus safety.

RICHARD MACK - DEMOCRATIC

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Occupation / Current Position: Union-side Labor and Employment Attorney

Education: UofM undergrad, WSU Law School

Qualifications and Experience: 28 years pouring over complex budget documents of public employers (and private employers)



As a 28-year labor attorney (WSU Law alum), I have poured over hundreds of complex budgets and other accounting/financial documents, searching for creative solutions and financial efficiencies. As both an elected member of a legislative body (Detroit Charter Commission), and attorney, I have helped write many governing documents, such as ordinances or state bills addressing Detroit's bankruptcy. Students deserve a safe, affordable, well-resourced educational experience. The University workforce deserves help in delivering this education. Community members state-wide, should benefit from what WSU offers (ie Labor@Wayne).

Unfortunately, less than 60% of students overall leave WSU with a degree. For Black students, it is less than 30%. The WSU student population is mostly commuter, living at home and struggling with adult-life realities. Resources to meet them where they are, to help them graduate, are critical. Many need assistance finding grants to pay for remaining credit hours. Plus, students, staff and the community must be able to exercise their 1st Amendment rights, legally, in the classroom and public square. I have successfully litigated such constitutional rights cases, and will work to protect these and other rights.

WSU has launched a number of tuition-reduction initiatives, to offer education to those who could not otherwise afford it. As a result, WSU is ranked amongst the top universities, nationally, for social mobility. Indeed, studies show that graduating with a WSU degree adds \$30,000 to one's income in 5 years. Because 80-plus % of WSU graduates stay in Michigan, that extra income stays here, enhancing our local Michigan economies. To protect free speech rights, WSU Governors must: host forums to educate the public about their rights, question administration officials about their enforcement efforts, draft WSU policy, etc.

ANDY ANUZIS - REPUBLICAN

No response by print deadline

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Occupation / Current Position: Technology Executive

Education: Bachelors of Mathematics, Wayne State University; Masters of IT, Carnegie Mellon University; MBA, University of Michigan;

Qualifications and Experience: 20+ Years of Technology Leadership including General Motors, Samsung, and Meta; 15+ Years of Board Experience;



With over 15 years of board experience, I understand the difference between governing and managing, and I will bring that discipline to Wayne State. I will focus on student outcomes as the primary measure of institutional success. Graduation rates, graduate employment, debt loads, and mobility outcomes should be front and center in every major budget and policy conversation. If the data isn't moving in the right direction, it is the Board's responsibility to ask why and demand a credible plan.

Wayne State must focus on three priorities: fiscal discipline, workforce development, and upward mobility. Fiscal discipline means ensuring every dollar works as hard as possible for students, through rigorous budget reviews and a willingness to sunset programs that don't serve our core mission. Workforce development is urgent. WSU's nearly \$283 million in research funding should drive regional job creation and career-ready graduates. Upward mobility is Wayne State's greatest calling. I will champion student support, internship pipelines, and completion initiatives that ensure our students graduate and thrive.

Wayne State's programs to expand opportunities for Michigan Residents are the reason that I have a college education and a successful career today. The primary reason I am running for this position is to give back to the University and help to preserve these opportunities for future generations. Free expression is a cornerstone of university life, and Wayne State has both a legal and moral obligation to protect it. But free expression comes with responsibility. No one should be shielded from accountability for speech that targets or demeans any group of people.

ALEX AVERY - LIBERTARIAN

No response by print deadline

JAMI VAN ALSTINE - LIBERTARIAN

No response by print deadline

JEFF MCDONALD - US TAXPAYERS

No response by print deadline

PAUL M. RAGAN - GREEN

No response by print deadline

SUZANNE ROEHRIG - WORKING CLASS

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Occupation / Current Position: retired teacher and librarian

Education: Wayne State University: BA English Literature, Master of Art and Teaching, Master of Library and Information

Qualifications and Experience: I'm a long time teacher and librarian. I started college 9 months pregnant and soon became a single mother. After graduating I struggled with student loan debt.



I'm a long time teacher and librarian. I started college 9 months pregnant and soon became a single mother. With no real skills to support my child and myself, I saw college as an opportunity to improve my life. But it came with an enormous cost: student loan debt. I have listened to working class students' express their struggle to afford a college education. Enormous student debt has become normalized. There is plenty of money, but it's going to wars and corporate tax breaks. The Working Class Party believes education is a right, and should be accessible to all and funded with no limitations.

The ever-increasing cost of tuition, room and board with the burden of student debt. The Working Class Party was established to voice the concerns of the working class. According to a former dean of admissions for MIT, the Pell Grant, which supports working class students, is facing a deficit of billions. Federal and state funding has been gutted and loans for graduate students have been slashed. There is enough money to fund a free higher educational system in this country. If free or minimal cost higher education can exist in other countries why not here? We must fight to redirect our tax money to where it meets our needs.

You cannot expand access for residents without first addressing the cost of tuition, housing, transportation and affordable food. On the campus of WSU in 2024, the police shut down protests against the war in Gaza by the request of WSU. If universities are truly a place of learning, exploration and debate, freedoms of speech, to assemble and protest should be essential rights on campus. If elected along with students and faculty I would organize a fight for these rights.

KATHLEEN OAKFORD - NATURAL LAW

No response by print deadline

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Term: 8 Years • Vote for up to TWO (2)

Duties: The Michigan Supreme Court is the state’s highest court and makes the final determination and interpretation of Michigan’s laws. It supervises all other state courts. Although the election is nonpartisan, candidates (other than incumbents) are nominated by political parties.

Why are you seeking a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court, and how do your education, work, and community experiences prepare you to serve?

Please explain, in simple terms, what the Michigan Supreme Court does and what priorities you would pursue if elected.

What do you consider to be the most significant challenges confronting Michigan’s justice system, and what role should the Supreme Court play in addressing them?

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Occupation / Current Position: Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court

Education: B.S. Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan. J.D. Wayne State University Law School.



I am seeking re-election for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court to continue strengthening a justice system that is fair, accessible, and responsive to the people it serves. My 15 year appellate attorney background equipped me to decide cases and improve how courts serve families, workers, and communities—expanding access to justice, resourcing problem-solving courts, and improving child welfare outcomes. I’ve collaborated with all lower and tribal courts so our judiciary works at every level. As a daughter of a former MI Supreme Court Chief Justice, I learned early that the law is not just a profession—it’s a responsibility to the public.

The Michigan Supreme Court is responsible for reviewing decisions from lower courts, interpreting Michigan’s laws and constitution, and overseeing how our judicial system is administered. As a judicial candidate, I can’t make policy promises or take stances on issues, but I can address expanding access to courts for people without legal representation, ensure courts are well resourced to serve communities, and safeguard a judiciary that is independent, transparent, and consistent. As Chief Justice, I’ll keep using the Court’s administrative responsibilities to ensure Michigan’s justice system remains grounded in fairness and the rule of law.

Michigan’s justice system faces institutional challenges, including access to justice, public trust in a fair judiciary, and ensuring courts have the tools and resources needed to serve communities fairly. The Supreme Court’s role is to use its administrative responsibilities to address these issues directly. As Chief Justice, I have prioritized problem solving courts, stronger legal representation for families, improved child welfare outcomes, expanded collaboration with tribal courts, and partnership with lower courts to strengthen the judicial system at every level.

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Occupation / Current Position: Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court

Education: B.A. Anthropology, Yale University. J.D. Harvard Law School.



I am seeking retention for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court to continue serving as a fair, independent, and steady voice on the Court. My background serving as a trial judge, intermediate appellate judge, and justice of our state Supreme Court makes me uniquely well suited for this role. My approach has always been guided by a commitment to facts and impartiality, ensuring that every person who enters a courtroom is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. Born and raised in Detroit, I grew up in a family deeply rooted in public service, faith, and community leadership, and I bring those values to the integrity of the Court’s work.

The Michigan Supreme Court interprets Michigan’s laws and constitution, ensures consistency across lower courts, and oversees the administration of justice statewide. My priorities are to improve access to justice, strengthen public trust, and ensure courts are efficient, well resourced and grounded in the rule of law. This includes supporting problem solving courts, which I co-liaison, and Veterans Treatment Courts that promote accountability while addressing root causes of repeat involvement in the system.

Michigan’s justice system faces challenges like reducing financial, language, and informational barriers that keep people from fully accessing the courts, managing caseloads, and sustaining public trust at a time when institutional confidence is on the decline. The Supreme Court’s role here is administrative by setting court rules, ensuring courts are well resourced, and supporting problem solving courts. That work matters more than ever. I will keep deciding cases based on the law, the facts, and precedent, not personal preference, so Michiganders can trust that our courts remain fair, efficient, and accessible to all.

THOMAS W. HOWE

No response by print deadline

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Occupation / Current Position: Oakland County Circuit Court Judge

Education: B.A. Honors History, Wayne State University; J.D. cum laude, University of Michigan Law School



I have served on the Oakland County Circuit Court for over 23 years and have tried over 420 jury trials. I have more trial experience than the entire Supreme Court combined - times three. 5 of the 7 Justices never served as a judge prior to being on the Court. We also have an unbalanced 6-1 Democrat nominated majority. I possess the experience and proper rule of law perspective that the Supreme Court needs. The role of the Court is to apply the law fairly and impartially in light of what the People and Legislature intended, not to legislate from the bench. I have taught Constitutional and Business Law, and written history and civics books.

The Supreme Court has the final say on the meaning of our Constitution and law, including religious liberty, free speech and press, due process rights, business law, parental rights, and other key aspects of our lives. They also govern the Rules of Evidence, criminal and civil procedure, jury instructions, bar admissions, and attorney and judicial discipline. My top priorities would be to interpret the law in fidelity with the intention of the lawmakers, and ensuring justice and fairness throughout the court system without favoritism. I would also continue my work with Patriot Week and civics education to help K-12 students.

The lack of trial experience and 6-1 unbalanced composition of the Court are significant challenges which will be addressed by my election. In addition, our courts are overburdened, and additional judges and improved courthouse safety are needed. I was the first mandatory e-filing judge in the State, and many courts are in need of technology improvements to better administer justice. Poor history and civics education is driving crime up and distrust of government. The Supreme Court needs to be an able advocate to address these issues. I’ve also written The Revolutionary Words that Forged America - The Definitive Guide to the Declaration.

JODY WHITE

Occupation / Current Position: Real Estate Professional since 1983/Realtor

Education: 1991 Bachelor’s Degree - Business Administration & 2008 Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Consumer Science - Madonna University



I’m seeking this seat because I’ve spent over a decade inside Michigan’s probate system-not as a lawyer, but as an advocate who lived its failures - firsthand through my husband’s case. I’ve documented fiduciary misconduct across 8 counties, requested accountability legislation, and testified before county boards and legislative committees. My 40+ years as a licensed real estate broker taught me to navigate Michigan’s legal and regulatory systems rigorously. As a trained civil mediator, I bring practical conflict-resolution skills. The Court needs a Justice who has seen judicial procedures from the family’s side of the bench.

The Michigan Supreme Court is Michigan’s highest court—it interprets the laws in line with the Constitution & holds “general superintending control over all courts” (Art. VI, §4). My priorities: Enforce the Canons in the Code of Judicial Conduct that the Michigan’s Justices already wrote. Use superintending control to fix probate, family and civil court delays; require plain-language jury-trial notice; and create independent audit of judicial decisions—separate from existing complaint bodies. Hold attorney-fiduciaries accountable - not shielded by BAR membership because the judiciary exists for the litigant and public—not itself (Canon 1).

Michigan has dozens of BAR committees & private associations—judges, attorneys, prosecutors—wielding specialized authority with little MSC audit. The 3 accountability mechanisms (Attorney Grievance Comm, Judicial Tenure Comm, Attorney Discipline Board) are staffed largely by attorneys policing attorneys and judges. The JTC’s own 2025 numbers show it: 580 of 698 investigation requests were dismissed because they sought review of a “legal ruling” outside its authority. Electing a non-attorney Justice brings the outside oversight this self-policing structure lacks —accountability for the litigant and public, not the profession policing itself.

Judicial Candidates appear in the NONPARTISAN section of the ballot

Michigan Appeals Court

The Michigan Court of Appeals is an intermediate appellate court which generally hears appeals from circuit or probate court, and some agency orders. There are 24 judges who sit state-wide, although they are elected or appointed from one of four districts. District 1 is based in Detroit, District 2 is based in Troy, District 3 is based in Grand Rapids, and District 4 is based in Lansing.

1st District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years - Vote for no more than three (3)

Mariam Saad Bazzi Anica Letica Christopher M. Murray

1st District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Partial Term Ending 01/01/2031 • Vote for no more than one (1)

Andrew J. Lievense

2nd District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years - Vote for no more than two (2)

Sima G. Patel Christopher M. Trebilcock

3rd District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years - Vote for no more than two (2)

Mark T. Boonstra Daniel S. Korobkin

4th District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years - Vote for no more than three (3)

Michael J. Kelly Allie Greenleaf Maldonado Michelle M. Rick

Court of Appeals
Districts by County

Branch	1ST DISTRICT	
	Kalamazoo Lenawee Monroe	St. Joseph Wayne
Hillsdale		
	2ND DISTRICT	
	Genesee	Macomb Oakland
	3RD DISTRICT	
	Allegan Barry Berrien Calhoun Cass Eaton	Ionia Jackson Kent Mason Montcalm Muskegon
		Newaygo Oceana Ottawa Van Buren Washtenaw
	4TH DISTRICT	
	Alcona Alger Alpena Antrim Arenac Baraga Bay Benzie Charlevoix Cheboygan Chippewa Clare Clinton Crawford Delta Dickinson Emmet Gladwin Gogebic	Grand Tra- verse Gratiot Houghton Huron Ingham Iosco Iron Isabella Kalkaska Keweenaw Lake Lapeer Leelanau Livingston Luce Mackinac Manistee Marquette
		Mecosta Menominee Midland Missaukee Montmorency Ogemaw Ontonagon Osceola Oscoda Otsego Presque Isle Roscommon Saginaw St. Clair Sanilac Schoolcraft Shiawassee Tuscola Wexford



Voting for Judicial Candidates

Judges are different from other elected officials; their role is to uphold the law, not represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election. To help you make an informed decision, consider the following:

What should you expect from judicial candidates?

- Campaign conduct consistent with judicial rules and ethics.
- Impartiality.
- Commitment to the law, rather than public opinion.

What should you look for in a judicial candidate?

- Experience – demonstrated exposure to legal issues and substantial and diverse experience with the justice system.
- Integrity – high moral character, honesty, industry and diligence.
- Professional Competence – intellect, knowledge of the law, writing and analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom and trial experience.
- Judicial Temperament – unbiased, courteous, open-minded, fair, understanding, and committed to the rule of law.
- Service – demonstrated commitment to justice for all.

Statewide Proposals

on November 3, 2026 Ballot

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Michigan Proposal 2026-1

A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state’s voters for their approval or rejection?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Brief Explanation: This proposal will ask voters whether a constitutional convention should be convened for the purpose of a general revision of the 1963 Michigan Constitution. Article XII, Section 3 provides that in 1978 and every 16 years thereafter the question of a general revision of the constitution shall be submitted to voters.

A ‘Yes’ Vote Means:
A constitutional convention will be conducted starting on October 5, 2027.

A ‘No’ Vote Means:
A constitutional convention will not be conducted. The question will be on the ballot again in 2042.

How To Get Involved:

Poll Workers & Challengers

Michigan’s elections run on thousands of local volunteers and staff, in several distinct roles. Here’s how each one works and how to sign up.

Become a Poll Worker (Election Inspector)

Election inspectors are hired, paid, and trained workers who help run elections — greeting and checking in voters, issuing ballots, and assisting with tabulation at polling places, early voting sites, or absentee counting boards. You must be a registered Michigan voter (although 16- and 17-year-olds may serve with a parent/guardian’s consent and additional requirements). Communities regularly need more workers, especially for the nine-day early voting period. Apply through your local clerk’s office or at michigan.gov/democracymvp.

Election Challengers and Poll Watchers

These are volunteer, non-governmental observers — distinct from poll workers — who watch the election process but don’t assist voters or run the election themselves.

Election Challengers

Registered Michigan voters who are appointed and credentialed by a political party, a group organized around a ballot proposal, or another qualified nonpartisan organization concerned with election integrity. Challengers must carry a state-issued Michigan Challenger Credential Card. A challenger may make a challenge to a voter’s eligibility to cast a ballot only if the challenger has a good reason to believe that the person in question is not eligible to vote in the precinct. They can question whether a voter is eligible to vote, so long as it is based on specific criteria outlined by the MI SOS.

Poll Watchers

Any member of the public (other than candidates on the ballot) can informally observe voting from a designated public area — no credential required. Poll watchers have no special legal powers; they cannot inspect materials or issue challenges.

Election Protection, Intimidation & Mis/Disinformation

Non-Partisan Election Protection Hotline - The nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline exists to provide information and assistance at all stages of voting from registration to absentee and early voting, to casting a ballot at the polls, to overcoming obstacles to their participation. Election Protection helps voters

Michigan Proposal 2026-2

A PROPOSED INITIATED LAW TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN REGULATED UTILITIES AND APPLY CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ADDITIONAL TYPES OF POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

The proposal would:

- Prohibit regulated electric and gas utilities, contractors with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts, and people and organizations with substantial connections to these utilities/contractors from making direct or indirect campaign contributions.
- Expand laws regulating spending on political communications, including those requiring disclosing donor information, to apply to communications clearly identifying candidates or ballot questions, even if they do not expressly advocate voting for/against them.
- Expressly apply the law requiring disclosure of who paid for political communications to internet political communications.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Brief Explanation: This proposal will ask voters whether to enact a law that would:

- Prohibit certain utilities, government contractors, and their affiliates from making campaign contributions to candidates.
- Expand campaign finance disclosure requirements to political communications that identify candidates or ballot questions, even without explicitly supporting or opposing them.
- Require disclosure of who paid for political communications on the internet.

A ‘Yes’ Vote Means:

- Limit campaign contributions from certain regulated utilities, large government contractors, and those closely connected to them.
- Expand campaign finance disclosure requirements to include communications that identify candidates or ballot questions, even if they don’t explicitly tell voters how to vote.
- Require online political ads to disclose who paid for them, increasing transparency about the source of political communications.

A ‘No’ Vote Means:
Existing campaign finance laws remain in place, meaning regulated utilities and large contractors (those with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts) can continue to make political contributions under current state regulations.

make sure their vote is counted through a number of resources. If you have questions or are experiencing problems voting, call and speak with a volunteer to get help and report issues!

- English: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- Español: 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)
- العربية 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
- Bangla, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese: 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)
- You can also chat with volunteers on the website 866ourvote.org.

Voter Intimidation - Interfering with a voter’s right to cast a ballot is illegal. Voter intimidation may include, but is not limited to:

- Individuals who are not election workers or officials asking voters for personal documentation.
- Photographing or videotaping voters without their consent.
- Blocking the entrance to an early voting site, polling place, Clerk’s Office, or absentee ballot drop box.
- Questioning or harassing voters.
- Disseminating false or misleading election information.

If you experience or witness voter intimidation, tell a poll worker immediately and call the Non-Partisan Election Protection Hotline (866-687-8683)!

Note: The Michigan Secretary of State and Attorney General both identify current restrictions that prohibit possession of a firearm within 100 feet of a polling place or early voting site while voting is occurring, and within 100 feet of an absentee ballot drop box or clerk’s office during the applicable 40-day period, subject to statutory exceptions. (see michigan.gov for more information).

Accessibility & Language Access

Michigan law and the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) guarantee voters with disabilities the right to vote privately and independently.

Accessible Voting Equipment

Every Michigan polling place is required to have a Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) — a touchscreen device with audio ballot, large-print, and other low-vision features that helps a voter mark their ballot independently. It then prints a paper ballot that is inserted into the tabulator and counted exactly the same as every other ballot. Tell an election official when you arrive if you'd like to use this option.

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

Voters with print disabilities (including blindness, low vision, and physical disabilities that make handling paper or a pen difficult) can apply for an accessible electronic absentee ballot. It can be downloaded and marked on a home computer using the voter's own screen-reader or other assistive technology, then printed and returned to the local clerk like any other absentee ballot. Apply online at michigan.gov/vote under Voters with Disabilities.

Voting Independently and Privately

You have the right to assistance from election officials at any time for instructions on using the voting equipment.

You also have the right to bring someone with you to translate, read, or otherwise assist, but that person can't be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union. (See "Bring Your Own Interpreter" below).

Curbside Voting on Election Day

You can send someone into the polling place to request curbside voting on your behalf or call ahead to ask if it is available (look for the posted phone number). An election official will bring a ballot outside so you can vote.

Bureau of Elections Ombudsperson for Accessible Elections

For any problem or assistance related to a disability at any point in the voting process: **Phone: 517-335-2730 - Email: MDOS-ADAVoting@michigan.gov**

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)

BSBP, a division of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, provides broader training and independent-living services for Michiganders who are blind or low vision. It isn't an elections office, but it's a helpful resource and referral point for blind and low-vision voters navigating accessible voting options. Learn more at michigan.gov/leo (search Bureau of Services for Blind Persons) or call 1-800-292-4200.

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Voters

Hearing-impaired voters with questions can contact the Bureau of Elections by email at elections@michigan.gov.

Language Access at the Polls

Michigan voters who are more comfortable in a language other than English have several layers of support, from statewide accommodations to legally mandated assistance in specific communities.

Bring Your Own Interpreter — Statewide Right

Every Michigan voter can bring an interpreter of their choosing to the polls. (Your interpreter cannot be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union — and cannot try to influence your vote.) If you don't have someone to bring, ask election officials for assistance, or call the nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline (866-687-8683).

Multilingual Forms — Statewide

Voter registration and absentee ballot applications are available in large print and in Arabic, Bengali, Dari/Farsi, Haitian Creole, Korean, and Spanish statewide. Find these at michigan.gov/sos/language-services/forms or request them from your local clerk.

Full Language Assistance — Federally Covered Jurisdictions

Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act says that in communities where Census data shows a significant population of citizens with limited English proficiency in a specific language, that community must provide full election materials — ballots, instructions, and in-person assistance in that language, and not just translated forms.

Note: Coverage is reassessed roughly every five years, so check with your local clerk or michigan.gov/vote for the current list.

VOTE 411

MAKE A VOTING PLAN



CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND/OR REGISTER TO VOTE

It takes 2 minutes! Get started using VOTE411's easy online tool.



LEARN ABOUT EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Many states offer absentee, mail-in or in person early voting options.



EXPLORE YOUR DAY-OF VOTING OPTIONS

Find out where you can vote, what voting machines are used, and what you need to bring with you on Election Day.



RESEARCH CANDIDATES

Learn more about ballot measures and where candidates stand on the issues.



SHARE YOUR PLANS!

Tell your friends and family and encourage them to make a voting plan at VOTE411.org.

Are you a voter with a disability?



**You have the right to
vote privately and
independently or to get
help casting your ballot.**

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Clip & take to the polls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 • Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In the **PARTISAN** section of the ballot, voters may check a box to vote a straight-ticket or split their ticket to vote for individual candidates of their choice in each race. Be sure to also vote the **NON-PARTISAN** sections.
In addition to the races below, there may be local races and proposals.

PARTISAN

Governor

Secretary of State

Attorney General

U.S. Senate

U.S. Representative

State Board of Education

1)

2)

University of Michigan

1)

2)

Michigan State University

1)

2)

Wayne State University

1)

2)

NON-PARTISAN

Supreme Court

Court of Appeals

STATE BALLOT PROPOSALS

Michigan Proposal 2026-1

Michigan Proposal 2026-2

Election Inspectors have the right to ask voters entering the polls to remove campaign buttons or cover up clothing with a campaign logo or a candidate's name. Voters may also be told to conceal campaign literature or materials brought into the polls.

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