

**GENERAL ELECTION  
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*League of Women Voters of Michigan presents*

**2024 Non-Partisan**

**Voter  
Guide**

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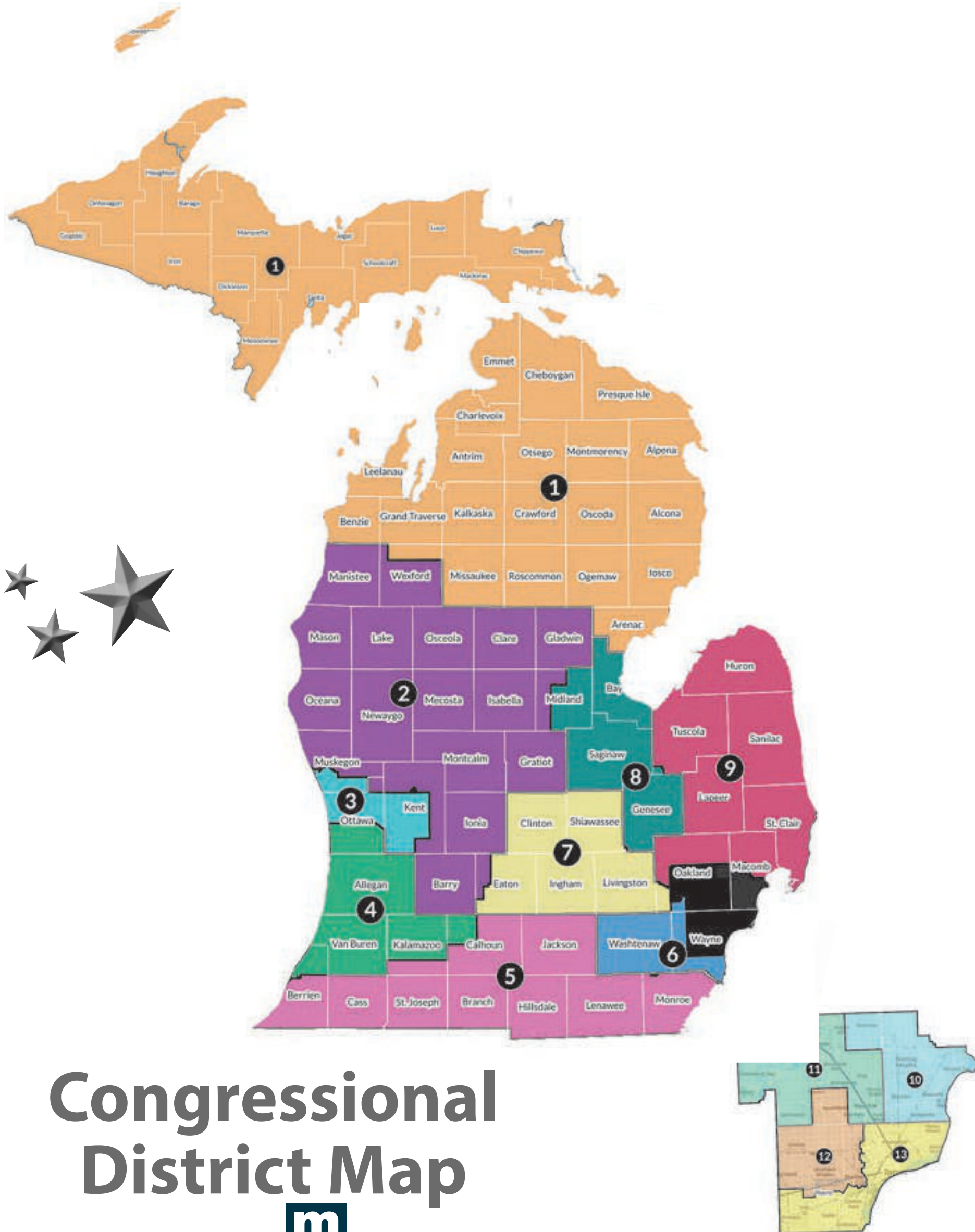
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## About This Guide

The 2024 Non-Partisan Voter Guide is an unbiased guide to candidate information for federal and state races in Michigan for the November 5 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 10-31). The candidates' answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the stated character limitations or violated content guidelines. Spelling and grammar were not corrected. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words *No response by print deadline* appear under the candidate's name. This content is current as of September 10, 2024.

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

## About the League of Women Voters

The League is a non-partisan organization that believes in the power of voters to create a more perfect democracy by encouraging citizen participation in government. 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.

**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.

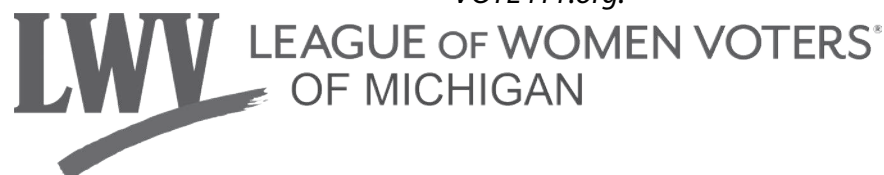
Membership is open to all those age 16 and older. For information about joining the League, visit LWVMI online at [lwvmi.org](http://lwvmi.org) to find your local League or contact LWVMI at [office@lwvmi.org](mailto:office@lwvmi.org) or 517-484-5383.

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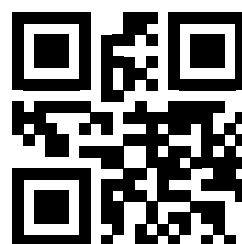
## About the Online Voter Guide: VOTE411

**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, the VOTE411 online guide provides data on candidates, 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.

Voting is fundamental. All Americans deserve an equal opportunity to make their voices heard in our democracy. The League is dedicated to using advocacy, litigation, and 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](http://VOTE411.org)**



# Voting in Michigan Has Never Been Easier



## ***Vote Your Way***



### **Early Voting (before Election Day)**

Michigan voters have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an early voting site before every statewide and federal election. The early voting period is at least nine consecutive days, ending on the Sunday before the November election. Early voting sites must be open for at least eight hours each day during the early voting period. (See below for more information.)



### **Absentee Ballot**

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote using an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available beginning 40 days before every election. (See page 5 for more information.)



### **In-Person Voting (on Election Day)**

All registered voters in Michigan can vote at their polling place on Election Day. (See page 7 for more information.)

## **Early Voting (before Election Day)**

**Early voting is the opportunity to cast a ballot in person at an early voting site before Election Day.** The experience is like voting at a polling place on Election Day, which includes completing an *Application to Vote*, casting your ballot, and feeding your completed ballot into a tabulator. Voters in every Michigan city and township have access to early voting sites to cast their ballots early and in person.

The difference between early voting and voting on Election Day is that **early voting occurs during the early voting period at an early voting site that serves your community.**

Michigan's constitution requires at least nine consecutive days of early voting for statewide and federal elections. Early voting must be available from the second Saturday before the election through the Sunday before the election for at least eight hours each day.

**For the November 5 General Election, early voting must begin on Saturday, October 26, and end on Sunday, November 3.**

Early voting locations and schedules are not standardized because each community may offer additional early voting days beyond the minimum. For example, early voting in Warren may differ greatly from early voting in Detroit.

Additionally, depending on how your local clerk chooses to conduct early voting, the early voting site for your community may be in your city or township, in a neighboring city or township, or elsewhere in your county. Some voters may have only one assigned early voting site, while others may have several from which to choose. Information on early voting site locations and hours of operation is available 30 days before Election Day at [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote), or contact your local clerk.

**You can vote early with your absentee ballot.** Voters can bring absentee ballots to an early voting site to insert into a tabulator. The election inspector must verify that voters with absentee ballots are in the correct location and have the correct ballot number. Once that is done, the voter can insert a completed absentee ballot into the tabulator.

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

**Make a plan to vote.** To aid in your early voting experience, see *Make a Voting Plan* on page 36.

**To find out when and where early voting is offered in your community, visit [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote) and click *Your Voter Information*, or contact your local clerk.**

**Early in-person  
voting**

[Michigan.gov/VOTE](https://michigan.gov/vote)



# Absentee Ballot

## Michigan is a No-Excuse Absentee State

All registered voters can vote with an absentee ballot—no reason or excuse is needed. Your absentee ballot will consist of the following:

- Official Absentee Ballot
- Absentee Ballot Secrecy Sleeve
- Return Envelope  
(Self-addressed to your City Clerk with prepaid postage)

## Request an Absentee Ballot

If you want to vote absentee, you must apply for an absentee ballot, unless you are on the Permanent Mail Ballot List (see page 6 for more information).

**Apply in person.** You can apply in person for an absentee ballot, vote your ballot, and submit it all in one visit at your local Clerk's Office. You can also take the absentee ballot and complete it at home.

**Apply online.** To apply online for an absentee ballot, visit [michigan.gov/vote](https://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 an application by visiting [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote).

**The League recommends mailing your absentee ballot application to your local clerk by Friday, October 18 (18 days before Election Day).** This timeline ensures enough time for your local clerk to process your application and mail your absentee ballot. If you cannot meet this timeline, visit your local Clerk's Office or use a Ballot Drop Box in your community.

You can request that your absentee ballot be mailed to an address other than the address on your driver's license or state ID. This benefits voters who spend part of the year in another state—snowbirds, for example—or college students who live away from home during the school year.

**Note: The post office does not forward absentee ballots.**

You can request an absentee ballot in large print as well as multiple languages (Arabic, Bengali, Farsi, and Spanish). For more information, go to [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote), select *Vote at Home (Absentee)* and *What are my other options for requesting an absentee ballot?*

## Complete and Return an Absentee Ballot

Once you have your absentee ballot in hand, you will notice your information is preprinted on your absentee ballot return envelope. This is standard, but check that it is correct. Contact your clerk if your absentee ballot is damaged or has incorrect information.

To complete your absentee ballot, be sure to read the instructions, which are printed on the back of the secrecy sleeve.

- Mark your ballot with a blue or black ink pen.
- Refold the completed ballot, put it in the secrecy sleeve, and place in the return envelope.
- **Sign the declaration or oath on the envelope and seal it.** (Your local clerk will check your signature with the one on file.)
- If others in your household are also voting by absentee, be sure to keep the ballot envelopes separate.

You also have options for returning your absentee ballot:

- Mail using the US Postal Service (this is not recommended if you return your ballot less than two weeks before the election).
- Place in a secure ballot drop box in your community.
- Hand-deliver to your local Clerk's Office.
- During early voting, take to an early voting site in your community and insert into the tabulator.
- On Election Day, take to your polling place and insert into the tabulator. **Note: This option is not available in Detroit.**

## WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Who can help you **FILL OUT** your absentee ballot:

- ✓ A member of your same household
- ✓ A member of your immediate family
- ✓ An election official or election assistant

*Anyone assisting a voter with an absentee ballot must sign the designated certificate space on the outside of the absentee ballot return envelope. The voter must sign the return envelope in the appropriate space.*

Who can help you **RETURN** your absentee ballot (*only* by request):

- ✓ A member of your same household
- ✓ A member of your immediate family
- ✓ A professional mail carrier
- ✓ An authorized election official

*It is a felony in Michigan for a person other than those just named to possess or deliver a ballot regardless of whether it has been voted. Certain exceptions to this list may be accommodated in emergency situations.*

Michigan.gov/**VOTE**



## New Permanent Mail Ballot List

The Permanent Mail Ballot List contains voters who have signed up to receive an absentee ballot before each election. (Previously, Michigan voters could sign up to receive an absentee ballot *application* before each election.)

Now, any Michigan voter can join the Permanent Mail Ballot List and automatically receive an absentee ballot before every election, eliminating the need to submit a new application for each election cycle.

The Permanent Mail Ballot List is best suited for voters who generally receive their absentee ballot at the same address for each election.

Voters can sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List by checking the relevant box on the Absentee Ballot Application (see right).

Other elections: Complete to join the permanent absent voter ballot list (optional)

Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for each future election for which I'm eligible.

## Military and Overseas Ballots

If you are out of state in the military or living overseas, you can vote using the Michigan address where you lived immediately before leaving the state. **Registered Michigan voters living overseas and those in the military (including military spouses and dependents) now have a six-day grace period after the polls close for the receipt of their ballot by the clerk.**

To be counted, military and overseas ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 5, Election Day, and received by the local clerk no more than six days after Election Day (Monday, November 11).

Individuals in the military or living abroad should request their absentee ballots well in advance to account for overseas mail delivery. For more information on requesting a military absentee ballot, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## Ballot Drop Boxes



A ballot drop box is a secure, locked structure where voters may return absentee ballot applications and completed absentee ballots. All Michigan voters now have access to at least one secure ballot drop box in their community.

Ballot drop boxes must be accessible 24/7 from 40 days before an election until 8 p.m. on Election Day. They are bolted down and designed to prevent the removal of absentee ballots and applications, except by authorized election officials.

Voters cannot use just any drop box. **Voters may only use the ballot drop boxes in the city or township where they are registered to vote.** For example, a registered voter in Warren may use any drop box in the City of Warren, but they may not use a drop box in Sterling Heights.

To check where drop boxes are in your community, visit [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote), select *Your Voter Information*, and complete the required data fields, or contact your local clerk.

# Track your ballot at

# Michigan.gov/vote

MichiganVoting.org



# In-Person Voting (Tuesday, November 5, Election Day)

**On Election Day, voting occurs at polling places.** Election inspectors (aka poll workers) are available to assist voters at each polling place. **If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, you must do so at the assigned polling place where you live.**

**To find your polling place, go to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).** Your assigned polling place is connected to your address, so while looking at VOTE411, see if you need to update your voter registration. A change in address may affect your assigned polling place.

All polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Everyone in line at 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote.

Bring your photo ID to the polls for verification; you will be asked to show it when you check in to vote.

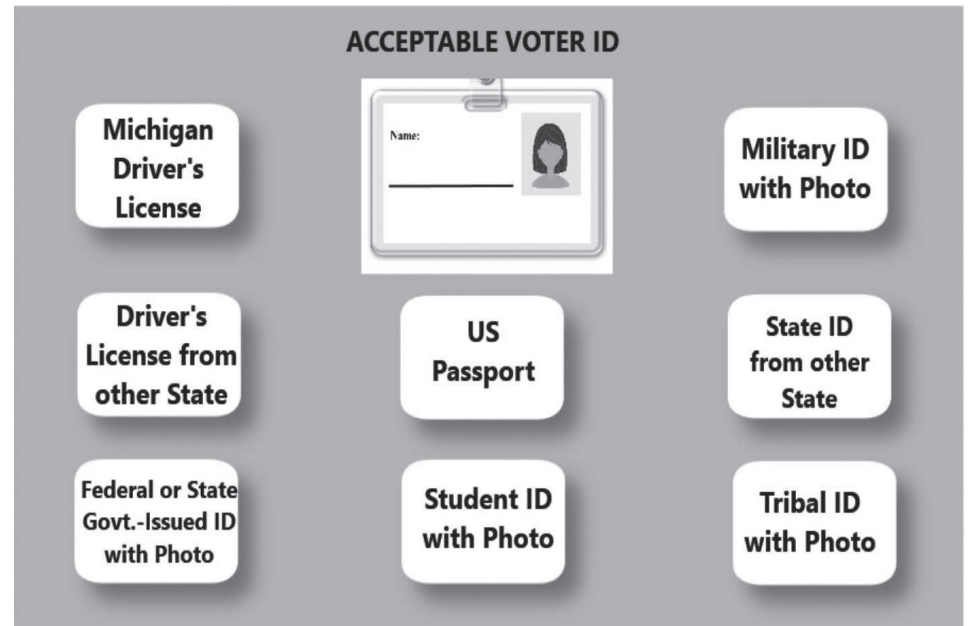
If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, but need to register to vote or change your voter registration, you have the option to vote either at your local Clerk's Office by absentee ballot immediately after registering or at your assigned polling place if time permits.

## **If you don't have a photo ID, you can still vote.**

Michigan law allows you to vote if you arrive at your polling place without ID. Before issuing your ballot, a poll worker will ask you to sign an *Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture ID*, stating you are not

in possession of photo ID. You will be issued a regular ballot. If the poll worker wants to issue you a provisional ballot or challenged ballot, call the Voter Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

**Note: Your photo ID does not have to have your address on it.**



## **Important dates for the Presidential Election Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

First day to vote in person with an absentee ballot at your Clerk's Office.	<b>Thursday, September 26</b>
Last day to request an absentee ballot online or by mail to avoid postal delays. <i>(After this date, request an absentee ballot at your Clerk's Office.)</i>	<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>
Last day to register to vote online or by mail. <i>(After this date, register to vote at your Clerk's Office with proof of residency.)</i>	<b>Monday, October 21</b>
Last day to drop an absentee ballot in the mail to avoid potential postal delays. <i>(From now until Election Day, return absentee ballots to your Clerk's Office or use a secure Drop Box in your community.)</i>	<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>
First day of mandatory early voting period.	<b>Saturday, October 26</b>
Last day of mandatory early voting period.	<b>Sunday, November 3</b>
Deadline to vote in person with an absentee ballot at your Clerk's Office.	<b>Monday, November 4 at 4 p.m.</b>
Election Day! <i>(If you need to register to vote, you can register and then vote at your Clerk's Office or polling place if there is time.)</i>	<b>Tuesday, November 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>
Last day for Clerks' Offices to receive military or overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before 11/5/24.	<b>Monday, November 11</b>

## Voter Registration

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

**Michigan has same-day voter registration, which means residents can register and vote on the same day by visiting their local Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, Election Day.** The League, however, recommends you register as soon as possible.

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

- A U.S. citizen.
- A resident of Michigan (at your current address for at least 30 days).
- At least 17 ½ years of age (18 on Election Day to vote).
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

Same-day voter registration also applies to updating voter registration. To check your voter registration status (the address where you are registered to vote), use [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

**You can register to vote online, by mail, or through a registration drive until Tuesday, October 15.**

If you register to vote 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 an absentee ballot at the Clerk's Office.

**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/sos/elections/voting/voters](http://michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/voters).

**Proof of Residency.** This is official documentation (paper or digital) listing the voter's name and address. Examples include the following:

- Michigan driver's license/state I.D.
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check

**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.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

**MichiganVoting.org**

**How to register to vote**

Online at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote)

By mail using the **Voter Registration Application**

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

**Homeless?** You don't need a home address to register to vote; however, you do need to identify an address for mail and a location you consider a place of residence. This can be a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place you usually stay.

**Incarcerated?** Individuals currently incarcerated and serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or felony conviction are prohibited from registering to vote.

**NOTE: All Michigan Clerks' Offices will be open the weekend before Election Day. City and township Clerks' Offices must be open for at least eight hours on Saturday, November 2, or Sunday, November 3, for in-person voter registration and voting.**

## 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. A change of address to one automatically changes the other.

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

- For college students to vote in person on Election Day, their voter registration address must reflect the community where they plan to vote — at home or at school. For example, a student whose home is Albion but lives in Ann Arbor attending the University of Michigan can register to vote in Albion or Ann Arbor.
- An alternative for college students is to request an absentee ballot. In doing so, students can keep their voter registration at their home address and request an absentee ballot be mailed to their school address. For more information on requesting an absentee ballot, see page 5.

## Election Challengers vs. Poll Watchers

### ELECTION CHALLENGERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer with credentials, typically appointed by a political party or interest group *can issue challenges*.

### POLL WATCHERS

A non-governmental, volunteer election observer without credentials. *Poll watchers have more limited rights than a challenger and cannot issue challenges.*



Poll watchers and poll challengers cannot assist voters at a polling place.  
Michigan Department of State and local clerks do not hire election challengers or poll watchers.



**HAVE YOUR PHOTO ID?**

**YOU MUST SHOW IT.**

**NO PHOTO ID?**

**SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT.**



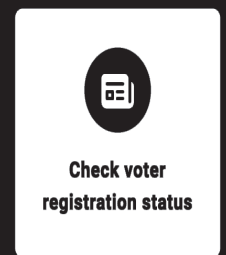
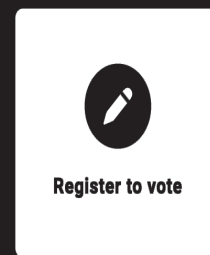
MichiganVoting.org

*Either way, all Michigan voters must verify their identity at the polls*

**For veterans and military family members:**  
Go to Vet The Vote ([vetthe.vote](http://vetthe.vote)) to learn how to register to vote, become a poll worker, check voter registration status, and support the November General Election.

**VET THE VOTE**

A national campaign to recruit veterans and military family members to become the next generation of poll workers



**Returning Citizens**

**YOU CAN VOTE!**

If you are at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Michigan, **you can vote.**

If you have a past conviction, **you can vote.**

If you are on parole, **you can vote.**

If you are on probation, **you can vote.**

If you are in or out of jail waiting to be sentenced, **you can vote.**

If you recently received or renewed a Michigan ID or driver's license, **you are registered to vote.**

If the next election is less than two weeks from the date you received or renewed your license, you must go to your local clerk's office with additional documentation in order to vote in that election.

Learn more at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).



**Check your voter information today!**

Find more information about where and how to vote at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote) or call (888) SOS-MICH



**REGISTER  
2✓OTE**

**Care what your government is doing?**

***Your Vote is Your Voice.***

**Make your voice heard by voting.**

**FIRST-TIME VOTER?**

**WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.**

We've taken the guesswork out of voting for the first time. Follow your checklist and get prepared to go to the polls.

[vote411.org/first-time-voter-checklist](http://vote411.org/first-time-voter-checklist)



## United States President

**Term: 4 Years • Vote for ONE (1)**

Please see [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for presidential candidate responses.

### **KAMALA D. HARRIS**

Running Mate: Tim Walz  
Democratic

### **DONALD J. TRUMP**

Running Mate: JD Vance  
Republican

### **CHASE OLIVER**

Running Mate: Mike ter Maat  
Libertarian

### **JILL STEIN**

Running Mate: Randolph Ware  
Green

## 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 nine years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

## Questions (650 characters each):

### GENERAL BIO:

**Why are you running for U. S. Senate?**

### **ELISSA SLOTKIN Democratic**

**Website:** <http://elissaslotkin.org>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/elissaslotkin/](http://www.facebook.com/elissaslotkin/)

**Twitter:** [elissaslotkin](https://twitter.com/elissaslotkin)

**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Representative, MI-07

**Education:** Cornell University - College of Agriculture and Life Science, Bachelor's Degree; Columbia University - School of International and Public Affairs, Master of International Affairs

**Qualifications and Experience:** White House National Security Council, Director for Iraq, President Bush and President Obama; Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs



My number one priority is to make it easier for Michiganders to get into the middle class. I've long said Michigan is the state that invented the middle class; it did so by maintaining a strong union presence and making investments in small businesses and critical manufacturing areas, which I hope to reinforce. We can keep people in the middle class by reducing healthcare costs, putting Americans on the path to homeownership and making more critical items in America. We also have to defend against attacks on our rights and democracy; I am committed to restoring the national standard set by Roe, and ensuring voting rights for every American.

### **MIKE ROGERS Republican**

**Website:** [rogersforsenate.com](http://rogersforsenate.com)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/mikerogersformi](http://facebook.com/mikerogersformi)

**Twitter:** [mikerogersformi](https://twitter.com/mikerogersformi)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Businessman and candidate for U.S. Senate

**Education:** Adrian College

**Qualifications and Experience:** Army Veteran, FBI Special Agent, Michigan State Senator, Representative in the U.S. House, Businessman



I was born & raised in Michigan. My mother ran a local advocacy group for small businesses, & my father was a school administrator and football coach. After graduating from Adrian College, I joined the U.S. Army as an Officer. After the Army, I signed on as a Special Agent with the FBI helping take down public corruption & organized crime. I successfully ran for the Michigan Senate and represented my hometown before running for Congress and representing Mid-Michigan, including as House Intelligence Chairman. After Congress I helped start cyber security companies to help small businesses protect their data from foreign nations.

### **JOSEPH SOLIS-MULLEN Libertarian**

No response by print deadline

### **DAVE STEIN US Taxpayers**

No response by print deadline

### **DOUGLAS P. MARSH Green**

**Website:** [www.electmarsh.us](http://www.electmarsh.us)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Journalist

**Education:** B.A. Philosophy, University of Michigan



We live in a world gone mad where the absolutely worst kind of people assume leadership positions through enormous sums of money and then make decisions entirely in line with the sources of that money. We need an independent political movement against the two parties of war and Wall Street

### **DOUG DERN Natural Law**

No response by print deadline

### **CALLIE BARR Democratic**

**Website:** [callieforcongress.com](http://callieforcongress.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Callie4Congress/](http://www.facebook.com/Callie4Congress/)

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** [Callie4Congress](https://twitter.com/Callie4Congress)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Full-Time Candidate

**Education:** University of Michigan Law School; Central Michigan University | B.A. Secondary Education

**Qualifications and Experience:** Advocated for military families with Blue Star Families and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers, and I am a former educator and attorney.



We need someone to show up for us, someone who is from here, for here. Rep. Jack Bergman's divisive policies leave us behind. He's tied up not supporting a peaceful transition of power, not wanting to certify our votes, and co-sponsoring legislation without any exceptions for abortion, not even to save a mother's life. As the only mom and candidate in this race born and raised here, I'll make sure we have a voice focused on our needs - like working together to support our democracy and veterans, protecting women's access to healthcare, supporting affordable housing and childcare, and bolstering our small, local businesses.

## United States President (continued)

**Term: 4 Years • Vote for ONE (1)**

Please see [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) for presidential candidate responses.

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**  
Running Mate: Nicole Shanahan  
Natural Law

**RANDALL TERRY**  
Running Mate: Stephen E. Broden  
US Taxpayers

**JOSEPH KISHORE**  
Running Mate: Jerry White  
No Party Affiliation

**CORNEL WEST**  
Running Mate: Melina Abdullah  
No Party Affiliation

<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>In my career I have proudly worked for two presidents – one Democrat and one Republican. This means that I take a deeply bipartisan approach to all of my work in Congress. I believe in bipartisanship in my bones: Republicans and Democrats working together to solve problems is exactly how our legislative process should work. My guiding principle in office has been to work with people based on how committed they are to serving their constituents, not by party affiliation. Serious leaders are willing to work with anyone to get things done; that has been my approach since I was first elected to the House in 2018.</p>	<p>Our immigration system has been broken for years, and it's imperative that as a nation of immigrants we figure out a way to fix it. That's why since I arrived in Congress, I've fought for common-sense, bipartisan solutions to secure the border, stop the flow of deadly substances like fentanyl, and fix our legal immigration system. I support a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and comprehensive immigration reform. I've also championed bipartisan reforms to improve legal visa programs to better key them to our economic needs. Finally, I've introduced bills to provide resources to secure our borders in a comprehensive and humane way.</p>	<p>First, we need to codify the Roe standard into federal law. The biggest mistake we can make is thinking that overturning Roe was the end. It was only the beginning. Republicans across the country – in courtrooms, State Legislatures, and Congress – are targeting contraceptives, travel, abortion medication and even IVF. In Congress, I have defended a woman's right to have a family when and how she chooses, including working to protect access to contraception and IVF and blocking Republican attempts to limit access to reproductive care among our servicemembers. It's why I am proud to have earned the endorsement of groups like Planned Parenthood.</p>
<p>Michigan families are struggling mightily under the current administration &amp; are desperately in need of real solutions to lower the costs of gas &amp; groceries, end the mandates, &amp; secure the border. As a Congressman, I earned a reputation as someone who got results for Michiganders by working across the aisle. Including as House Intelligence Chairman where I worked with my Democrat colleagues to cut over \$7 billion in wasteful spending, saving taxpayers money. In the Senate, I'll work with anyone to help Michigan families. "Rogers has been a noteworthy exception to the culture of dysfunction on Capitol Hill." – David Ignatius, Washington Post</p>	<p>The failure of the Biden administration to secure our southern border has put Michigan families at severe risk, as we've seen with needless tragedy after needless tragedy. In the Senate, I'll work to help reinstate the Remain in Mexico policy, build physical and technological barriers, and reform our asylum laws to require individuals to begin their applications in their home country, or else they'll be rejected immediately at the border. This is a humanitarian and national security disaster and must be a top priority to protect American families who are already suffering under unbearable costs for gas and groceries.</p>	<p>Michiganders spoke in a loud and clear voice in 2022 and made abortion legal in the Michigan Constitution. As Michigan's U.S. Senator, I will take NO action that would take away rights guaranteed by the Michigan Constitution or support any legislation that would limit access to birth control, or IVF, which has helped so many Americans start their families. I will work to expand access to prenatal care, provide additional resources for pregnant woman, and promote adoption.</p>
	<p>End imperialist actions that destabilize other countries and cause masses of people to flee their homes.</p>	<p>Single-payer healthcare and a woman's right to choose.</p>
<p>If we decide we can't work together, then we won't. And, that is not democracy. It is through compromise and bipartisanship that we create legislation representative of our country because we are diverse people- if we want legislation that works for all of us, it is going to have to be pieced together with various and sometimes contrary voices. There is a famous proverb that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We want to go far - and so compromise, bipartisanship, is necessary. It is also how we work against the extreme polarization that has stagnated the effectiveness of our government.</p>	<p>We, of course, need to provide legal paths for more immigrants, either for temporary work or permanent citizenship. Our current patchwork system is hard to navigate and in many ways nonsensical. We need a streamlined process, not only for our own safety and security, but also for our economy. In MI01, it is imperative that we support H2A and H-2B visa programs, which work towards getting us the workforce we need to support our tourism industry. Of course, any reforms we make we need to support bipartisan efforts to get us there. Unfortunately, Bergman did not support recent bipartisan immigration reform legislation.</p>	<p>As a mom to 2 young girls, protecting women's healthcare is a key priority for our race. Rep. Bergman is an extremist who co-sponsored legislation that did not support any exceptions for abortion including rape, incest, or even to save a mother's life. This is dangerous. I cannot imagine a world where one of my daughters experiences a complicated pregnancy, and I would have to watch her die because our government mandated her death. I will do everything to ensure that the federal government cannot intrude into folks' personal lives, and when elected, will fight to ensure that everyone is able to access the care they need.</p>

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**Questions (650 characters each):**

**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 1

**JACK BERGMAN** Republican

No response by print deadline

**ANDREW GALE** Libertarian

No response by print deadline

**LIZ HAKOLA** Working Class

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** BA, Michigan State University



The working class in this country needs a party that represents us and our needs. The two major parties represent the capitalist owner class who control the economy. Workers produce all the wealth, and when united, could control the way the economy is run. It won't happen without a fight. A vote for Working Class Party candidates shows support for a party of our own and the willingness to change the system.

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14)

**MICHAEL LYNCH** Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Manager with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan

**Education:** BSBA Economics, MBA Corporate Finance, Ph.D. Hospitality Management

**Qualifications / Experience:** Worked on the campaigns of Jimmy Carter, Michael Dukakis, Al Gore and Bill Clinton. Appeared before the Florida and Louisiana Legislatures.



I have been a lifelong advocate for working- and middle-class families. I became addicted to service at a young age, whether that meant helping my community as an Eagle Boy Scout or teaching university classes. My goal in life is to leave the world a better place than I found it. The watersheds of Mid-Michigan need to be improved and preserved. Economic opportunity needs to be expanded. Public schools, including community colleges, need to be supported. Access to reliable health care needs to be improved. Veterans and active-duty military personnel, including their families, need to be cared for. Anti-Trust laws need to be strongly enforced.

**JOHN R. MOOLENAAR** Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** United States Representative in Congress

**Education:** Bachelors in Chemistry from Hope College and MPA from Harvard

**Qualifications / Experience:** Former Michigan State Senator and Michigan State Representative, Current United States Representative in Congress. It is an honor to serve Michigan residents in Congress.



It is an honor to serve Michigan residents in Congress. Americans know Biden and the Democrats have put America on the wrong track: rising prices hurting seniors and families, excessive mandates, disaster in Afghanistan, lawlessness on the southern border, rising crime and schools in disarray. Now more than ever, Americans need real leadership in Washington and they're not getting it from Democrats. As a strong conservative, I will continue to fight to defend our Constitution and protect the freedoms we enjoy, fight tax increases, secure the border, and support our law enforcement. I look forward to seeing voters on the campaign trail.

**BEN DEJONG** Libertarian

No response by print deadline

**SCOTT ADAMS** US Taxpayers

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**Occupation / Current Position:** truck driver

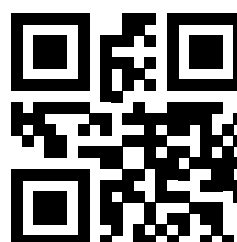
**Education:** Lansing community College also trade school

**Qualifications and Experience:** I have been a volunteer with the republican party also a member of the michigan tea party and a member of the U S taxpayers party



I believe both parties are leading America into socialism and towards communism and are shredding the constitution right before our eyes.

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<p>The Working Class Party does not fit the mold implied in the question. There is no room for bargaining within the failed structure that has exploited workers throughout history. It's not a question of negotiation and compromise, because the two ruling parties represent a system that benefits the 1%. In order to make change, workers can come together as a class to throw out the current system and replace it with one we run for the benefit of the whole society, not just the privileged few.</p>	<p>Immigrants and U.S. born workers are all part of the same class and need the same things such as jobs, affordable housing and a safe place to live, education, and health care. The ruling class intentionally spreads lies to drive a wedge between people to create fear and hatred. The U.S. capitalist class created the migration crisis with war and military interventions around the world. By destroying economies in other countries like Venezuela, it caused ordinary people to flee to safety. The capitalist class is responsible for the chaos and propaganda about "invasions" and "open borders". It gives them cover to blame immigrants for the proble</p>	<p>Everyone has the right to health care, including reproductive care. Remove all the barriers to access and cost. End the repression of women by the capitalist class in the U.S. and countries around the world when it comes to decisions about contraception, pregnancy, infertility, abortion.</p>
<p>I have many acquaintances on both sides of the aisle in the House and the Senate. Michigan needs a representative who is more concerned about caring for his or her constituency than with trying to remain in power by adhering to the party line. One should not be bound to an individual. One should be bound to one's ideals and morals. I believe in statesmanship. A large part of that is having the willingness to listen to the opinions of others and to compromise so effective action can be taken. Without negotiation and compromise, the Congress becomes ineffective and accomplishes little</p>	<p>Immigration policy has become too lenient. The impression of borders that are more open has caused a rise in cartels and human traffickers. We need to do what we can to stand in their way. My grandparents were immigrants from Ireland. Their grandchildren are NASA scientists, professional and Olympic athletes, medical professionals, attorneys, university professors, and computer engineers. We will need 1,000,000 immigrants per year to maintain the economy and 3,000,000 per year to help it grow. I support helping "Dreamers" to find a path to citizenship. We need to investigate those who overstayed their student and tourist visas.</p>	<p>I support access to all forms of health care for women. Restricting health care options can be dangerous and can hurt communities. My mother needed a procedure in the 1950s that would be illegal in many states today. The procedure saved her life. If health care options are restricted, corporate healthcare providers can choose to downsize or eliminate services. Access to healthcare in rural communities is already lacking. Some counties in Michigan do not have OB/GYN services available. Women have to travel to receive care. I believe in IVF treatment. Women's rights are human rights. We should not take away or restrict those rights.</p>
<p>I am proud to work with my democratic colleagues to advance legislation important to my district and the state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to advance funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and for a new lock at the Soo Locks. I am also proud to work with Congresswoman Dingell on legislation aimed at preventing tuberculosis infections from donor cadavers. Finally, as the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), I work closely with my democratic colleagues to develop policy proposals to defend our country against the growing threat of the CCP.</p>	<p>I have been to the border and have seen firsthand how the drug cartels and human traffickers are exploiting the crisis there. We need to secure the border to stem the tide of illegal immigrants and drugs flowing across the southern border. I support building the wall and other barriers. Enforcing the rule of law at the border will deter illegal immigration, stem the flow of fentanyl, and help keep our country and communities safe. I was proud to support H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, reform and enhance our immigration laws to prevent the influx of illegal immigrants into our country.</p>	<p>I support access to quality health care for all Americans without raising taxes, premiums, and especially without forcing citizens to buy policies they cannot afford or do not want. At its core, our system is about American families having the ability to choose the plan that best meets their needs. I believe we must protect both the mother and her unborn child. Science has proven babies in the womb can feel pain very early in development. I am proud to have a 100% pro-life voting record.</p>
<p>I believe we have too much legislation now. I think we need less government controls and get back to following the constitution.</p>	<p>We are a nation of immigrants. That being said the immigrants in the past didn't like what was happening in their countries so the came here for a better life and more opportunities. That being said I believe if you come here legally and adapt to our ways and laws and become a productive member of our communities then welcome. But don't expect us to change to your countries ways.</p>	<p>Reproductive health means you have the right to reproduce. Not destroy the evidence. You have the right to protect yourself from reproducing before the act but not after. However I don't believe the federal government should be making that decision for you. And I don't believe it is the taxpayers obligation to pay for your choices.</p>



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**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

#### HILLARY SCHOLTEN Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Current US Representative for MI-03

**Education:** JD, University of Maryland

**Qualifications / Experience:** Current US Representative for MI-03, Former Department of Justice Attorney



As your Congresswoman, but more importantly, a fifth-generation West Michigander, a mom, a Christian, and a former attorney, I fight every day to lower healthcare costs, fix the broken immigration system, and work with both parties to pass commonsense solutions to the pressing issues facing our community. From rising costs to an assault on reproductive rights, we need a proven leader who will roll up her sleeves to help working families, and will do what's right, not what's easy. I am so proud of all we have accomplished during my first term, and I am running for re-election because we're just getting started on the good work we have to do!

#### PAUL HUDSON Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney

**Education:** Cornell University, B.A. 2003 and Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2006

**Qualifications / Experience:** I currently chair Miller Canfield's Appeals group and focuses my practice on appellate matters in the state and federal appeals courts. I previously ran for the Michigan Supreme Court in 2022.



There's an old saying that I live by: Let's leave this place a little better than we found it. As a parent, I'm worried that we're not living up to that promise, and I worry about the world we're leaving our children. My policy priorities are focused on bread-and-butter, common-sense issues that I group into three buckets: Growth, Prosperity, and Security. To grow as a nation, we need to tackle inflation, lower taxes, and rein in government spending. To create prosperity, we need to raise our education standards and invest in West Michigan jobs. Finally, to ensure our American way of life we must recommit to security.

#### ALEX AVERY Libertarian

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Truck Driver

**Education:** Homeschooled



I believe that taxation is theft and the government sucks. We need Representatives in Congress that support the supremacy of the individual and oppose confiscation of private resources under threat of force.

#### LOUIS PALUS Working Class

**Occupation / Current Position:** cook

**Education:** High school some College

**Qualifications / Experience:** life as a working class person for 66 years



The most important expression of patriotism is to get involved in your local government.

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4

#### JESSICA SWARTZ Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Senior Legal Counsel

**Education:** Michigan State University (Bachelor of Arts) and American University Washington College of Law (Juris Doctor)

**Qualifications and Experience:** Education lawyer; VA counsel; environmental activist; voter protection activist; Black, Latino, and LGBTQ+ ally; teacher; athlete; coach; mom; person of faith



I want to help people. I believe there is more that unites us than divides us. By being willing to listen to all reasonable positions, we can achieve common sense solutions to many problems including: growing our economy; protecting the Great Lakes; maintaining Medicare and Social Security; increasing access to broadband internet; making healthcare affordable; defending democracy and voting access; protecting abortion and IVF rights; passing common sense gun control; and making sure billionaires and corporations pay their fair share. I love America and will do everything I can to maintain our democratic institutions and ideals.

#### BILL HUIZENGA Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Representative for Michigan's 4th Congressional District

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from Calvin College

**Qualifications and Experience:** Small business operator and co-owner of Huizenga Gravel Co. in Georgetown Township. Previously, a realtor, District Director, and Rep. for 90th District in Michigan State Legislature.



As your voice in Congress and a lifelong resident of Ottawa County, I've relied on my experience as a small businessman, a father, a person of faith, and my deep ties to the community to enact policies that make Southwest Michigan a better place to call home. If reelected, I'll continue to apply these principles, as well as build upon my record of reining in reckless spending, preventing tax increases on our families and small businesses, cutting bureaucracy, holding the federal government accountable to the people of Southwest Michigan, making daily life more affordable, and protecting the Great Lakes.

#### CURTIS CLARK US Taxpayers

No response by print deadline

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<p>Compromise isn't a bad word, it's a bedrock principle of our democracy. In my first term, I have worked hard to ensure that every bill I introduce has a Republican cosponsor. I was recently named one of the most bipartisan members of Congress, and the second-most bipartisan member in the Michigan House delegation. I may not agree with my Republican counterparts on everything, but there is consensus that can be reached with thoughtful consideration and values-oriented communication. My constituents sent me to Washington to fight for them, and I am proud of the work my team and I have done.</p>	<p>As a former immigration attorney, I don't just bring ideas on how to fix the system, I bring much needed experience and practicality to this issue. Politicians have passed the buck for too long, and as a member of Congress, one of my first actions was cosponsoring the Dignity Act — a bipartisan immigration bill that addresses both our security and humanitarian needs at the border. Our broken system presents a national security, economic, and humanitarian crisis. There are three priorities: fix our borders, create pathways for individuals who want to come here legally and help grow our economy, and address the root causes of mass migration.</p>	<p>Despite Michiganders voting to safeguard reproductive health in 2022, our rights are still at risk with the prospect of a federal abortion ban. I'm committed to fighting every single day for women's reproductive health and will continue to put action behind my words, so politicians and courts cannot interfere with a decision that should be between a woman and her doctor. As your Congresswoman, I've cosponsored numerous bills on this issue, including the Women's Health Protection Act which would codify Roe v. Wade, the Right to Contraception Act which would protect birth control, and the Access to Family Building Act which would protect IVF.</p>
<p>For many in politics, the word "compromise" is a dirty word. For me, it's just being an adult. You're never going to get everything you want, and throwing a tantrum when a bill isn't perfect or doesn't have your full wish list isn't productive and just isn't how our government works. We have divided government most of the time and unified government rarely, and lawmakers are expected to do the people's business during all of those times. They're not supposed to govern only for the couple years when the whole of government perfectly lines up with their ideology and then take the rest of the decade off.</p>	<p>Our country's immigration system right now is the worst of both worlds. To immigrate legally, you have to wait in line for years (average wait time is over five years for legal permanent residence) and jump through a hundred hoops. But to do it illegally, you just walk right in. This upside-down process creates all the wrong incentives and is a colossal policy failure by both parties. I strongly favor legal immigration, and would support reforms aimed at streamlining the H-1B visa program (as well as the H-2A program in the ag industry) and raising the yearly caps considerably. To maintain innovation, we should welcome the world's talent.</p>	<p>I fully support IVF and would be against any federal ban. Like a lot of people, I know many couples—friends, family, colleagues, neighbors—who have struggled for years to conceive and have wanted nothing more than to bring a child into this world. I believe IVF is a miracle of modern medicine and has helped tens of thousands of couples experience the joy of bringing a life into this world and becoming loving parents. This is a common-sense pro-family policy and I support it 100%. I also believe in adoption reform. My mom, my brother, and my sister were all adopted, and I support streamlining the process to create a more viable option.</p>
<p>I would support any legislation that reduces the size and scope of the government, reduces rates of taxation and expenditure, or reduces infringements on natural human rights. While my end goal is a world set free, I would as an interim measure support any move in that direction. The ability to compromise is important.</p>	<p>International borders should look like the border between Michigan and Indiana, and travel or migration across should be just as easy. I would prefer to see the end of the concept of being a "citizen" of a country.</p>	<p>Everyone has a natural, negative right to any healthcare. So long as the arrangement between you and the provider(s) is voluntary and not financed by funds taken from others by force, no one else should have any say.</p>
<p>Government is compromise.</p>	<p>I have no recommendations. The whole Immigration is a mess who really can fix the immigration problem.</p>	<p>Reproductive rights is basically a women's issue. Health care if we really wanted to help the working class that would be taking profit out of health care.</p>
<p>Effective compromise requires listening as people advocate for their positions. When we truly listen, we almost always find common ground. From its founding, the US was built upon individuals compromising to promote the greater good. My experience living and working in politically, economically, geographically, racially, and ethnically diverse areas has given me the tools to understand that people who think differently than me are also good people who almost always have solid foundations for their belief systems. I will listen to all reasonable positions and vote in the way that will best serve our country and district regardless of party.</p>	<p>Immigration is a bipartisan problem that requires a bipartisan solution. It starts with a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients who have lived here their whole lives. I would work to see that ICE has the resources it needs to enforce existing immigration laws; USCIS has resources to provide swift, just decisions on whether immigrants can stay; and aid agencies have resources to provide food and shelter for asylum seekers. We must also have a line for how many people are allowed into this country every day. I will work with experts and those who have day-to-day experience to help decide where and how to humanely draw that line.</p>	<p>Safe, affordable reproductive health must be available to everyone who chooses to use it. In Congress, I will oppose any attempt to pass a national abortion ban and support efforts to protect access to birth control and IVF. Reproductive health decisions should be made between a pregnant person and their doctor. Stopping legal access to abortion services will not stop abortions; instead, it will lead to more women and babies dying due to a lack of this basic health care. I will work to put better social supports in place -- whether that is pregnancy prevention or housing support -- so fewer women have to make that impossible choice.</p>
<p>In divided government, you need to be able to work across the aisle to achieve meaningful results. For example, as Co-Chair of the bipartisan Great Lakes Task Force, I have secured funding to strengthen the ecological and economic health of the Great Lakes now and for future generations. I have also introduced several bipartisan bills, like the Fiscal Commission Act to address our debt crisis. By focusing on our shared principles without compromising our values, I've advanced policies on behalf of investment and opportunity in our Kalamazoo community, as well as Battle Creek's airport and VA hospital.</p>	<p>We must fix our broken immigration system and have it support American jobs and businesses. However, it starts with law and order, legal immigration, and ending the border crisis. I supported passage of H.R. 2 - Secure the Border Act to restore border integrity and provide the resources to stop record illegal crossings, fentanyl, and human trafficking. I've also introduced H.R. 8209 - The Migrant Flight Accountability Act of 2024. Additionally, I'm working to increase national food security and lower costs by reforming agricultural labor visas utilized by farmers in Southwest Michigan.</p>	<p>I will always stand for the health and wellbeing of women and families, which is why I've voted for bills like the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023. This legislation would help lower maternal mortality and close the gap in health outcomes in pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care through implementation of best practices. Furthermore, I support IVF and the bundles of joy it brings to families. Whether it's protecting the life and wellbeing of mothers or supporting growing families, the federal government must do more to support the health of women and families.</p>

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**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5

### LIBBI URBAN Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** Bachelors of Science in Electronics Technology from Indiana State University

**Qualifications / Experience:** 30+ years as a maintenance electrician and United Steelworker officer at Cleveland Cliffs Kote, a steel mill in New Carlisle, IN. 13 years on the union negotiating committee, negotiated 4 contracts.



We're on the precipice of losing our freedoms. My opponent and other radicals no longer respect our democracy. Among other abuses, they threaten: •Our families' right to make reproductive and health care choices. •Seniors' access to the Social Security and Medicare benefits they spent their lifetimes earning. •Americans' sacred voting rights and the promise of free and fair elections. •A host of other rights, including an equitable tax system, a fair immigration system, and essential protections for our food, air, and water. These are the main reasons why I am running for office.

### TIM WALBERG Republican

No response by print deadline

### JAMES BRONKE Green

No response by print deadline

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 6

### DEBBIE DINGEL Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Representative of MI - 06

**Education:** Georgetown University, B.S.F.S., M.S.

**Qualifications / Experience:** President of the General Motors Foundation and Senior Executive for Public Affairs



I have represented Michigan's 6th Congressional District, formerly the 12th district, for 10 years. I love this district, I love the people I represent, and I love my job. I know the importance of building coalitions, listening to different perspectives, and bringing everyone to the table to try to find common ground.

### HEATHER SMILEY Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Ford Motor Company Retiree; Global Strategy & Business Engagement Manager, Data Insight & Analytics

**Education:** Central Michigan University, B.A.A., M.S.A

**Qualifications / Experience:** Leader & innovator with extensive global & multi-cultural business experience involving a multitude of industry sectors



I am a life-long problem solver & team-builder with over 30 years of global business and leadership experience. I strive to apply my real-world experience, multi-cultural understanding, and common sense to overcome bipartisan issues towards forward progress. I will legislate & vote for policies related to civil rights, economic strength, and national sovereignty. I will ensure that all citizens will be fairly represented, have equal opportunities to economically thrive, and to feel safe at home and in their communities. More broadly, my hope is to restore confidence in our Constitutional form of government & America's role as a world leader.

### BILL KREBAUM Libertarian

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Proprietor, Pitt's Barber Shop, Ann Arbor, MI

**Education:** University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University

**Qualifications and Experience:** I'm a well-informed citizen who is constitutionally qualified to hold office.



I am running for Congress in order to give the voters of the 6th District an opportunity to vote for an ordinary person who will put the interests of the American people ahead of the interests of the corporate financier class who now control most members of Congress. Studies have shown that Congress acts in conformity with the corporate interests, not in accord with the expressed opinions of the people. The only time Congress does what the people want is when the corporate interests want the same thing. President Eisenhower warned us of the corrupting influence of the Military-Industrial Complex, which now controls the U.S. government.

### CLYDE SHABAZZ Green

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**Occupation / Current Position:** votecllydeshabazz.com

**Education:** High School Diploma Associates degree

**Qualifications and Experience:** 30 years of Experience in The Communications and Transportation Industries.



To serve the people and bring them much needed resources. Starting with working class Americans who work full time at least 35 hours a week. Who make less than 35k a year. Getting a \$1k a Month Stipend Check. That along with Universal Healthcare would raise The Economic & Healthcare status of an estimated 120 million Americans... That's a 1/3 of The population... Additionally, for Foundational Black Americans They get a monthly \$1500 Check for Reparations as compensation for The Genocide of Chattle Slavery. Additional Infrastructure Investments in a Green New DEAL Economy. To Modernize Railways Housing & Telecoms...



<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>Here are some ways I would negotiate and compromise with my colleagues to pass critical legislation: •Identify the Issue •Research and Gather Information •Engage in Dialogue •Build Coalitions •Lobby and Advocate •Consider Consequences •Seek Compromise It is essential to stay informed, engage respectfully with others, and work towards a more just and equitable society.</p>	<p>Enhance the number of judges to expedite asylum processes and tackle case backlogs. Offer more avenues for legal immigration to help streamline procedures and meet demands for skilled labor. Reverse restrictive immigration measures from previous administrations to foster a more inclusive system. Address underlying factors that propel immigration, such as economic and social conditions, to help develop comprehensive policies. These proposals aim to establish a more equitable, streamlined, and compassionate immigration framework that considers the interests of immigrants and the nation as a whole.</p>	<p>Policies that could be put forth include ensuring access to contraceptives, implementing comprehensive sexual education in schools, offering affordable family planning services, providing safe abortion options and codifying Roe v. Wade into law, enhancing maternal healthcare quality, promoting preventive screenings for STIs and cervical cancer, and supporting marginalized groups in accessing reproductive health services. These policies aim to boost reproductive health, empower informed decision-making, and lower maternal mortality rates and related issues.</p>
<p>I believe that bipartisanship and compromise are not dirty words. I value every opportunity to work collaboratively with my Republican colleagues across the aisle. Sound policy is created when everyone has a seat at the table. These thoughtful discussions are how we make effective decisions, even when we have differing viewpoints.</p>	<p>Our immigration system is broken. We need comprehensive immigration reform that addresses the root causes of immigration humanely and compassionately. I am an original cosponsor of the U.S. Citizenship Act, legislation to modernize our immigration system and establish a path to citizenship for the hardworking people who contribute significantly to our communities. We have a responsibility to help those facing violence, persecution, and conflict—especially women and children. I support the Biden Administration’s efforts to welcome refugees and believe that resettlement efforts are an important mechanism to create stability.</p>	<p>Reproductive health is an essential component of healthcare, and I strongly believe these decisions should be made between a woman, her doctor, and her faith, if she chooses. I am supportive of legislative efforts to protect women’s access to reproductive healthcare and contraception, including the Women’s Health Protection Act and the Right to Contraception Act.</p>
<p>I will leverage data that elected officials (and citizens) can all agree upon as the framework to facilitate discussions and negotiate outcomes leading to smart legislation &amp; policy decisions that everyone can rally around. Compromise is essential and is needed to get bipartisan support, but not to the detriment of our citizens’ rights, economy, and safety. I also advocate for refraining from bulk (omnibus) legislation to enable improved public and governmental transparency to both policy and spending discussions/outcomes.</p>	<p>Following and enforcing existing immigration laws related to applications, vetting, volume, guest workers, public charge, etc. is inconsistent. These laws aid those at risk of harm in their home countries, protects migrants from traffickers and/or those that might abuse their status, and add diversity to the American melting pot. Existing laws also ensure American workers/jobs are not replaced, secure earned benefits (e.g. Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, food security (SNAP), voting rights), keep our country safe, etc. Going forward, incremental legislation is needed to improve foreign policy/aid programs &amp; address those already here.</p>	<p>In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), reproductive endocrinology, and related assisted reproductive technology is critical to those trying to have genetically-born children. I would advocate for further research and development to help both females and males overcome the causes and/or contributors to reproductive health issues (e.g. Klienfelter’s or Kallmanns’s syndrome, Celiac disease, endometriosis, hormonal/autoimmune disorders, etc.) to improve the viability and success of the outcome.</p>
<p>History shows that the forces of power and privilege are uncompromising in pursuit of total dominance for themselves at the expense of the people. I will negotiate and compromise with colleagues who are working for the good of the people, not with those who are working for the ruling oligarchy. Here are some examples of “critical legislation” that we need to pass: abolish the Department of Education, the CIA, FBI, DEA and ATF. Slash the Pentagon budget and reorient military policy toward defense of the United States, not to the maintenance of a worldwide political and economic empire for the benefit of the ruling class.</p>	<p>Congress is completely derelict in its responsibility to reform immigration laws. We must make it easier for immigrants to come here legally, yet prevent unchecked illegal immigration. We must control the border. We should welcome immigrants who want to work and live as law-abiding citizens wanting to embrace the values of our American republic. Criminals and those hostile to American ideals will have to go to the very end of the line.</p>	<p>I don’t see a role for the Federal government in “reproductive health.</p>
<p>My Legislative priority would be to secure the funding of my reason for running... To TAX Wall Street Example: NYSE ... Banks Insurance companies... Railroads Oil Companies..... To shift the American Economy &amp; Infrastructure into a 21st Century Modern &amp; Futuristic Reality.... Example: a simple \$4.00 “Transaction Tax” on “All. NYSE” Trades could easily generate \$10 TRILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE... Enough to fund UBI... Universal Basic Income.... Cash Reparations for Foundational Black Americans... And Infrastructure Improvements.... Like Transportation &amp; Housing &amp; Communications.</p>	<p>I would tighten immigration illegally at the Southern Border thru increased personnel. Help the Governments whose citizens are fleeing to improve themselves so the people won’t be so desperate to flee in the 1st. Place. Allow for a more streamlined process for immigrants with a non violent or criminal past in their home country to become full citizens after 7 years....</p>	<p>Limit Abortions to a Threat to the life of The Mother or Rape or Incest.</p>

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### Questions (650 characters each):

**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

**CURTIS HERTEL Democratic**

No response by print deadline

**TOM BARRETT Republican**

No response by print deadline

**L. RACHEL DAILEY Libertarian**

No response by print deadline

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 8

**KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET Democratic**

**Website:** kristenmcdonaldrivet.com

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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Senator (SD-35)

**Education:** B.A. Michigan State University (1992); MPA in Public Administration, University of Michigan, Flint (2010)

**Qualifications / Experience:** Sitting state senator who led the effort to pass the largest tax cut for working families in Michigan history and helped protect the right to abortion in Michigan.



I am running to make things just a little bit easier for working families, like the one I grew up in – by lowering costs, creating good-paying jobs, and pushing back on extremists. In the state Senate, I have a record of doing just that. I took on special interests and fought to lower the cost of prescription drugs, and I led the effort to pass the largest tax cuts for working families in Michigan history. I also helped repeal Michigan's extreme abortion ban. I am proud to be endorsed by Michigan's labor unions, the Detroit Free Press, and dozens of local leaders, all of whom trust that we will deliver real results for working families.

**PAUL JUNGE Republican**

No response by print deadline

**STEVE BARCELO Libertarian**

**Website:** michiganlp.org/steve-barcelo

**Occupation / Current Position:** Factory Worker

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree

**Qualifications / Experience:** Infantryman with the 101st Airborne, served in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom



To help ensure Michigan is safe for democracy, and so that marginalized communities are served effectively by those in positions of government.

**JAMES ALLEN LITTLE US Taxpayers**

No response by print deadline

**KATHY GOODWIN Working Class**

**Website:** workingclassfight.com

**Facebook:** facebook.com/WCPMichigan

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** @JohnMoolenaar

**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; I had 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 / Experience:** I grew up in District 8. The Flint area made me. In school we saw a film on the Flint Sit Down Strike. I saw workers have real power when we stand together! We need a fighting working class again!



I am running to help link together all the ordinary working people who feel isolated today. Many working people are living life in a brave way, living life as truthful people, living life as fighters for justice, living life caring for others, living life speaking truth to power. Working class leaders unite! We need a voice and a message of hope. Society wants working class people to be victims. It's always, "Oh, these poor people." No, working people are the ones who do every job in the world. The working class makes the whole world run. We just need to help more people around us to understand our real value as workers and our real power.

**JIM CASHA Green**

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/casha\_4congress/

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** casha\_4congress

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Detroit

**Qualifications and Experience:** Spent 18 years in Lansing and D.C., advocating on behalf of MI's long-neglected foster kids, especially those with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

I'm running to: Make America Healthy Again - Starting Prenatally. Proper Prenatal Care is the solution to all of our problems. Children born with healthy brains are the Nation's most important asset. Our safety and security depends on it. Children born with healthy brains will not kill other children in school. Currently, 77% of kids 18 cannot qualify for military service because of physical or cognitive limitations. Prenatal Alcohol Exposure is the number one cause of cognitive disabilities in children. Unless we want to go the way of the former Soviet Union, we need to Stop Drinking when Making Babies. Head Start starts in the womb.



<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>Too many politicians seem more interested in extremism and partisan stunts than actually solving problems. Not me. My husband and I raised 6 kids, and I don't have time for drama and Twitter fights. Instead, I am practical and focused on actually making a difference for working families. That's how I work in the state Senate, where I built a bipartisan coalition to pass the largest tax cut for working families in state history, and I am now working with Republicans and Democrats to lower the cost of childcare. It's a big reason why the Detroit Free Press calls me the "best prepared, not only to win election... but to serve Michiganders."</p>	<p>America is both a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. Unfortunately, the issue of immigration has been used as a political football, and as a result, the system has become increasingly broken. We need members of Congress to come together and pass the commonsense reforms that broad majorities of Americans support – smart investments in border security, cracking down on cartels and drug traffickers and modernizing the system to provide humane, legal, and fair pathways for immigrants who want to come to the U.S., as well as providing a pathway to citizenship.</p>	<p>I have always been a staunch defender of women's reproductive freedom, and am proud to be endorsed by EMILY's List. The overturning of Roe and the fact that our kids now have fewer rights than I had is completely unacceptable. That's why, I immediately got to work and helped repeal the state's 1931 law that banned abortion without exceptions for rape or incest. It's also why I helped protect the right to use IVF in Michigan. In Congress, I will stand up to the extremists who are trying to pass a national abortion ban, and we will pass a federal law reinstating Roe v. Wade as the law of the land.</p>
<p>I would negotiate and compromise to the extent that critical values and stakeholders are not abandoned by doing so.</p>	<p>I would recommend no changes to federal immigration policy.</p>	<p>I will advance no policies regarding reproductive health.</p>
<p>The interests and needs of the workers in my district and the working class as a whole are my only priority. "Colleagues" is a word that separates me from the ordinary people I aim to represent. There is no separation between me and the working people who depend on me to be their voice and represent their interests. I can work with any and all people in the legislature who are ready to put the interests of workers and the population ahead of corporations and ahead of the interests of the wealthy.</p>	<p>All working people must be able to move freely to find the work we need. Corporations benefit when they can underpay workers who are forced to live in the shadows, without documents. All working people need full legal rights so we are not at a disadvantage in the workforce. Dividing the working class between "foreign" and "native" weakens our strength as workers. All who want citizenship should have it!</p>	<p>Reproductive health care IS healthcare. It is family planning. It is healthcare during pregnancy. It is healthcare for infants. Abortion must be a legal and available healthcare choice. The individual must decide about their own body. In a decent society that provided for the working class, there would be healthcare for all, affordable housing and wonderful schools. Then the joy of adding a child to a family would never lead to deprivation like can happen today. In this society, what is prioritized is tax breaks and subsidies for the wealthy. This robs working families of the pay and social safety net necessary to live decently.</p>
<p>I will always strive to do the right thing regardless of party politics (Austin Blair, MI's War Governor) and will negotiate and compromise to that end.</p>	<p>We need to secure the borders while providing fair and equitable immigration policy. As important, we need a critical examination of our foreign policy to determine to what extent US actions are responsible for these mass migrations. If our actions are at fault - we need to stop doing it.</p>	<p>I propose a Nationwide Healthy Brains for Children Initiative. With regards to reproductive health, the policies I will advance will be to ensure that all women, who choose to have babies, have access to free, first-class Proper Prenatal Care and nutrition with an emphasis on the elimination of brain destroying toxins, especially alcohol, from the diets of pregnant women, resulting in reduced infant and maternal mortality. I support increases in Child Tax Credits, cash payments to pregnant women, and baby bonuses. Head Start should begin preconception and prenatally. Focus the most money and resources on brain development before birth.</p>



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### Questions (650 characters each):

**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 9

### CLINTON ST MOSLEY Democratic

**Website:** www.Clint4Congress.com

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/Clint4Congress

**Occupation / Current Position:** Small Business Owner, Insurance Agency

**Education:** Bachelors from University of Memphis and Masters from Villanova University

**Qualifications and Experience:** 20+ years in leadership, customer service and sales. Community and political volunteer. Serve and have served on several boards for non-profits.



I am a father, husband and small business owner. I am running for U.S. House of Representatives because there is a better way forward. There is a better way to represent the 775,000 people in our district. There is a better way than extremism and TikTok politics. We need choices in a healthy democracy and I am the choice for those who want healthier outcomes, more opportunities for themselves and their children, a vibrant and world-class education system, and reproductive rights for all.

### LISA MCCLAIN Republican

No response by print deadline

### KEVIN VAYKO Libertarian

No response by print deadline

### JIM WALKOWICZ Working Class

**Website:** workingclassfight.com

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** Bachelors degree, MSU

**Qualifications / Experience:** I have never held a position in a partisan political office before, however I have been an elected Union Representative throughout my working career.



The politicians from the 2 major parties do not represent the majority of people in this country. They only represent the wealthy and their friends. As a candidate of the Working Class Party, I am running to represent the interests of the majority of people in this country - the working class.

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 10

### CARL J. MARLINGA Democratic

**Website:** www.marlinga4congress.com

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/marlingaforcongress/

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney (retired judge)

**Education:** University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1971; University of Detroit, B.A., Honors Program, Summa Cum Laude, 1968

**Qualifications / Experience:** Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney, 1985-2004; Macomb County Probate Court Judge, 2013-2016; Macomb County Circuit Court Judge 2017-2022



My four main objectives: (1) Safeguarding personal privacy and protecting a woman's right to healthcare including abortion; (2) Stopping and, to the extent possible, reversing climate change; (3) Fighting inflation and reducing the costs of healthcare, prescription drugs, transportation, and groceries; (4) Building a booming economy by having the United States take the lead in manufacturing and selling products and devices to take advantage of inexhaustible, renewable energy sources. Nature lavishes upon us more energy in a day than humans use in a decade. We must take advantage of energy from solar, wind, tidal, and geothermal sources.

### JOHN JAMES Republican

No response by print deadline

### MIKE SALIBA Libertarian

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Union Forklift Driver



63% of The U.S. want a third party. 51% are now registered independent. Congress has recently had approval ratings under 20% under both major parties yet still enjoys 94% re-election rate. It's time for Americans to have what they want, a better choice.

### ANDREA L. KIRBY Working Class

**Website:** workingclassfight.com

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan?mibextid=ZbWKwL

**Occupation / Current Position:** Union Worker

**Education:** Bachelor in Business Administration

**Qualifications and Experience:** Worker, Wife, Mother, Advocate



I have been a part of the working class all my life. Every election cycle, representatives make promises on how to fix the problems of the working class. I believe that the working class is the only class that can change the conditions of our class. I am running to give the working class an option to elect a program that puts their issues and concerns at the forefront of all decision making.



<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>The foundation of our democracy was built on us working together. Our founders knew how important it was to a democracy and for the people. I will put constituents first when it comes to legislation. If legislation will improve the lives of working families in Michigan I will work, negotiate and compromise with anyone in Congress. On the other hand, if anyone attempt to remove freedoms and rights from my constituents, I will fight like hell for those freedoms.</p>	<p>We need comprehensive immigration reform, the last time we passed meaningful legislation was back in the 1980s. We need to expand legal immigration and increase the static caps so that more people have a legal way to immigrant especially including high skill talent (H-1B visas) and entrepreneurs (start-up visas). We also need to ensure a path to legal status for those workers who are already here and have been contributing to a healthy society and economy. Lastly and most importantly we need to create a path for those who came as children to legal status (DREAMers).</p>	<p>I believe a women’s right to reproductive care should be enshrined in our federal laws and Constitution. We have to create a system of support for access to care in every state and remove the burden and liability from hospitals and doctors in order to allow them to care for their patients the way they were scientifically trained to do.</p>
<p>I am willing to talk to and discuss issues with anyone, no matter their political viewpoints. However I am not willing to compromise on my beliefs.</p>	<p>We need to stop demonizing immigrants. We are all either immigrants or descendants of immigrants. The politicians are using the fear of immigrants to get elected to hide the real problems that we all face.</p>	<p>A woman’s right to reproductive health shall be hers and hers alone. The government should not be involved.</p>
<p>The essence of being a legislator is to know when to stand on principle and when to compromise. Our political process has become toxic because we refuse to listen carefully to opposing points of view and give credit to good ideas simply because the other political party propose them. I want to get back to better times in the history of our republic. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon were actually friends. Democratic House Speaker Tip O’Neal and Republican President Ronald Reagan often got together for dinner. We must seek consensus and friendship. It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable’</p>	<p>There are two possible paths. The first is to let everybody in without any restrictions whatsoever. The second is to have rules. Since the first option is not realistic, we must embrace and enforce fair and consistently applied rules for entry into the country and paths to citizenship. This means, unfortunately, that many individuals seeking to come to the United States must be turned away. However, as a compassionate nation we must always be ready to accept persons who are facing persecution and death. This means that we must have enough immigration law judges to work through the backlog and correctly rule on applications for asylum.</p>	<p>Access to healthcare is a fundamental right, including without question the right of a woman to make her own decisions about reproductive healthcare including family planning, contraception, and abortion. These are private matters for a woman and her physician. These are not matters for police officers, prosecutors and judges to decide. Accordingly, I would vote for legislation and, if necessary, a constitutional amendment to enshrine the rights once guaranteed by Roe v Wade. I would also provide funds to allow women who need abortions to travel from states in which they are illegal to states in which this basic healthcare is available.</p>
<p>I will not vote for any bill that does not expand American freedom. Democrats have a history of supporting social freedoms, I would stand with them on those issues. Republicans have a history of supporting economic freedoms, I would stand with them on those issues. Both parties have been lacking in those traditional roles in the last few years. Just a few Libertarians in a split congress would force the issue on both.</p>	<p>I would take the following advice “Make it economics-based rather than asylum-based, which is politics. If you have a guest worker program and people come here and they’re making the payroll and their employer is certified month after month, year after year, after 10 years, I’d say give them citizenship and let them stay. The whole problem would be solved. The hordes at the border are millions of people who want to be economic immigrants but are being forced to be political refugees, and they’re creating a mess.” - David Stockman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (1981–1985) under President Ronald Reagan.</p>	<p>I don’t believe the federal government has a legal role in any kind of healthcare, so I would only advance policies that get government out of the entire healthcare business altogether</p>
<p>The working class has compromised for many years to try and obtain the things they need but always comes up on the short end of the stick. Each election cycle there are vast amounts of money put into the campaigns of two political parties by lobbyists to move legislative policies. The working class can no longer afford to negotiate or compromise their funds and futures on promises that never come or are short lived. The only way to combat this type of legislation is for workers to create their own political party that will advance workers’ issues.</p>	<p>The United States was founded on the backs 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. Immigrant workers, like many U.S born citizens simply want to work, contribute to their communities and provide a safe environment for their families and children. The threat of deportation keeps immigrants in a submissive role, unable to speak up for themselves. Immigrants earn money that they later spend, creating more jobs and revenue. This a benefit to the community.</p>	<p>The many social and health disparities we see in our communities across this country have been around for decades but are coming to light follow the COVID pandemic. The United State is richest country in the world, yet we have so many Americans are in poor health. Medical insurance is a dream to many and a financial burden to others. A women’s reproductive decisions should be left up to the woman and their health professional, not the government. 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 pocket. Only a true universal health care system is the answer.</p>



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**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11

### HALEY STEVENS Democratic

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** haleylive

**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S Congresswoman - Michigan's 11 District

**Education:** American University

**Qualifications and Experience:** 40 years Marine Corps, 22 years commercial airline pilot, current Congressman for district



I am running for re-election to continue to build on my legislative progress on trade, manufacturing, and industrial-policy issues. As part of my Manufacturing Monday program, I have conducted over 200 visits with manufacturers and my finger remains on the pulse of what Michigan's workers and manufacturers need to succeed. My record of accomplishment includes standing up for Michigan's workers and families – from helping shepherd the CHIPS and Science Act into law to returning over \$125 million to MI-11 families. We, however, have so much work to do to advance a trade agenda that strengthens America's manufacturing base and supports Michigan.

### NICK SOMBERG Republican

No response by print deadline

### DOUGLAS CAMPBELL Green

No response by print deadline

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT 12

### RASHIDA TLAIB Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** U.S. Representative

**Education:** U.S. House, District 10

**Qualifications and Experience:** Current U.S. Congressmember (MI-12), former Michigan State Representative



As the eldest of 14 children, I have been taking care of people all my life. I grew up in a UAW family in Southwest Detroit and graduated from Detroit Public Schools, where I learned to speak truth to power and fight back against those who try to hurt our communities. I don't have it in me to sit on the sidelines while the community that raised me is under assault by corporate greed, structural racism, and oppression that prevents opportunity for the most vulnerable.

### JAMES D. HOOPER Republican

No response by print deadline

### GARY WALKOWICZ Working Class

**Website:** www.workingclassfight.com

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired Auto Worker, Ford Motor Company

**Education:** High school graduate, some college.

**Qualifications / Experience:** 45 years as an assembly line worker and elected UAW representative.

I run as a candidate of the Working Class Party because I am a worker. The Republicans and the Democrats both represent and work for the banks, the corporations and the billionaires. These two parties do not work for us. The working class needs to build its own party to speak for working people. The working class needs a party to organize our forces to prepare for a fight against the capitalists who run the country today. These bosses exploit us and profit off of our labor. Workers need a party to lead a fight for jobs and a decent standard of living for everyone. Our campaign is a first step toward building a mass working class party.

### BRENDA K. SANDERS Green

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**Campaign Twitter Handle:** brenda\_sanders

**Occupation / Current Position:** Attorney and Substitute Teacher

**Education:** Bachelor's of Arts from the University of Michigan (1980), Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit School of Law (1983)

**Qualifications / Experience:** As an attorney in private practice, I litigated in the areas of Civil Law, Criminal Law, Probate Law, Environmental Law and Family Law. In accord with the described activities, I had to research laws



I am running for U. S. Congress to sponsor laws that will help to improve the quality of life for all Americans. I believe that the advent of Artificial Intelligence will eliminate a lot of our present workforce in the United States. To address the lack of job opportunities, I will sponsor a law that will provide for a basic income of \$1,000 to every household in America with an annual income of \$65,000 or less. Additionally, I will sponsor a bill that will provide reparations to African-American citizens who are the documented descendants of chattel slaves. Ronald Reagan signed a similar bill into law on behalf of Japanese descendants.

## Voting Rights in Michigan

In 2018, Michigan voters passed Proposal 18-3, which granted citizens certain voting rights within the Michigan Constitution, including:

**The right to a secret ballot.**

**Same-day voter registration.**

Eligible Michigan residents can register to vote on Election Day by visiting their local Clerk's Office and providing proof of residency.

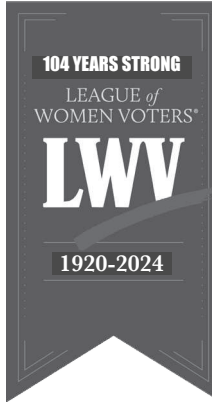
**No-excuse absentee ballots.**

Every registered voter in Michigan can use an absentee ballot to vote from home, vote early, or vote by mail. No excuse is needed.

**Automatic voter registration.**

Eligible Michigan residents will be registered to vote automatically unless they opt out.

<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>As a member of Congress, I have always believed that our duty to the American people should never be halted by our reluctance to work together. When it comes to legislation that will protect our country and our allies, I have, and will continue to stop at nothing to ensure that my congressional colleagues will support it. There are so many topics and problems that neither party can conquer on their own. We must come together as Democrats and Republicans and have honest conversations that identify bipartisan solutions to tackle the growing deficit, improve our country's infrastructure, and strengthening our manufacturing economy.</p>	<p>Protecting our country and enriching the lives of our citizens should always be our top priority. The national border serves as an access point into our country for trade and individuals to travel between nations. All of our borders must remain safe, secure, and functional. When it comes to immigration, I have always been a staunch supporter of reforming the system that exists in our country because our laws are no longer serving our best interests. That is why I voted in support of the Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act.</p>	<p>The federal government has a critical role in protecting the right to an abortion. As a Member of Congress, I voted twice in support of the Women's Health Protection Act to codify Roe v. Wade and have continuously fought to protect a woman's right to choose. Now more than ever, as the right to an abortion is under attack across the nation, we need pro-choice women in Congress who will never stop fighting to defend the right to one's body. Abortion is healthcare and the duty of fortifying its existence lies in the hands of the federal government.</p>
<p>In the past, I have compromised on the approach to an issue so long as the end result actually gains the results my residents sent me to Congress to achieve. I've worked consistently with my colleagues to introduce and push for transformative legislation that will change lives. My team and I are always engaging in ways to better legislation for our community, no matter the issue.</p>	<p>As a child of immigrants and a former immigration attorney, I continue to push for a more just and humane immigration process in our country that provides an actual pathway to citizenship for our immigrant neighbors. I've voted and taken action to stop the criminalization and attempted dehumanization of immigrants and to move us to become a more welcoming country.</p>	<p>I will continue to support access to reproductive health. I actively supported Proposal 3 in Michigan in 2022 to enshrine reproductive healthcare in the state's constitution. I also co-founded the Congressional Mamas Caucus where we push for much-needed policies like affordable childcare and paid family leave, along with prioritizing Black maternal health and reproductive justice.</p>
<p>The problem with Congress is that everything they do is in the service of the wealthy one per cent. The Republicans and the Democrats have taken turns running the government for over 150 years now, and what have these two parties ever really done to help working people? Nothing! Working people have only moved forward and improved our situation when we have organized together and used our power as workers to fight against the capitalists and their politicians. That's what we have to do again today. That's why the working class needs its own party.</p>	<p>The politicians and the corporate media want us to believe that immigrants are to blame for the lack of affordable housing and good-paying jobs. It's a lie they want us to believe to take the blame off the people who are really responsible -- the corporate elite. They want to keep workers divided against each other. Immigrants don't come here to work for low wages. They want what all workers want -- decent pay. But the bosses use their "illegal" status to threaten them with deportation. It's a scheme to hold down the wages of both immigrant workers and workers who were born here. If immigrants come here to work, give them full legal status.</p>	<p>Women should have full freedom to make their own decisions over their reproductive health, including whether or not to have a child. Women, and everyone in the society, should also have the right to decent health care. But this system this not provide affordable health care for everyone because our health care system is based on profit, not human needs. We need a health care system in which the money spent on health care actually goes to health care and not into the pockets of the drug companies, insurance companies and hospital corporations.</p>
<p>I believe in negotiation to accomplish desired outcomes. As a practicing attorney, I have negotiated settlements of many cases in the courtroom setting. Similarly, I will move across the aisles of Congress to get things done.</p>	<p>While the United States is believed to be the apex of the free world, we must put protocols in place that will vet and document the number of immigrants that are entering into our country. A significant portion of the U. S. government's operating budget is devoted to supporting our immigrant population. Eventually, without restraints, the financial weight caused as a result of supporting incoming or existing immigrants, will develop into a major burden for our economy. Reasonable control of the flow of immigrants into the U. S. should be implemented, if economic woes emerge in the future.</p>	<p>I believe that every American should have a certain level of healthcare. Basic affordable healthcare should be a necessity. I understand that other countries have implemented universal healthcare for all of their residents. I believe the U. S. should commit to a similar system. I would like to sponsor "The Adoption Incentive Act" bill. As an adopted child, I believe that adoption should be incentivized even more in this country so that many of the unborn children will be saved. I also want to sponsor the "Motherhood Protection Act" bill. Such a bill, would provide financial incentives for unwed mothers to birth their unborn children.</p>



**1920-2024**

## Women's Suffrage and the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by suffragists as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. The suffragists had worked for more than 70 years for women's right to vote, and on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was officially ratified.

The League celebrates this remarkable achievement by recognizing that women's suffrage was not perfect. Not all women gained equal access at the ballot box.

Progress toward a more perfect democracy is often messy, but we can't allow the end to justify the means, especially if it perpetuates oppression. Let us use the lessons of our history to inform our present and our future. Let us seek ways to ensure all eligible voters have their voices heard and their votes counted.

## 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 seven years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census.

### Questions (650 characters each):

**GENERAL BIO:**  
**Why are you running for U. S. Congress?**

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT 13

#### SHRI THANEDAR Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Member of United States Congress

**Education:** Ph.D Chemistry

**Qualifications and Experience:** Entrepreneur, Michigan state Representative, United States Representative



I'm running for U.S. Congress in the Michigan 13th District because I've seen firsthand the struggles faced by families in our community. Too many are trapped in poverty with limited opportunities. I want to change that. As an immigrant who overcame adversity, I believe in the American Dream. But it's slipping away for too many. I'll fight against political gridlock and special interests to bring resources back to our district, protect social security, reproductive rights, workers rights, and more. Legislation like Biden's infrastructure bill can make a real difference, creating jobs and improving infrastructure. I'll work tirelessly to

#### MARTELL D. BIVINGS Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Former Banker at First Independence Bank

**Education:** Howard University BA

**Qualifications and Experience:** Extensive Background in Economic Development and Banking Professional Experience: Over the years, I have worked in various roles within economic development and banking, gaining invaluable insights



Every Voice Deserves to Be Heard: I am running to ensure that even in the bluest Democratic district, conservative voices are represented and heard. I believe in the importance of diverse perspectives in our government and am committed to making sure that the needs and values of all our community members are addressed. Pragmatic Solutions and Principled Leadership: With my background in economic development, community engagement, and policy analysis, I bring a unique skill set to the table. I am dedicated to providing pragmatic solutions to our district's challenges, promoting responsible governance, and fostering community empowerment.

#### CHRIS CLARK Libertarian

No response by print deadline

#### CHRIS DARDZINSKI US Taxpayers

No response by print deadline

#### SIMONE R. COLEMAN Working Class

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired

**Education:** High School/G.E.D/American



I'm running as a Working-Class Party candidate for the 13th congressional district. I'm a retired foreman/construction worker of 30 years. I believe it's time for workers to have their own party. And for resources to reach more people.

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### CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE A FELONY CONVICTION?

Yes. Returning citizens and individuals with a felony or misdemeanor conviction **have voting rights in Michigan.**

Citizens not actively serving a sentence, including Michiganders on probation or who are awaiting sentencing, can register and vote.

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<p><b>LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:</b> How, and to what extent, would you negotiate and compromise with your colleagues to pass critical legislation?</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION:</b> What recommendations, if any, would you propose to change U. S. immigration policy?</p>	<p><b>HEALTH CARE:</b> What policies, if any, will you advance regarding reproductive health?</p>
<p>I am focused on finding areas of common ground to pass legislation that helps the people of the 13th District. For example, as a Small Business Committee and Homeland Security member, I proposed an amendment to the NDAA that helps small businesses get government contracts. I'm proud to say that it was passed by the House and signed into law by President Biden. However, I will never compromise my core values such as protecting women's rights, workers rights, voting rights, etc.</p>	<p>I propose comprehensive immigration reform focusing on three key pillars: 1) Creating a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already contributing to society, 2) Strengthening border security through smart technology and resources, and 3) Streamlining legal immigration processes to reduce backlogs and promote family reunification and employment-based immigration. This balanced approach respects human rights, enhances national security, and boosts the economy. In Congress, I've cosponsored legislation such as the American Dream and Promise Act, Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act, U.S. Citizenship Act, and more.</p>	<p>I'm dedicated to comprehensive reproductive health policies, ensuring access to contraception and abortion services irrespective of status or location. My priorities include sex education, affordable contraception, and better maternal health outcomes. I defend reproductive rights, support organizations like Planned Parenthood, and strive to eliminate barriers to care. I've co-sponsored HR 782 and H.R. 561, among other legislation, to protect and promote reproductive rights.</p>
<p>Negotiation and compromise are essential for effective governance. By building strong relationships, identifying common ground, adopting a pragmatic approach, and maintaining clear communication, I will work to pass critical legislation benefiting our community and nation. While being flexible and open to compromise, I will remain committed to my core principles and policy priorities. I am willing to compromise on policy specifics, timelines, and implementation strategies to achieve broader legislative goals, ensuring progress without compromising fundamental values and non-negotiable issues.</p>	<p>Reforming U.S. immigration policy requires a balanced approach addressing security concerns, enhancing legal immigration processes, providing humane solutions for undocumented immigrants, and tackling the root causes of migration. Implementing these recommendations will create a more efficient, fair, and compassionate system supporting economic growth, national security, and the values of a diverse nation. The objective is to ensure the U.S. remains a refuge for those fleeing persecution while maintaining an orderly and fair process for asylum seekers, including expedited processing.</p>	<p>I'll advocate for comprehensive sex education that includes information about the morning-after pill, ensuring our youth are informed and responsible. Improving access to contraception, including the morning-after pill, is crucial for reducing unintended pregnancies. I'll support community health centers and policies that make contraceptives affordable. Enhancing maternal health by expanding Medicaid for prenatal and postpartum care is essential. Addressing health disparities in our communities is a priority. I'll protect privacy and individual rights in reproductive health decisions and support research to advance reproductive health care.</p>
<p>The working people are at a disadvantage. We have nothing to negotiate with. The workers have the power when we come together to fight for what we need.</p>	<p>They blame our problems on the immigrants when it's the bosses and the decisions they make to pay lower wages that are causing the problems. All jobs in the United States should start at a living wage.</p>	<p>With universal health care for all. Women should make their own reproductive choices. The states should pay for childcare. Birth control and vasectomies should be available. The burden shouldn't only be on the women.</p>

## Elections are Secure, Accurate, and Fair

**Michigan's elections process has built-in checks and balances to ensure the security, fairness, and accuracy of our elections.**

- ✓ Independent, non-partisan Boards of Canvassers certify results at county and state levels.
- ✓ Clerks and state officials conduct hundreds of risk-limiting post-election audits.
- ✓ Use of national best practices for election security, including improving the Qualified Voter File (QVF) and participating in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

## 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.

### Questions (650 characters each):

**GENERAL BIO:**  
Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on the State Board of Education?

**EDUCATION:**  
What actions and policies would you recommend to improve our education system?

**BOARD ISSUES:**  
What are the most pressing issues facing the State Board of Education, and what actions would you take regarding them?

**THEODORE JONES**  
**Democratic**

No response by print deadline

**ADAM FREDERICK ZEMKE**  
**Democratic**

No response by print deadline

**TOM MCMILLIN**  
**Republican**

No response by print deadline

**NIKKI SNYDER**  
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**Education:** Wayne State University: Teaching Certificate (1998) and MAT (1999). Western Michigan U: MA in Physics (1987), and BS (1985) Majors: Physics and Philosophy. Minor: Mathematics.  
**Qualifications and Experience:** I've been a professional College+K12 educator for over 25 years. I was elected to the Detroit District 4 Community Advisory Council in 2020 and 2022. I was elected to the WSU Student Council in 1999.

As a professional educator with over 25 years of experience, I've seen firsthand the flaws in our education system. Elected twice to the Detroit District 4 Community Advisory Council, I've advocated for local voices. I believe Lansing's top-down approach to education is failing. While I can't change it overnight, I will fight for reform. I support letting parents keep the money they'd spend on public schools to choose private schools or homeschooling for their children. It's time to end state control and put education decisions back in the hands of parents.

Over-specialization leads to extinction—and our education system is no different. We need to break free from the top-down, one-size-fits-all approach that's driving it downhill. Central control has failed. I believe parents should keep the money they'd otherwise spend on public schools to choose private schools or homeschooling for their kids. It's a step toward real freedom. In an ideal world, politicians wouldn't meddle in education at all, and families wouldn't have their money taken by the government for that purpose. Let's empower parents, not the state.

1. Over-standardization is holding us back. Let's make schools laboratories of innovation, encouraging distance learning for all students—traditional and homeschoolers alike. Schools and families should control curriculum, not politicians. 2. Coercive funding must end. I'll work with legislators to restore local and parental control. No one should pay for education they don't use. 3. Safety matters. "Gun-Free Zones" attract threats. Let's allow law-abiding citizens who can carry elsewhere to protect our schools, too. It's time for real solutions, not empty rules.

**TED GERRARD**  
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No response by print deadline

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired community college teacher; coordinator Student Activities; organizer in the working class  
**Education:** Bachelors from University of Illinois, Chicago; Graduate degree Michigan State; life experience education in working class organizing  
**Qualifications and Experience:** long time teacher and advocate for quality public education for all

I was a long-time community college teacher, from Lansing, to Detroit to Dearborn, and have an inside perspective about how and if students come prepared academically from our K-12 system. I have also been politically active, organizing in the working class. I can give voice to the problems students, families and workers face when it comes to the lack of access to a quality public school education in many school districts. Since 2016 as a Working Class Party Candidate I have talked to thousands of teachers, and other school employees, parents, grandparents and students about the problems they have faced in the public schools and this system.


Simple. If children truly are our society's most valuable resource, then ALL the economic resources needed to provide an excellent quality public education, including the social and cultural experiences, should be put into public education in all public school districts throughout the state. Funding for public education should be at THE TOP of all federal and state expenditures. The best that money can buy. The money is there. Public money should be put towards our public school system, including for decent working conditions and good pay for all school employees.

Although funding per pupil has increased, there continues to be huge disparities in school districts. We know it is the wealthy school districts that have the best academic results. Public money that people pay in taxes should go to public education and not to private schools, or corporations or real estate speculators. Neither property taxes, nor fundraisers nor the lottery should be how schools are funded. I would use the resources the SBE office has to give school employees and families whatever is needed to help organize to fight that public money goes for excellent public education for all. I repeat: the money is there.

# 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.

## Questions (650 characters each):

	<b>GENERAL BIO:</b> Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?	<b>BOARD ISSUES:</b> What are the two most pressing issues facing this university today, and what is your position on those issues?	<b>EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY:</b> What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?
<b>DENISE ILITCH</b> <b>Democratic</b>	No response by print deadline		
<b>SHAUNA RYDER DIGGS</b> <b>Democratic</b>	No response by print deadline		
<b>CARL MEYERS</b> <b>Republican</b> Website: Meyers4Michigan.com Occupation / Current Position: Investment Advisor and Wealth Manager, WMS Education: University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Business, 1979 Qualifications and Experience: Senior Vice President, Investments at Raymond James Financial. Chairman of the City of Dearborn Retirement System, 2008-2022. Board Member of Member Focus Credit Union, 2012-2018.	 <p>I'm running for U of M Regent to fight for affordable tuition and lower dependence on student debt. America and Michigan are addicted to student debt, with an estimated \$18 trillion outstanding and growing. This tragedy has impacted generations of Michigan families. Our sons and daughters are forced to go deeper into debt just to attend college. My 42 years of experience in finance, investments and board governance are an asset in addressing budgetary and tuition challenges at U of M. My investment knowledge will prove valuable in oversight of the University's 17 billion-dollar endowment.</p>	<p>Freezing tuition will address the greatest challenge facing the University of Michigan, affordability. U of M has one of the highest costs for a public university. Freezing tuition while controlling the budget growth and cutting wasteful spending will begin to address the issue and reduce the need for punitive student debt. U of M must maintain institutional excellence, while providing a safe environment for free speech and exchange of ideas. The antisemitism and hate speech that we witnessed earlier this year has no place at U of M. I will insist on zero tolerance of hate speech at U of M.</p>	<p>To make U of M more accessible to residents, bring costs down and accept more Michigan students. U of M is too expensive for most Michigan families. Freezing tuition and cutting wasteful spending will put U of M on a path of affordability and lessen the need for student debt. A tactic used by U of M to close their budget gaps was to accept more out-of-state students for the higher tuition. Now over 50% of freshmen at the main campus come from out of state. This is wrong. Capping out-of-state freshmen admissions at 40% will give more Michigan students an opportunity for a U of M education.</p>
<b>SEVAG VARTANIAN</b> <b>Republican</b>	No response by print deadline		
<b>ANDREW CHADDERDON</b> <b>Libertarian</b>	No response by print deadline		
<b>DONNA M. OETMAN</b> <b>US Taxpayers</b>	No response by print deadline		



# 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.

## Questions (650 characters each):

### GENERAL BIO:

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?

### BOARD ISSUES:

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

### EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY:

What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?

### REBECCA BAHAR-COOK Democratic

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**Occupation / Current Position:** CEO/Capitol Fundraising Associates

**Education:** B.A. Michigan State University 1992

**Qualifications and Experience:** I and my children are MSU graduates. I've served on many public and non-profit boards and know how to work with fellow board members and the administration in a respectful and civil manner.



I aim to leverage my extensive board experience to make MSU a force for positive change in Michigan. As Chair of the Capitol Area Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board, President of the Rotary Club of Lansing, and a member of the Capital Regional Community Foundation Board, U-M Health Sparrow Specialty Hospital Board, and the Ingham County Jury Board, I bring solid diplomatic skills to the university. I also served on the Ingham County Board of Canvassers (2018-2024), protecting our democracy and ensuring that all voters can fairly participate in elections.

The rising cost of tuition is making MSU increasingly unaffordable for working-class families, often leaving students with crippling debt. MSU must find budget solutions that don't burden students with higher fees. Secondly, campus safety is critical, requiring both common-sense gun control and accessible mental health services for students, faculty, and staff. These issues are essential for ensuring a secure and equitable environment at MSU.

To make university education more affordable, I propose expanding scholarships, grants, and work-study opportunities, while controlling tuition costs. Regular audits should identify inefficiencies to redirect savings toward student support. Strengthening partnerships with businesses and local communities can offer more paid internships to help reduce tuition debt. Finally, advocating for increased state support to help minimize the need for tuition hikes.

### THOMAS STALLWORTH III Democratic

No response by print deadline

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**Occupation / Current Position:** Real Estate Broker & Consultant

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, U.S. Naval Academy 1994, Masters of Business Administration, University of Michigan, 2008

**Qualifications and Experience:** Over 23 years of business leadership experience, 7 years as a U.S. Naval Officer



I believe MSU is a great institution that has suffered greatly from some poor leadership over the last several years. I believe that my experience as a proven leader in various organizations can bring stability and transparency to the MSU board, which will lead to much better outcomes for the hard working families that pay tuition and taxes that support MSU, and especially the young men and women who attend college there. As a former president of several volunteer organizations, and a parent of 3 college age girls, I feel I am uniquely situated to serve at this point and time.

MSU is facing a crisis of confidence in its administration and board. It seems that scandal after scandal affect the school, and there is little accountability. We need to address issues head on, and not try to cover them up. In particular, the school has never done an investigation into "who knew what and when" that allowed the sexual predator Larry Nassar to abuse so many young women on campus for so long. As a father of 3 girls, I find this abandonment of justice and the truth abhorrent. I also will stand for women's rights in sports, as MSU has cut them in recent years.

Continued outreach to the communities and high schools that send students to MSU. Helping communities with resources to ensure that high schools are providing the proper base to enable students to succeed in college. Increase partnership with 2-year colleges and trade schools to ensure education credits are extremely transferrable, as well as giving college credit for real-world experience. Always look to find alternate sources of funding to help lower the cost of education, which has become too expensive for many, and driving many into unsustainable levels of debt.

### JULIE MADAY Republican

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**Occupation / Current Position:** BA University of Michigan-Dearborn

**Qualifications and Experience:** Common sense, experienced leader and a Spartan Mom. Former Novi City Councilwoman, former Novi Planning Commission member, and is currently a member of the Novi Economic Development Committee.



I previously served the City of Novi in multiple capacities, most notably as a City Councilwoman. My experience on Council directly correlates to the MSU Board of Trustees, as you are required to work civilly with the same group of leaders over multiple years. The Board has struggled navigating these relationships and, as a Spartan Mom of one graduate and one current student, I've experienced this turmoil and lack of administrative control firsthand. I want to serve on the Board to stop the infighting and political rhetoric, and instead focus solely on advancing the university's interests.

Board members have plagued MSU with lack of professionalism, infighting, and political battles. It's time to restore normalcy and a common sense approach to the Board - focusing on students rather than politics. We must re-introduce a culture of accountability and transparency. The role of the Board is to hold university administration accountable for decisions and provide transparency to all Michigan residents. Today's Board wastes hundreds of millions of dollars shielding MSU Administration from scrutiny, instead of holding people accountable for (and working to correct) past mistakes.

Admission requirements and tuition costs both greatly impact the accessibility of college education for MI residents. As a taxpayer-funded state university, MSU must prioritize in-state student admission over out-of-state and foreign students. Many universities nationwide require a minimum percentage of each incoming class to be in-state students, and this is something MSU should consider implementing. MSU must also be fiscally conscious and eliminate wasteful spending, which will help eliminate the need for future tuition increases, in turn enhancing MSU's affordability for MI families.

### GRANT T. BAKER Libertarian

No response by print deadline

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No response by print deadline

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No response by print deadline



# 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.

## Questions (650 characters each):

### GENERAL BIO:

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?

### BOARD ISSUES:

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

### EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY:

What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?

## JOHN ANTHONY LA PIETRA

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30+ years ago I took classes at MSU, preparing to teach English in Japan. 20+ years ago I joined the march from MSU to the Capitol to protest getting lied into Gulf War II. I've worked 10 years each in government, non-profits, and private business – and 15 as a lawyer. I've overseen many budgets and inventories, so I can protect the people's money. I want to make MSU, called the nation's worst-governed major public university last fall, a place I'd be proud to send my daughters – a place they'd feel safe attending. I'm not a fat cat or an insider – I'll be a Trustee the people can trust.

A public university must be a beacon of transparency and free speech. I've pushed for Freedom of Information and Open Meetings as a citizen and a lawyer. I'll lead in making MSU meetings, reports, and discussions more public and open. I oppose MSU's punishment of protests against genocide in Gaza, as I deplore historical oppression of others. I'll serve students first, with MSU workers and MSU families close behind. These policies will draw students, faculty, and staff of conscience here. Embodying democracy, free speech, and human rights can be good for MSU's reputation and its economy.

The Green Party platform calls for lifelong free public education, from pre-K through college and graduate school (and including trade schools). If this ambitious plan needs a starting place, MSU – our state's original land-grant college and the model for the first national legislation creating more of them, the 1862 Morrill Act – is in great position to serve as a model again. MSU can build a statewide network of university-level educational opportunities, in person and remote, working through the Extension service and possibly with public libraries as well as (other) public schools.

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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.

### Questions (650 characters each):

#### GENERAL BIO:

Describe your qualifications and the skills and experience you bring to the position. Why do you want to serve on this university board?

#### BOARD ISSUES:

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

#### EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY:

What would you recommend to make university education more accessible to all Michigan's residents?

**RASHA DEMASHKIEH**  
Democratic

No response by print deadline

**MARK T. GAFFNEY**  
Democratic

No response by print deadline

**MICHAEL BUSUITO**  
Republican

No response by print deadline

**SUNNY REDDY**  
Republican

No response by print deadline

**FARID ISHAC**  
Libertarian

No response by print deadline

**WILLIAM MOHR II**  
US Taxpayers

No response by print deadline

**SUZANNE ROEHRIG**  
Working Class



**Website:** [www.workingclassfight.com](http://www.workingclassfight.com)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan](http://www.facebook.com/WCPMichigan)

**Occupation / Current Position:** Retired High School Teacher and Media Specialist/Librarian

**Education:** Graduate: Wayne State University with a BA, English literature, MAT, English Education, MLIS, Library and Information Science. I have also been a lifelong advocate and activist in the working class.

**Qualifications and Experience:** I've worked in education for 25+ years and I have been a union rep and activist in organizing the working class in various work places.

I have worked in education for 25+ years and have seen working class families struggle to afford a college education. Education should be a right, free to all who desire to learn. I want to be the representing voice for working class families who are disenfranchised and struggling to afford a college education.

2 most pressing issues: The cost of tuition and student debt. There is more than enough wealth in this society to make a university education free.

It will take a working class fight to ensure education is a right, that public money will be used for public interest not for private gain, and to make certain there is no limits to funding education.

**SAMI MAKHOUL**  
Green

No response by print deadline

**KATHLEEN OAKFORD**  
Natural Law

No response by print deadline

## HOW TO REPORT MISINFORMATION

Spreading misinformation about elections, voting or issues on the ballot is a threat to our democracy. Be a critical consumer of media and share information that is based on facts and the law. Do your part!

Report any misinformation you encounter to:  
[Misinformation@Michigan.gov](mailto:Misinformation@Michigan.gov)

[Michigan.gov/VOTE](http://Michigan.gov/VOTE)



**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

**Questions (650 characters each):**

**Why are you running for the Michigan Supreme Court and how do your educational, occupational, civic and community experiences qualify you to serve on this court?**

**Describe, in lay terms, what the Michigan Supreme Court does and the challenges it faces. How would you address these challenges?**

**What, in your opinion, are the two greatest areas of need in the Michigan justice system, and how should the Supreme Court address them?**

**ANDREW FINK**

No response by print deadline

**KIMBERLY ANN THOMAS**



**Website:** www.electkimberlythomas.com

**Campaign Twitter Handle:** ktforsjustice

**Occupation / Current Position:** University of Michigan clinical law professor and lawyer

**Education:** Harvard Law School, magna cum laude; University of Maryland, College Park, magna cum laude

I am running to be a Michigan Supreme Court justice because I care deeply about the quality of justice that the people of Michigan receive. I have the experience and knowledge to represent Michiganders on our state's highest court. I am a law professor at the University of Michigan Law School, and the director of the law school's Juvenile Justice Clinic, where I teach the next generation of lawyers the ethical practice of law. As an attorney of nearly 25 years, I have represented hundreds of individuals in state trial and appellate courts. I know how our courts work and have the expertise needed to be a Michigan Supreme Court justice.

The Michigan Supreme Court is our highest court, which applies our state laws and constitution, and also serves as the administrative leader for our state court system. I would decide cases before the Court with diligence, integrity, and fidelity to the law. I am also committed to working collaboratively with the Justices and stakeholders across the state to make our courts better and more fair for all Michiganders. One example of my prior problem-solving work is my appointment by Gov. Whitmer to the bipartisan Michigan Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform, which took a data and research-driven approach to improving courts across the state.

First, Michiganders need a Court they can have confidence in and can rely on to deliver understandable decisions based on the law. I have the experience, perspective and knowledge to decide difficult questions with integrity and apply the law fairly. My previous work as an expert for the ABA Rule of Law Initiative is an example of my commitment to promote respect for the role of courts in a constitutional democracy. Second, Michiganders need a transparent and accessible court system where they are treated with dignity. The Michigan Judicial Council has begun this work and I will work to better serve the people of our state through our courts.

**Michigan Supreme Court Justice - Partial Term • Expires 1/1/2029**

**KYRA HARRIS BOLDEN**

No response by print deadline

**PATRICK WILLIAM O'GRADY**

No response by print deadline

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*Voting in Michigan has never been easier. You have options:*

- Vote early at an early voting site.
- Vote by absentee ballot.
- Vote on Election Day at your polling place.

**Visit [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for voter registration information and to review what will be on your ballot.**

**Visit [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote) for early voting sites, ballot drop boxes, and polling place locations in your community.**

The state provides a self-addressed, stamped envelope; no postage is necessary when mailing absentee ballot applications or completed ballots.

**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 (2) Positions**

Kristen Frank Kelly                      Michael J. Riordan

**2nd District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years (2) Positions**

Randall J. Wallace                      Adrienne Nicole Young

**2nd District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Non-Incumbent • Term: 6 Years (1) Position**

Matthew Ackerman                      Latoya Marie Willis

**3rd District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years (2) Positions**

Philip P. Mariani                      Christopher P. Yates

**4th District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Term: 6 Years (1) Position**

Stephen L. Borrello

**4th District - Judge of Court of Appeals - Incumbent • Partial Term • Expires 1/1/2027 (1) Position**

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado

## Court of Appeals Districts by County

**1ST DISTRICT**

<b>Branch Hillsdale</b>	<b>Kalamazoo Lenawee Monroe</b>	<b>St. Joseph Wayne</b>
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**2ND DISTRICT**

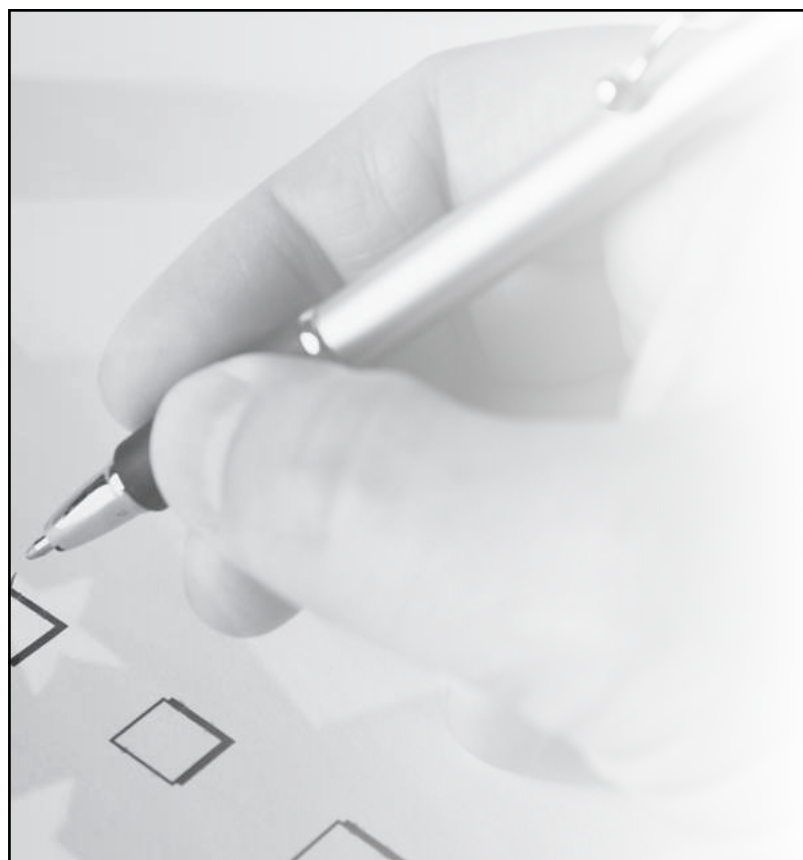
<b>Genesee</b>	<b>Macomb</b>	<b>Oakland</b>
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**3RD DISTRICT**

<b>Allegan Barry Berrien Cass Calhoun Eaton</b>	<b>Ionia Jackson Kent Mason Montcalm Muskegon</b>	<b>Newaygo Oceana Ottawa Van Buren Washtenaw</b>
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**4TH DISTRICT**

<b>Alcona Alger Alpena Antrim Arenac Baraga Bay Benzie Charlevoix Cheboygan Chippewa Clare Clinton Crawford Delta Dickinson Emmet Gladwin Gogebic</b>	<b>Grand Traverse Gratiot Houghton Huron Ingham Iosco Iron Isabella Kalkaska Keweenaw Lake Lapeer Leelanau Livingston Luce Mackinac Manistee Marquette Mecosta</b>	<b>Menominee Midland Missaukee Montmorency Ogemaw Ontonagon Osceola Oscoda Otsego Presque Isle Roscommon Saginaw Sanilac Schoolcraft Shiawassee St. Clair Tuscola Wexford</b>
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## 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 judge?**

- 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.



# NEW CITIZENS, MAKE A VOTING PLAN

in just five easy steps!

**VOTE 411**  
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



**Review the  
Voting Plan Steps  
on Page 36**

## Correcting Your Absentee Ballot

- Voters have until 5 p.m. on Friday, November 8, three days after Election Day, to correct any signature issues on their absentee ballots.
- Michigan voters now have a right to be immediately notified if their ballot is rejected because of a signature issue and to be given the opportunity to correct – or “cure” – the issue.
- If your ballot was rejected because of a signature issue, your local Clerk will contact you and tell you how to fix the issue.



**Make sure your  
absentee ballot  
is counted!**

If your absentee ballot has a signature issue, your local clerk will notify you and will explain how to fix it. You can fix the issue until **Friday, November 8 at 5pm.**



MichiganVoting.org

## Voter Intimidation

**Interfering with a voter's right to cast a ballot is illegal.**

Voter intimidation may include, but is not limited to the following:

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

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What if I want to vote before Election Day but have not yet requested an absentee ballot?

Consider voting early! See page 4 for information about Michigan's constitutionally mandated nine days of early voting.

Or, if you are intent on voting absentee, visit your local Clerk's Office as soon as possible. Ask for an absentee ballot application and submit it to the Clerk's staff, who will present you with an absentee ballot, which you can complete on the spot.

## What if I requested an absentee ballot but never received it?

Before Election Day, visit your local Clerk's Office to cancel your original absentee ballot request and complete a new one. Your clerk will present you with an absentee ballot, which you can complete while there. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 4, by 4 p.m.

## What if I received my absentee ballot but then made a mistake, lost it, or inadvertently destroyed it?

Visit your local Clerk's Office immediately to spoil or cancel your absentee ballot and request a new one. If you still have the absentee ballot, take it with you. The deadline to do this is Monday, November 4, by 4 p.m.

An alternative is to visit your early voting site during the early voting period or go to your polling place on Election Day. Bring your absentee ballot with you. Complete and sign a form indicating what happened to your absentee ballot. Poll workers will issue you a regular ballot.

## What if I have my absentee ballot but don't have enough time to mail it to my clerk?

Your local clerk must receive your absentee ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Otherwise, it will not be counted. Rather than mail your ballot, to ensure it arrives on time, do one of the following:

- Take your completed ballot to your local Clerk's Office. All Clerks' Offices will be open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Deposit your completed ballot in a secure ballot drop box in your community by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## What if I have my absentee ballot and want to vote in person?

You can vote in person with your absentee ballot in one of two ways:

- During the early voting period, take your absentee ballot to an early voting site in your community, vote your ballot, and then insert it into the tabulator.

**OR**

- On Election Day, take your absentee ballot to your assigned polling place, vote your ballot, and then insert it into the tabulator. **Note: This option is not available in Detroit.**

## What if I mail my absentee ballot to my clerk but worry it won't arrive in time?

You can track your absentee ballot at [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote). Click *Your Voter Information* to see if your clerk has received it.

## What if I registered to vote but was not on the voter list at my polling place?

If you have your voter registration receipt, show it to the poll worker and then vote.

If you don't have your receipt, give the poll worker your address and ask if you're at the correct polling place.

If you are at the correct polling place for your address but are not on the voter list, you must go to your local Clerk's Office with proof of residency to update your registration (see page 8 for more information). **Note:** You need not return to your polling place to vote. You can update your voter registration and vote by absentee ballot in the same visit. All Clerks' Offices will be open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## What if I go to the wrong polling place?

Find your correct polling place by visiting [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).

If you arrive at the wrong polling place, ask a poll worker to help you find the correct polling site.

## What if I have a problem voting or someone is trying to intimidate or harass me?

Tell a poll worker immediately and call the non-partisan Election Protection Hotline (see inset box on this page).

## What if someone challenges my right to vote? Follow these steps:

- Ask to be sworn in by the poll worker.
- Answer the questions necessary to establish your eligibility to vote.
- Vote a regular ballot.

## What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot right away. You have the right to a new ballot if you catch the mistake before your ballot is inserted into the tabulator machine and counted.



**Hey Voter!**

**Have a question about voting?**

**Need to report a problem?**

**Call the non-partisan Election Protection Hotline!**

**(866) OUR-VOTE**  
**(866) 687-8683**

Help is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, and several Asian languages.

**MichiganVoting.org**

# Accessibility at Early Voting Sites and the Polls

## Michigan voters have the right to:

- **Accessible early voting sites and polling places.** Federal and state laws require accessible polling locations. You should expect unblocked doorways and alternatives to stairs, such as ramps or elevators.
- **Voter Assist Terminals (VATs).** The VAT helps you mark your ballot. It then prints out a ballot that you insert into the tabulator. VAT ballots are counted in the same way as all other ballots.
- **Vote independently and privately.** You have the right to assistance from the election officials. You can ask the election officials for instructions on using the voting equipment or assistance at any time, even after you've entered the voting booth. You also have the right to bring someone with you to the polls to help translate, read, etc.
- **Curbside Voting on Election Day.** You can send someone into the polling place to request curbside voting on your behalf or call the polling place. Look for the signage with the telephone number. An election official will bring a ballot outside so you can vote.
- **Accessible absentee ballots for voters with print disabilities.** To apply online for an accessible absentee ballot, visit [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote) and select *Voters with Disabilities*.
- **Non-English interpreters.** Michigan residents have the right to bring a non-English interpreter to the polls for assistance in casting a ballot. *(Your interpreter cannot influence your vote. They cannot be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.)*
- **Formerly incarcerated.** Your right to vote is automatically restored when you are released from jail or prison. **Note:** Please update your voter registration (see page 8 for more information).

# Are you a voter with a disability?



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

[MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-VOTING-RIGHTS](https://MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-VOTING-RIGHTS)

## Michigan Elections are Decentralized



Michigan's elections are carried out at the local level by 1,520 city and township clerks across the state.

- **83 Michigan county clerks** support and supplement the work of local clerks by coordinating election materials, managing county-level contracts with election vendors, programming election equipment, and providing information to voters.
- **Michigan Bureau of Elections** is a non-partisan office within the Michigan Department of State (MDOS), providing guidance and standards to all clerks to ensure elections are carried out uniformly and in accordance with state and federal law.
- **Secretary of State** is the state's chief election officer. She has broad authority over elections but does not directly administer them.

# ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE



If you have questions or are experiencing problems voting, call the Election Protection Hotline and speak with a volunteer to get help.

- For assistance in English, call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- Para recibir ayuda en español, llama a 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)
- للمساعدة باللغة العربية, اتصل بهذا الرقم: 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
- For assistance in Bangla, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Urdu or Vietnamese, call 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)

For additional information or questions, visit [www.michiganvoting.org](https://www.michiganvoting.org) or email your questions to [questions@michiganvoting.org](mailto:questions@michiganvoting.org).

# VOTE 411

## MAKE A VOTING PLAN



### CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION OR REGISTER TO VOTE

It takes 2 minutes! Get started using the easy online tools at [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).



### LEARN ABOUT VOTING OPTIONS

Michigan has early voting (before Election Day), absentee voting, and in-person voting (on Election Day).



### EXPLORE YOUR DAY-OF VOTING OPTIONS

Find out where you can vote, review what will be on your ballot, and gather what you need to bring to the polls.



### RESEARCH CANDIDATES

Learn about the candidates and local ballot proposals. Vote411 has candidate responses you can compare.



### SHARE YOUR PLANS!

Tell your friends and family and encourage them to make a voting plan at [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).

## ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



Register to Vote



Check Your Registration



Find What's on Your Ballot

VOTE 411

## FORMERLY INCARCERATED?

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# YOU CAN VOTE IN MICHIGAN!

[MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS](https://MICHIGANVOTING.ORG/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS)



# ELECTION MIS/DISINFORMATION

# DO'S AND DON'TS

**We're all susceptible to mis/disinformation. Do you know the difference?**

**Misinformation:** Sharing false information **without the intent** to harm.

**Disinformation:** Creating and sharing false information **with the intent** to harm.



## **DO VERIFY BEFORE YOU SHARE**

Consider the source, check the date, and cross-check the information across outlets. For more information, visit [michigan.gov/sosfactcheck](https://michigan.gov/sosfactcheck).



## **DO QUESTION THE CONTENT**

Read the headline and question emotionally charged content.



## **DO SHARE ACCURATE INFORMATION**

Without mentioning the wrong information, set the record straight by sharing the correct message.



## **DO REPORT IT & BLOCK**

Report inaccurate election information to the Secretary of State at [misinformation@michigan.gov](mailto:misinformation@michigan.gov) and Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683). Block users you don't know who share mis or disinformation.



## **DON'T CLICK OR SHARE**

If you quote bad information, you help spread it.



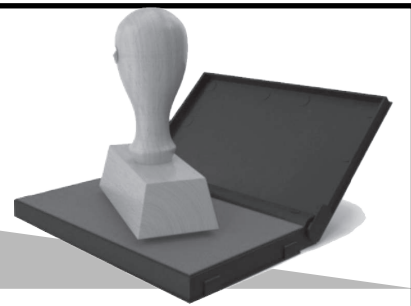
## **DON'T ENGAGE PUBLICLY**

If someone you know publicly shares bad information, message them privately and ask them to take it down.

**Find trusted, non-partisan  
voting information at  
[VOTE411.org!](https://VOTE411.org)**



# Certifying Results



There are multiple checks and balances in place to ensure that election results are secure, accurate, and fair.

## Who certifies election results?

*Election results are unofficial until certified. The process leading up to certification is known as canvassing and occurs on the county and state level.*

### COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Canvass the votes cast within the county they serve.

Board members certify elections for local, countywide, and district offices within the county they serve.

### STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Responsible for certifying election results statewide.



Each board has an equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

## Canvassing legal requirements

### The law requires every board to certify their elections.

*County Canvassers must certify the elections in their county, and State Canvassers must certify all state elections.*

### If a County Board of Canvassers fails to certify an election:

- They may be forced to do so by a court, or
- Their election would be passed along to the State Board of Canvassers to certify, or
- If the State Board of Canvassers failed to certify, a court would force them to do so.



*It is an illegal dereliction of duty to fail to certify an election under Michigan law. Failing to certify has no impact on the outcome of an election.*

## LWVMI Board of Canvassers Observers

Since November 2020, LWVMI has been the public's eyes and ears to Michigan's county canvass of votes cast during an election. The League's consistent observations during the canvassing let the Board of Canvassers know we are monitoring them. Our presence demonstrates to the County Clerks, the Director of Elections, their staff, and the canvassers that we support good governance. More importantly, should the canvass observations expose suspicious activities (i.e., anything other than ministerial and nondiscretionary duties), LWVMI can elevate the issue to the Secretary of State's office or an election attorney.

## PROTECTING THE VOTE

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VOTERS OF MICHIGAN



## BOARD OF CANVASSER OBSERVERS

Making sure every vote is protected and counted.



## RESPECTING THE VOTE

## Find ALL your federal and state races online at [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org)

**VOTE411.org** is the one-stop shop for non-partisan information on elections and candidates.

**BEFORE YOU VOTE, go to**



- Find your polling place.
- Review what will be on your ballot.
- Read about the candidates running for office.
- Compare the candidates' views on relevant issues.
- Evaluate local ballot proposals.

**Also available on VOTE411:**

- Michigan House of Representatives candidates.
- Judicial races.

**PLUS,** 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.

**Visit [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) and enter your address to see all the races and proposals on your ballot.**



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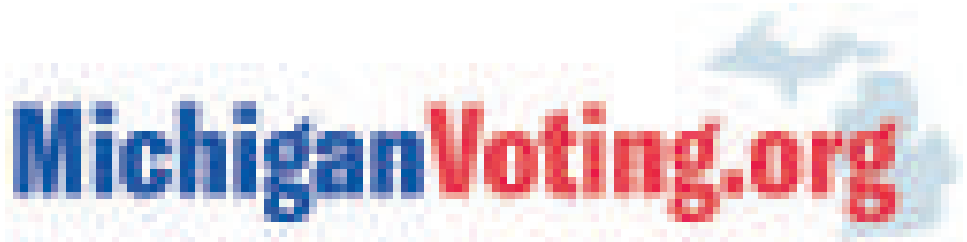


[Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP](https://Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP)

Complete the Election Worker Interest Form and learn more at  
[Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP](https://Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP)

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## Clip & take to the polls

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 • 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**

- President/Vice President \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Senate \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. House 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                      1) \_\_\_\_\_                      2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_

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



If you found this guide helpful and would like to continue non-partisan voter education, visit **LWVMI.org** to contribute.